

December 2010/January 2011

PONCA PUBLIC SCHOOL

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From the Desk of the Superintendent

William F. Thompson, Superintendent

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE:

The Phase-One construction project for our new high school building is proceeding nicely. Although still somewhat behind their original schedule, EAD Constructors has been able to get subcontractors and material to the site. Their goal for the end of November is to get the roof on the entire structure to ensure a dry area to work during the winter. Most of the work from this point forward will be on the interior of the building, except for brick/block on exterior walls.

EAD's plans are to have the Phase I part of our project completed by April 1st. During the rest of that month, the District will be able to move classrooms from the old high school building into the new. Students and faculty will be able to "get the feel" of their new classrooms before leaving for the summer.

Once the old high school building is vacated, demolition will begin. The classrooms and concession stand just outside the '74 gym will also be torn down. The 1939 Auditorium will stay to be renovated as part of Phase 2. Once the old building is removed, work will begin on the new gymnasium and boys & girls locker-rooms. These facilities are scheduled to be completed by February, 2012.

Prior to the demolition of the high school building, the District will hold an auction to sell those items that will not be transferred to the new building. Lockers, desks, tables, flooring, radiators, kitchen equipment & tables, doors, cabinets and room furnishings will all be on the auction block available to the public.

Recently, some faculty members had the opportunity to tour the partially completed building. Most came away with ideas about what they were going to do in "their" room. One of the more prevalent comments was about the size; "it is larger than it appears". Another often heard comment was "no stairs, just one floor." Faculty and staff are now busy making plans for transition to a new high school building.

**Vacation for the Christmas and
New Year's Holiday
Season will begin Tuesday,
December 22nd with an early
dismissal at 2:10 p.m.
School will reconvene on
Tuesday, January 4, 2011.**

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UPDATES FROM SUPT. THOMPSON CONTINUED...

WINTER SEASON IS HERE:

There are three and one-half (3 ½) weeks between the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays this year. There is a busy schedule of activities and events for students and faculty. Activities, games and concerts are packed into this busy period. Secondary students will be busy studying and preparing for semester exams as the first academic semester is scheduled to end on Wednesday, December 22nd. As you will note on the enclosed school calendar, there are practically no free nights during this short period.

If this is not enough to occupy their day and evening schedules, there are time demands for family, church, community, job and other responsibilities that can create a busy and hectic lifestyle for students and families. The stress to keep up with all these demands can, and does, have an effect on a student's physical health and mental approach to school. Parents are encouraged to be supportive of their children in working through the demands that activities place upon a child at this time of the year.

WINTER PREPARATION:

Another factor for constant awareness at this time is weather. If last winter taught us anything, it is to be prepared for anything, at anytime. We encourage families to make plans thoroughly and inform everyone involved when there are considerations for school cancellation, late start, or an early dismissal. Make arrangements with neighbors, friends, or family as needed. The ultimate consideration is to **dress students for cold and bad weather**. Should there be a bus breakdown or a bus gets stuck, proper clothing could be a critical matter.

PARENTS:

The school day for students at Ponca Elementary begins at **8:15am**. Students are not allowed to enter the building until **8:10**. We have seen some children arrive as early as 8:00, and before, without the proper clothing for this time of year. We would ask that students **not arrive at School before 8:10am**.

The Jackson Elementary shuttle bus will leave Ponca at **8:00** sharp. During the colder weather, students will be able to board the bus as soon as they arrive. We will attempt to have the bus running and warmed up for comfort and safety. It is important that the bus leaves Ponca at **8:00** in order to get students to Jackson Elementary for the start of their school day, which begins at **8:30**.

MAY THE SEASON BRING YOU MUCH JOY!

Notes from our Principal Ms. Rinas...

Ponca was the host school this year for the Conference Vocal Music Clinic. Two hundred –forty students from seven conference schools came together on November 8, to practice and form one mass choir that performed in an evening concert. Each individual school also performed a musical selection. In addition twenty-six students were selected for the Conference Honor Choir. Twelve of the twenty-six honor choir members were Ponca students. Congratulations is extended to honor choir medalist Christiana O’Neill, Nellie Logue, Korah Kramper, Cheyenne Brown, Eric Watchorn, Isaac Bennett, Kash Echtenkamp, Aaron Bostwick, Jacob Owsald, Josh Masin and Zachary Heaton.

Our first semester will end on December 22, 2010. Students in grades 7-12 will write semester tests on December 21 and 22. The semester test schedule is printed in this newsletter. It is important that students continue to keep focused on their academic work throughout the busy days of December so they can end the semester strong. Students in grades 9-12 who have a study hall during the first or last testing period may be released during that time on semester testing days with written permission from a parent.

The last time you entertained guests in your home, how did you treat them? Did you make them feel welcome and important or did you taunt them and put them down? Did you encourage and compliment your guests or did you give them a hard time? Did you put your best foot forward in hopes that they would want to be your guests again or did you leave them with the feeling that they might not care to return for a visit? The last time you were a guest in someone’s home did you behave in such a manner that your host and the other guests would want you to return for another visit? As we begin the winter sports season, whether we are the hosts or the guests, it is the responsibility of our school and community to practice good sportsmanship. Good sportsmanship is everyone’s responsibility. Good sportsmanship means teammates, opponents, coaches, officials and fans treat each other with respect. Good sportsmanship includes both small gestures and heroic efforts. It starts with something as simple as shaking hands with opponents before a game and includes acknowledging good plays made by others and accepting bad calls gracefully. A person who practices good sportsmanship is likely to carry the respect and appreciation of other people into every other aspect of life. It is our job as a school, community, player and fan to make sportsmanship a habit at school activities and in life.

