

Ponca Public School
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March Newsletter
2007



Ponca Boy's Basketball
Team Qualifies for
State Tourney



No SchoolMarch 8 & 9

No SchoolMarch 1 & 2

Notes from Ms. Rinas....

Ponca School is excited to announce that we have been selected as a northeast Nebraska host school for the Husker Nation "Tour of Excellence" on Monday, March 12, 2007. This program is designed to motivate and inspire elementary through middle level students. University student-athletes and student-leaders will share messages regarding education, life skills, and decision-making. The program is for students in grades 5-8, is scheduled to begin at 1:30 p.m. and will last for approximately 75 minutes. Students from Allen, Newcastle and Emerson have also been invited to attend. It will be held in the Ponca School west gymnasium. Ponca School wishes to thank the Ponca Athletic Boosters for their investment of time and funding for this program.

Congratulations to Ponca wrestlers Matt Watchorn and Brandon Watchorn for qualifying for the Nebraska State Wrestling Tournament. Connor Brandt is congratulated for placing first in the Ponca School Spelling Bee. Joining Connor at the Dixon County Spelling Bee on February 22, 2007, were Jacob Anderson, Allie Albrecht, Christiana O'Neill, and Jayce Gustufson.

The 2007 Dixon County Health Fair will be held at the Wakefield Public School this year. The Health Fair will begin at 1:00 p.m. Secondary students from Emerson, Wakefield, Newcastle, Allen and Ponca, will rotate through four sessions centered on topics for teenagers. The public is invited to attend any or all of the events at the 2007 Dixon County Health Fair.

Pre-registration for the 2007-08 school year will take place at Ponca School the end of March. Students in grades 8-11 will begin the process at school then bring their pre-registration forms home to be reviewed by their parents. Parents are asked to sign the form and the student is to return it to school. It is important the students take the pre-registration seriously as the schedule for next year is created from the students' selections.

The Ponca Public School requests your help in locating handicapped children. The school implements the Federal Handicapped Childrens' Act (PL 94-142) and Nebraska statute which guarantees a free appropriate educational program for all children between birth and 21 years of age. If you have students or know of any young person who meets these criteria, please contact Superintendent's office.

PONCA PUBLIC SCHOOL CURRICULUM

Test Taking Success!

Just hearing the word, "TEST", could send anyone into an anxiety attack. Tests are a fact of life. While your child may never like to take tests you can help him/her do their best.

Your child will be tested throughout the school year on skills that he/she has learned in order to meet classroom, district, state, and/or national standards. This year the ITBS (Iowa Tests of Basic Skills) standardized tests will be given to students in grades 2-6, 7, 8,9 and 11, the week of March 12-16. Standardized tests measure your child's performance, or how well they are learning in different subject areas. The test results will give information about your child's strengths and weaknesses in each subject area.

Daylight savings time has been designated to begin Sunday, March 11, the day before tests begin. Please keep this in mind, as your child might need to go to bed earlier Sunday night so they feel rested Monday morning.

The following are some strategies to help your child be successful not only on the ITBS tests, but also on various tests given throughout the school year.



- Make sure your child has a regular bedtime to allow an adequate amount of sleep each night. This is especially important before taking a test.
- Provide your child with a healthy breakfast to provide energy for his/her brain and body.
- Make sure your child arrives at school on time every day.
- Encourage your child to complete and hand in daily homework assignments-Practice makes progress. We can encourage children to study and practice so they can do their best, just as we encourage them to practice a musical instrument or sports skill, so they can do well at a recital or on game day.

- Study day-by-day. DON'T CRAM! Studies show that most people remember facts better when they review and repeat them in several short segments over time, rather than trying to cram a lot of information in one longer session the day before or the day of the test.
- Provide a consistent place and time at home for your child to complete homework.
- Encourage your child, before bedtime, to gather and put in his/her book bag all homework and materials needed at school the next day. Have your child place his/her book bag in a certain