Second semester report cards will be given to students the first week they return to school from Christmas break. This is a great time to sit down and talk with your child about the grade report. When discussing a report card, ask lots of questions. Ask your child: How do you feel about these grades? What do you attribute them to? Were there any surprises on this report card for you? What are you most proud of? Are there any disappointments here for you? What is one goal you have for next time? Remember to listen more than talk.

Ponca instrumental music students will be traveling to Wayne State College on Saturday, January 22, for the Conference Instrumental Music Clinic. After a day of hard work and rehearsal the students will be ready to perform for the public. Everyone is invited to the public performance at 5:00 p.m. in the Ramsey Theater on the Wayne State College Campus.

ELEMENTARY NEWS...

MR. BOB HAYES, PRINCIPAL

The holiday season has arrived and it is a busy time of year. We hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

We are in a constant battle with the flu. **If your child is not feeling well please do not send them to school.** We have a number of students come to school running a temperature or complaining of stomach flu before school begins. If your child has vomited the previous evening or the morning of school it's probably an indicator not to send them to school. The standard rule from health care officials is: **a child should be fever free and have not vomited for 24 hours before returning to school.** Please make a special effort to check students before they return to school; this will help keep the flu from spreading.

Although it is a busy time of year, the end of the 1st semester is approaching very quickly. The semester ends on December 22nd. Students need to remain focused on academics and finish the semester with a strong academic performance.

With the winter season upon us, we are asking parents to make sure their children have the following items with them at school: **boots, hat, coat, snow pants, and gloves.** Please dress students appropriately for a normal winter school day; flip-flops, spaghetti-strap tops, and no socks are not appropriate attire for winter weather. The students go outside for recess on most days and these items are essential.

With the winter weather being unpredictable a big concern is school cancellation, early dismissal, and late starts. We will make every effort to make a decision as early as possible. We will try to make decisions on late starts and cancellations by 6:00 a.m. The announcement will be broadcast on the Sioux City television and radio stations. Please have emergency arrangements made in case of an early dismissal. The early dismissal will be announced in the same manner as a cancellation. **In the case of an early dismissal, the Jackson Elementary will be dismissed 20 minutes earlier than Ponca. This means if Ponca is dismissed at 1:30 Jackson will be dismissed at 1:10.** Please remember an early dismissal means conditions are dangerous. We need to get students and staff out of the building and home as fast as possible. If your emergency plan is different than the usual pickup procedure, please notify the school.

Last year we had a problem with elementary students not sitting down at basketball games. This creates a dangerous situation for players, referees, students, and spectators. Please make sure your child is seated and watches the games. Students under the 4th grade are not allowed on the stage during games. If your child is asked to sit down more than once during a game they will be required to sit with their parents. Please realize the safety of everyone in the gym is of the utmost importance.

Many different teams and individuals have reserved the gym for various activities in the next few months. Please remember to respect school property and supervise everyone that enters the building during your scheduled time. The school equipment will not be available during these times. Please bring your own equipment for practices and activities.

Dates to mark!

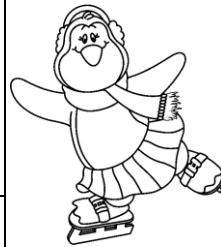
<i>Dec. 3^d</i>	<i>3 thru 6 Elementary Concert</i>
<i>Dec. 10th</i>	<i>Pre K thru 2 Elementary Concert</i>
<i>Dec. 22nd</i>	<i>End of semester</i>
	<i>3 thru 6 Trip to the Movie (TBA)</i>
	<i>Pre K thru 2 Christmas Parties</i>
<i>Jan. 4th</i>	<i>School Resumes, start of 2nd Semester</i>

HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

PONCA PRESCHOOL

December

M	Tues	Wed	Th	Fri
		1 Starfish	2 Angelfish	3 Angelfish
6 Starfish	7 Angelfish	8 Starfish	9 Angelfish	10 Starfish Christmas Concert
13 Starfish	14 Angelfish	15 Starfish	16 Angelfish	17 Angelfish
20 Starfish	21 Angelfish Christmas Party!	22 Starfish Christmas Party!	23 No School	24 No School
27 No School	28 No School	29 No School	30 No School	31 No School
3 No School	4 Angelfish Welcome Back	5 Starfish	6 Angelfish	7 Starfish



December - In Our Classroom

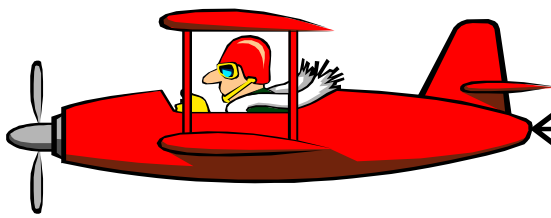
During the month of December we will be exploring the world of opposites. We will even use snow to talk about the difference between hot and cold. We will explore the letters "N", "O", and "P". We will be having lots of holiday fun along the way.
Happy holidays!

January

M	Tues	Wed	Th	Fri
3 No School	4 Angelfish	5 Starfish	6 Angelfish	7 Starfish
10 Starfish	11 Angelfish	12 Starfish	13 Angelfish	14 Angelfish
17 Starfish	18 Angelfish	19 Starfish	20 Angelfish	21 No PreK Assessment Day
24 No School	25 Angelfish	26 Starfish	27 Angelfish	28 Starfish
31 Starfish	1 Angelfish	2 Starfish	3 Angelfish	4 Angelfish

January - In Our Classroom

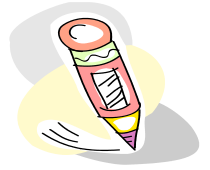
During the month of January we will be reviewing our letters and numbers. We will be starting a show and tell day. We will also be exploring all kinds of jobs. From farmers to grocers we will discover that there are many jobs that people do.



News from the Guidance Office

Seniors to Begin Application/Scholarship Writing Unit

This semester all the seniors at PHS will partake in a scholarship/job application writing unit in their English classes. As part of their coursework, the students will be developing their writing skills while working on class requirements. A series of 11 application/scholarship questions were developed through the English department and the guidance office. The seniors will be expected to complete two rough drafts and a final copy for class evaluation. Not only will the students earn a grade for their written work; they will also be able to use their final drafts as a starting block for job and scholarship applications, which they will soon be completing. Be sure to ask your senior about this project!



Mark Your Calendar.....

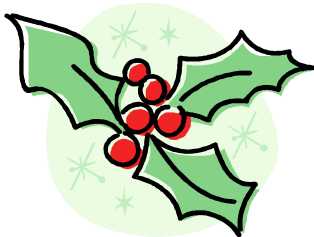
Mark your calendars....

For the P.H.S. Student Council Holiday Cake Raffle!!!

Tuesday, December 14th

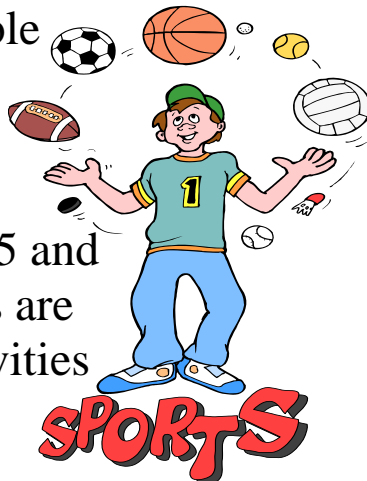
@ the Boys/Girls Basketball

Doubleheader vs. Laurel



Senior Citizen Passes Available...

Passes are available in the Business Office for those patrons of the district who are 65 and older. The passes are good for any activities at the school.



7-12 Parents:

Be sure to check the 7-12 Guidance icon on the school's webpage. We will be posting information on college, scholarship, and career opportunities on this page. Additionally, there will be articles of interest regarding personal and career information for your children. You will want to check it weekly. Thanks!

PARENTS:

Are you looking for great summer academic camps for your kids in grades 8-11?

Check out the:
"Big Red Summer Academic Camps" @ the following website!
www.bigredcamps.unl.edu

Educational Websites for Students and Parents

There are limitless interactive educational websites that are transforming teaching and learning to help improve children's education. There are fun educational games in the form of online activities and resources for all ages of young children through high school. Interactive learning resources cover the core subjects and more. Check out the school website to access many of these great sites for your pre-schooler through 12th grader.



Ponca School Website www.poncaschool.org

- Elementary—Jackson Tab Pre-School to 2nd grade sites
- Elementary—Ponca Tab Grades 3-5 and 6-8th grade sites
- High School Tab Sites for 7th —12th Grade



Resources for teachers, students, and families to support instruction in the classroom and at home.

If you find links that no longer work contact School Technologist, Kristie Hayes at khayes@esul.org

2010-2011 Semester 1 Test Schedule

TUESDAY (DECEMBER 21)

08:15-09:15	PERIOD 1	TEST
09:20-10:00	PERIOD 2	
10:05-11:05	PERIOD 3	TEST
11:10-11:46	PERIOD 4	
11:46-01:03	PERIOD 5	TEST
01:06-01:45	PERIOD 6	
01:50-02:50	PERIOD 7	TEST
02:55-03:30	PERIOD 8	

WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 22)

08:15-09:15	PERIOD 2	TEST
09:25-10:35	PERIOD 4	TEST
10:45-11:46	PERIOD 6	TEST
11:46-12:13	PERIOD 5/FIRST LUNCH	
12:13-12:39	PERIOD 5/SECOND LUNCH	
12:39-1:03	HOLIDAY HAPPENING	
01:06-02:10	PERIOD 8	TEST

**9-12 STUDENTS WHO HAVE A SCHEDULED
STUDY HALL THE FIRST OR LAST TEST PERIODS
MAY BE EXCUSED WITH WRITTEN PERMISSION
FROM A PARENT/GUARDIAN.**

Northeast Community College

Spring 2011 College Credit Classes

For Early Entry High School Students

For registration materials, please see Mrs. Kristie Hayes for a registration packet. Please note courses are all limited enrollment so students need to enroll in these as soon as possible to ensure a spot in the class.

TELECOURSES

By watching videos, reading a text, completing written assignments and tests, and corresponding with an instructor, many high school students earn college credit with telecourses. Because of the independent nature of a telecourse, they are best suited for motivated, self-disciplined students.

ENGL 1020-80	English Composition II <i>(prereq. ENGL 1010)</i>
HIST 2020-80	American History II <i>(could be dual credit)</i>
HPER 1245-80	Weight Management
HPER 1550-80	Lifetime Wellness
PSYC 1810-80	Intro to Psychology
PSYC 2200-80	Lifespan Psychology
SOCI 1010-80	Intro to Sociology
SPCH 1010-80	Fundamentals of Communication

TO REGISTER

For registration materials, please see Mrs. Kristie Hayes for a registration packet.

NOTE: Courses listed on this page are all limited enrollment and were available when this information was compiled. **Please check with Mrs. Hayes on availability before submitting a registration.**

TRANSFERABLE ONLINE COURSES

(accepted by most colleges as general education classes, but check with college to verify transferability) (all are 3 credit hour classes unless noted)

ACCT 1210-90	Principles of Accounting II
ARTS 2010-90	Art History-Renaissance-Present
BIOS 1010-90/91	General Biology & lab <i>(4 cr hrs; Burtwistle)</i>
BIOS 1010-92/93	General Biology & lab <i>(4 cr hrs; Peitzmeier)</i>
BIOS 1010-94/95	General Biology & lab <i>(4 cr hrs; Burtwistle)</i>
BIOS 1010-96/97	General Biology & lab <i>(4 cr hrs; Peitzmeier)</i>
ENGL 1010-90	English Comp. I
ENGL 1010-91	English Comp. I
ENGL 1020-90	English Comp. II
ENGL 2100-90	Intro to Literature
GEOG 1020-90	World Regional Geography <i>(2nd 8 wks)</i>
HIST 1050-90	World History I <i>(1st 8 wks)</i>
HIST 1060-90	World History II
HIST 2010-90	American History I <i>(2nd 8 wks)</i>
HIST 2020-90	American History II
HPER 1550-90	Lifetime Wellness
HPER 1550-91	Lifetime Wellness
MATH 1140-90	Intermediate Algebra <i>(4 cr hrs; limited transfer)</i>
MATH 1150-90	College Algebra
MUSC 1550-90	Music In Western Culture
PSYC 1810-90	Introduction to Psychology
PSYC 1810-91	Introduction to Psychology
SOCI 1010-90	Introduction to Sociology
SPAN 1200-90	Elementary Spanish I <i>(4 cr hrs)</i>
SPAN 1210-90	Elementary Spanish II <i>(4 cr hrs)</i>
SPCH 1010-90	Fundamentals of Communication
SPCH 1010-91	Fundamentals of Communication
SPCH 101092	Fund. of Communication <i>(2nd 8 wks)</i>

ACE (Access College Early) Scholarship Program for high school students. Ritchie Morrow will begin accepting **ACE Scholarship applications on November 19th.** See Mrs. Hayes for an application and details.

Cost: \$84.25 per credit hour

Please make checks payable to Northeast Community College. Most classes are 3 credit hours.

NOTICE TO PARENTS OF PONCA SCHOOL PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT STUDENTS WHO MAY BE CONSIDERING ENROLLMENT OPTIONS FOR THE 2011 – 2012 SCHOOL YEAR

Parents or guardians considering the use of the enrollment options program to enroll their child/ren in another public school district in the state of Nebraska should be aware of the following date:

March 15, 2011 - Deadline for filing enrollment option application for the 2011-2012 school year unless a waiver of dates is granted.

Limitation - The enrollment option shall be available only once to each student prior to graduation unless:

- (a) the student relocates in a different resident school district,
- (b) the option school district merges with another district.

Eligibility – Eligibility will be considered for transfer students who have transferred from one school to another when there is not a change of domicile by the parents. Those students who have their transfer papers signed and filed on or before March 15 shall be eligible immediately in the fall. Those students who do not have their transfer applications signed and filed on or before March 15 shall be ineligible for 90 school days.

Transportation – The parents of the optioned student shall be responsible for required transportation to the option district.

If you have questions regarding the enrollment option program, please contact the Ponca Superintendent's Office at 755-5700.

National Honor Society Coat Drive

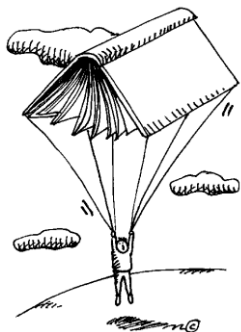


This winter, it's important to remember those who can't afford a warm coat.

Ponca's National Honor Society will be collecting new or slightly used coats to be delivered to KMEG 14. Coats may be dropped off between now and December 22 at Keller Pharmacy, the Trading Post, or either of the Ponca Public School facilities.

Davenport Cleaners will dry clean the coats before they are taken to the Salvation Army to make sure they get to the people who need them.

Thank you for your support.



LIBRARY UPDATES

Many thanks...to all who supported the Ponca School Bookfair at Barnes and Noble.

Also, thank you to the books donated by the VanDyke family.

All parents of Junior High & High School students in band & chorus are considered "Music Boosters". Music Booster Parents/Guardians are asked to support the cause by working a shift in the concession stand. If you are unable to work your assigned time, please find a replacement or contact the contact person of your shift.

2010-2011 MUSIC BOOSTERS
CONCESSION STAND WORK SCHEDULE for
GIRLS & BOYS BASKETBALL GAMES

Please check school newsletter/calendar for starting times.

Saturday, November 27, G&B-BB vs West Point CC

Contact person: Carol Conrad

Angela Anderson
Holly Brown
Bob Logue
Mary Rager

Saturday, December 4, Boys BB vs Crofton

Contact person: Julie Kramper

Sally Eiler
Phil Kramper
Bob & Cheryl Rich

Tuesday, December 14, G&B BB vs Laurel-Concord/Coleridge

Contact person: Dawn Bostwick

Missy Chicoine
Jason & Paula Cook
Staci Holgate

Thursday, December 16, Girls BB vs Crofton

Contact person: Wendy Masin

Brian & Carmen Schweers
Jeff & Stacey Swick

Friday, December 17, Boys BB vs Emerson-Hubbard

Contact person: Carol Conrad

Bob & Michelle Finnegan
Lindy Gill
Doug Markworth

Tuesday, December 21, Girls BB vs Wynot

Contact person: Dawn Bostwick

Doug & Christina Luebe
Max & Lana Oswald

Thursday, January 6, Girls BB vs Allen

Contact person: Wendy Masin

Angie Fernau
Carol Kratke
Sean Masin
Doug Peterson

Friday, January 7, Boys BB vs Allen

Contact person: Julie Kramper

Les & Cheri Albrecht
Greg & Donna Pollard

Friday, January 14, Girls BB vs Emerson-Hubbard

Contact person: Kari Richards

Chris & Deanna Bennett
Steven & Christy Schweers

Tuesday, January 18, G&B BB vs Winnebago

Contact person: Dawn Bostwick

Kevin & Amy Crosgrove
Marcia Millard
Kevin Niemeier

Tuesday, January 25, Wrestling Triangular Meet

Contact person: Kari Richards

Leslie Buryanek
Mindy Kinnear
Koni Lundin
Tami Pick

Friday, January 28, Boys BB vs Newcastle

Contact person: Julie Kramper

Mark Brewer
Brad & Cheryl Perkins
Gary Richards

Saturday, January 29, Girls BB Conference Tournament

Contact person: Wendy Masin

Duane & Patti Boyle
Dennis & Tina Rickett

Monday, January 31, Boys BB Conference Tournament

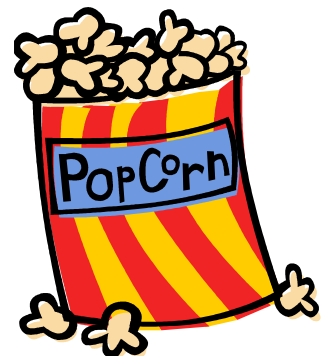
Contact person: Carol Conrad

Jim & Jessica Kastning
Brad & Lynelle Krohn

Tuesday, February 8, Girls BB vs Pender

Contact person: Kari Richards

Ray & Karen Anderson
Carrie Lux
Jamie Watchorn



New car decals have arrived @ Ponca!

THE PHS CHEERLEADERS ARE NOW OFFERING COLORED CAR DECALS.

THE ORDER FORM IS ALSO AVAILABLE ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE, WHERE YOU CAN SEE THEM IN COLOR.

THE DECAL ITSELF IS \$8. A DECAL PLUS PERSONALIZATION IS \$10.

WE WILL BE SUBMITTING ORDERS EVERY FRIDAY. THE TURNAROUND IS ABOUT A WEEK.

CIRCLE DESIRED DESIGN AND COMPLETE THE BOTTOM OF THIS FORM.

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED ORDER FORM AND MONEY TO MRS. HARTMAN.

THANK YOU!



NAME: _____ PHONE # _____

PERSONALIZATION (IF NEEDED): _____



Music Booster's Soup Supper

January 28th 5 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Lunch Room

Newcastle vs. Ponca Basketball Game



Music Booster Meeting

January 12th, 2011

6:00 p.m.

Outlaw Pizza

More members are needed at the meetings to better represent the entire group.

If you are the parent of a music student, you are a Music Booster!

CONFERENCE HONOR CHOIR

2010

Sopranos

1. Christiana O'Neill-Ponca
2. Nellie Logue-Ponca
3. Darien Gustafson-Wakefield
4. Allison Greene-Homer
5. Elizabeth Figeroa-Emerson-Hubbard
6. Sydney Rose-Wakefield
7. Morgan Bathke-Allen
8. Jessica Bass-Winnebago

Altos

1. Korah Kramper-Ponca
2. Cheyenne Brown-Ponca
3. Taelor Washburn-Emerson-Hubbard
4. Samantha Bierbower-Wakefield
5. Hannah Paxton-Wakefield
6. Marissa Peterson-Ponca

Tenors

1. Eric Watchorn-Ponca
2. Henry Ventura-Wakefield
3. Isaac Bennett-Ponca
4. Michael McMahan-Emerson-Hubbard
5. Daniel Muller-Wakefield
6. Kash Echtenkamp-Ponca

Basses

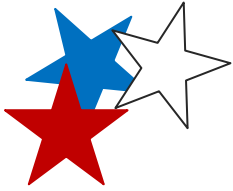
1. Aaron Bostwick-Ponca
2. Jacob Oswald-Ponca
3. Ryan Conyers-Wakefield
4. Josh Masin-Ponca
5. Brendan Nicholson-Wakefield
6. Zach Heaton-Ponca

POST PROM MEETING

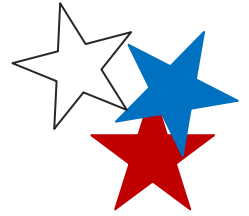
JANUARY 12TH

7:00 P.M.

PONCA SCHOOL



“Shining Stars” Visit Ponca Public School



In honor of Veterans Day, Ponca Public School hosted a school and community-wide program entitled, “Shining Stars of Military Service”. Stars of the big screen who are veterans and our “local military service “Stars” were recognized and honored through pictures, music and song.

Approximately fifty veterans and auxiliary members from the Ponca, Jackson, Dakota City, South Sioux City, Allen, Newcastle, and Homer Legions, and the Martinsburg Veterans of Foreign Wars Post attended the observance.

Elementary and high School student council presidents, Hunter Schweers and Korah Kramper gave the welcome. Elementary student council vice president Braeden Maise led everyone in saying the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the band playing the National Anthem, directed by Mrs. Karla Kardell substituting for Mrs. Amy Hansen. High school student council member Josh Block read a proclamation by President Obama.

The third through sixth grade students sang “This is My Country” and the Jr. High/High School Chorus sang “My America” directed by Mrs. Kari Lowe. During the video tribute to our local veterans Mrs. Lowe directed the Ninth through Twelfth grade choir in singing, “Tribute to Heroes” which included many solos by choir members. Kayla Beacom and Seth O’Neill recognized all veterans and military men and women in attendance at the program.

The Ponca Elementary and High School Student Councils sponsored a fund raising project for the Siouxland Freedom Park Campaign. Students, staff, community members and school organizations were invited to donate money to this project.

Mr. Mike Newhouse, Siouxland Freedom Park chairperson, and an honored guest, was presented a check and cash donations of approximately \$1,100.00 for the Freedom Park by Ponca High School Student Council Vice President, Nichole Lux on behalf of Ponca Public Schools.

Mr. William F. Thompson, Ponca School Superintendant, gave the closing remarks.

During the entire program a series of computer visuals were projected up on the large screen by Ponca School’s technologist Mrs. Kristie Hayes.

PONCA WRESTLING CLUB

**PONCA WRESTLING CLUB FOR GRADES K-8th
WILL PRACTICE MONDAYS AND THURSDAYS**

@ THE COMMUNITY CENTER

6:30-7:30

STARTING JANUARY 31ST

CONTACT COACH KEITH TRUSTY,

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS. 402-755-2319



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DECEMBER 2010



	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 District One-Act at Wisner-Pilger	2 WR @ So. Sioux City Quad 6:30 p.m. B & G BB @ Hartington Girls' JV 4:45 Girls' V 6:15 Boys' V 8:00	3 3-6 Grade Elementary Christmas Concert 7:00 p.m.	4 B BB @ Crofton JV 3:00 V 4:30
6 Financial Aid Night 6:00 p.m. 9/10 WR Ponca Inv. 4:00 p.m.	7 PCEF Meeting 9:00 G BB @ Elk Point Jefferson Reserves 5:00 JV 6:15 V 8:00	8 Music Booster Meeting Outlaw Pizza 6:00 p.m.	9 G & B BB @ Randolph Boys' JV 4:45 Girls' JV 4:45 Girls' V 6:15 Boys' V 8:00	10 Jackson Elementary Christmas Concert @ Ponca 7:00 p.m.	11 Reserve BBB vs. .Homer @ Home 9:30 Ponca Cheer Camp 1-4:30 V WR @ Akron Inv. 10:00 a.m. G BB JV @ Homer 9:00 a.m.
13 JH/HS Christmas Concert 7:00 p.m.	14 G & B BB vs. Laurel @ Home 6:15 & 8:00 Student Council Holiday Cake Raffle	15	16 G BB vs. Crofton @ Home JV 6:15, V 8:00	17 B BB vs. Emerson @ Home JV 6:15, V 8:00	18 G & B BB Reserves @ Crofton G 9:00, B 10:00 JH BBB Ponca Inv. 9:00 V WR @ Osmond Inv. 10:00 a.m.
20 G & B BB Reserve vs. Laurel @ Home 6:00 & 7:00 School Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.	21 G BB @ Wynot JV 6:15, V 8:00 Semester Tests Pds. 1-3-5-7	22 Early Dismissal 2:10 END OF 2ND QTR Semester Tests Pds. 2-4-6-8	23 NO SCHOOL CHRISTMAS BREAK	24 NO SCHOOL	25
*****FIVE DAY PRACTICE/COMPETITION MORATORIUM THROUGH 12/26*****					
27	28	29	30	31	
CHRISTMAS BREAK					
G & B BB HOLIDAY TOURNAMENT @ WISNER-PILGER					



December 2010


Monday

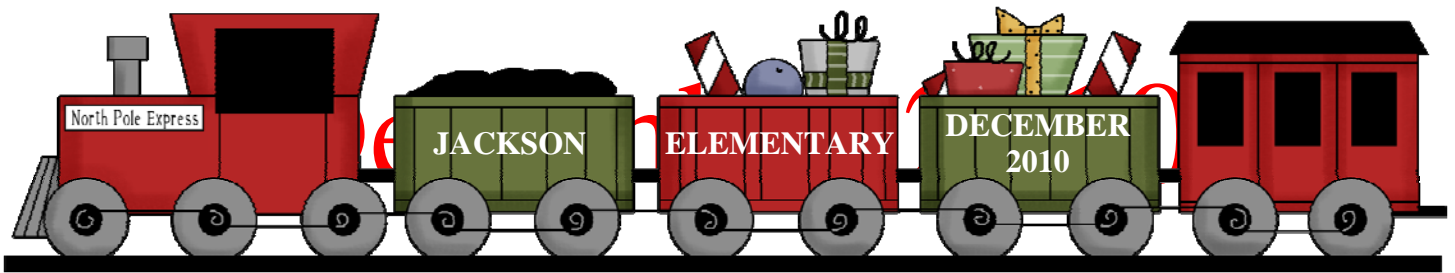
Tuesday

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Thursday

Friday

		<p><i>1 Burrito</i> <i>Chips</i> <i>Green Beans</i> <i>Rasp. Applesauce</i></p>	<p><i>2 Chicken & Noodles</i> <i>Peas</i> <i>Grapes</i> <i>Roll and Butter</i></p>	<p><i>3 Pork Fritter</i> <i>Mashed Potatoes/Gravy</i> <i>Corn</i> <i>Pineapple</i> <i>Roll and Butter</i></p>
<p><i>6 Chili/Crackers</i> <i>Carrot Sticks</i> <i>Peaches</i> <i>Cinnamon Roll</i></p>	<p><i>7 Scalloped Potato/Ham</i> <i>Peas</i> <i>Pears</i> <i>Roll and Butter</i></p>	<p><i>8 Tater Tot Casserole</i> <i>Green Beans</i> <i>Fruit Cocktail</i> <i>Roll and Butter</i></p>	<p><i>9 Popcorn Chicken</i> <i>Fries</i> <i>Cole Slaw</i> <i>Pineapple</i> <i>Roll and Butter</i></p>	<p><i>10 Deli Turkey Sand.</i> <i>Mac and Cheese</i> <i>Corn</i> <i>Jello and Fruit</i></p>
<p><i>13 Shredded Pork Sand.</i> <i>Scalloped Potatoes</i> <i>Baked Beans</i> <i>Apple</i></p>	<p><i>14 Super Nachos</i> <i>Lettuce</i> <i>Peaches</i> <i>Choc cake/Hot Sauce</i></p>	<p><i>15 Hamburger/Bun</i> <i>Smiley Fries</i> <i>Corn</i> <i>Pears</i></p>	<p><i>16 Chicken Patty</i> <i>Mashed Potatoes/Gravy</i> <i>Green Beans</i> <i>Pineapple</i> <i>Roll and Butter</i></p>	<p><i>17 Goulash</i> <i>Peas</i> <i>Fruit Cocktail</i> <i>Garlic Sticks</i></p>
<p><i>20 Turkey Gravy/Mashed</i> <i>Potatoes</i> <i>Corn</i> <i>Peaches</i> <i>Roll and Butter</i></p>	<p><i>21 Chicken Fajita</i> <i>Lettuce</i> <i>Potato Cubes</i> <i>Apple Crisp</i></p>	<p><i>22</i> <i>Cook's Choice</i></p>	<p><i>23</i></p>	<p><i>24</i></p>
	<p><i>28</i></p>	<p><i>29</i></p>	<p><i>30</i></p>	<p><i>31</i></p> 



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <i>BBQ Rib Patty Mashed Potatoes Roll with Butter Peaches</i>	2 <i>Chicken Strips Mac & Cheese Peas Apple</i>	3 <i>Pizza Carrot Sticks Applesauce</i>	4
5	6 <i>Chicken Patty Mashed Potatoes with Gravy Green Beans Roll with Butter</i>	7 <i>Chili with Crackers Cinnamon Roll Carrot Sticks Mixed Fruit</i>	8 <i>Spaghetti with Meat Sauce Lettuce with Ranch Dressing Bread Stick Orange Slices</i>	9 <i>Chicken ALaKing Cooked Carrots Peaches</i>	10 <i>Dog on a Log Curly Fries Pineapple</i>	11
12	13 <i>Pizza Italian Salad Sorbet</i>	14 <i>Chicken Fettuccini Bread Stick Fruit Salad</i>	15 <i>Baked Ham Scalloped Potatoes Cranberries Roll with Butter</i>	16 <i>Roast Beef Mashed Potatoes with Gravy Green Beans Roll with Butter</i>	17 <i>Spicy Cheese Rollups Potato Wedges Pineapple Ice Cream</i>	18
19	20 <i>Cheeseburger French Fries Pears</i>	21 <i>Walking Taco Lettuce with Ranch Dressing Tri-Tater</i>	22 <i>Cook's Choice</i>	23 <i>NO SCHOOL SEE YOU ON JAN. 4TH!</i>	24 	25 
26	27	28 	29	30	31	
<p>December 10th ~ Jackson Elementary Christmas Program At the Ponca Gym 7:00 pm</p> <p>December 22nd ~ End of 2nd Quarter/1st Semester</p> <p>December 23rd - January 3rd ~ NO SCHOOL CHRISTMAS BREAK</p> <p>January 4th ~ Back To School!</p>						



January 2011



Monday

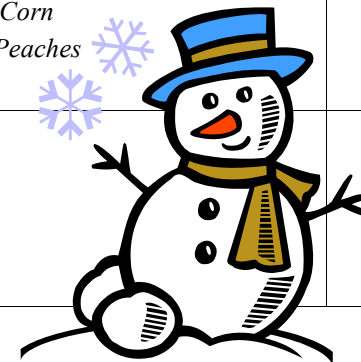
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Friday

3	4 <i>Crispito</i> <i>Chili/Cheese</i> <i>Lettuce Salad</i> <i>Pineapple</i>	5 <i>Chicken Nuggets</i> <i>Curly Fries</i> <i>Corn</i> <i>Pears</i> <i>Roll and Butter</i>	6 <i>Beef Taco</i> <i>Tri-Tater</i> <i>Lettuce</i> <i>Grapes</i>	7 <i>Chicken Fried Steak</i> <i>Mashed Potatoes/Gravy</i> <i>Green Beans</i> <i>Peaches</i> <i>Roll and Butter</i>
10 <i>Chicken and Biscuit</i> <i>Peas</i> <i>Fruit Cocktail</i> <i>Cake and Cherries</i>	11 <i>Meatballs</i> <i>Scalloped Potatoes</i> <i>Corn</i> <i>Rasp. Applesauce</i> <i>Roll and Butter</i>	12 <i>Hot Dog/Bun</i> <i>Nachos and Cheese</i> <i>Baked Beans</i> <i>Orange</i>	13 <i>Pork Fritter</i> <i>Mashed Potatoes/Gravy</i> <i>Carrots</i> <i>Pears</i> <i>Roll and Butter</i>	14 <i>Chicken Tater Casserole</i> <i>Green Beans</i> <i>Pineapple</i> <i>Roll and Butter</i>
17 <i>Hamburger/Bun</i> <i>Cheesy Potatoes</i> <i>Cole Slaw</i> <i>Peaches</i>	18 <i>Chili/Crackers</i> <i>Carrot Sticks</i> <i>Mandarin Oranges</i> <i>Cinn Roll</i>	19 <i>Mini Corn Dogs</i> <i>Fries</i> <i>Corn</i> <i>Fruit Cocktail</i>	20 <i>Chicken and Noodles</i> <i>Peas</i> <i>Pears</i> <i>Roll and Butter</i>	21 <i>Meatloaf</i> <i>Green Beans</i> <i>Apple</i> <i>Roll and Butter</i>
24 NO SCHOOL	25 <i>Turkey Deli Sandwich</i> <i>Tri-Tater</i> <i>Baked Beans</i> <i>Pineapple</i>	26 <i>Pizza</i> <i>Lettuce Salad</i> <i>Pears</i> <i>Cookie</i>	27 <i>Tavern</i> <i>Potato Wedge</i> <i>Corn</i> <i>Peaches</i>	28 <i>Turkey Pot Pie</i> <i>Peas</i> <i>Rasp. Applesauce</i> <i>Crispy Bar</i>
31 <i>Chicken Fajita</i> <i>Lettuce/Cheese</i> <i>Potato Rounds</i> <i>Pineapple</i>				



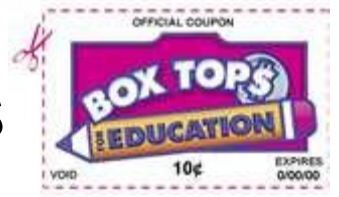
Frosty Days!

Jackson Elementary January 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>January 4th ~ Return to School!</p> <p>January 24th ~ No School</p>						<p>1</p> <p>Sledding</p> 
2	3	<p>4</p> <p>Chicken Strips Mac & Cheese Peas Strawberry Cup</p>	<p>5</p> <p>BBQ Rib Patty Mashed Potatoes With Gravy Corn Roll with Butter</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Sausage French Toast Tri-Tater Orange Juice</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Pizza Carrot Sticks Applesauce</p>	8
9	<p>10</p> <p>Chicken Patty Mashed Potatoes With Gravy Cooked Carrots Roll with Butter</p> <p>Snowball FIGHTS</p> 	<p>11</p> <p>Cheeseburger French Fries Pears</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Turkey Noodle Soup P.B. & J. Apple</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Spaghetti with Meat Sauce Lettuce Salad Orange Slices</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Dog on a Log Curly Fries Peaches</p>	15
	<p>17</p> <p>Brats & Sauerkraut Boiled Potatoes Roll and Butter Fruit Salad</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Pork Roast Mashed Potatoes With Gravy Baked Apples</p> <p>DISCOVER GERMANY!</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Tacos Tater Tots Lettuce Salad Orange Slices</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Fried Chicken Mashed Potatoes With Gravy Green Beans Roll with Butter</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Corn Dog Baked Beans Pineapple</p>	22
23	<p>24</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Hot Dog on a Bun French Fries Pears</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Turkey & Cheese Rollup Lettuce with Ranch Dressing Mandarine Oranges</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Chili with Crackers Cinnamon Roll Carrot Stick Mixed Fruit</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Scrambled Eggs Sausage Banana Bread Peaches Orange Juice</p>	29
30	<p>31</p> <p>Cheeseburger French Fries Applesauce</p>	<p>Winter FUN!</p>				



The Race Is On for the Box Top 500 in Ponca's 3rd – 6th Grade Rooms!!



We have started collecting box top sheets
from each classroom every Monday.

(Please make sure you check the expiration date on all box tops).

The race will end on Monday, February 21st.

The winners will receive the all new “Box Top Championship
Traveling Trophy” and a party on Victory Lane!!

So, get your pit crews ready and your engines revving.

SAVE YOUR BOX TOPS AND LET THE RACE BEGIN!!

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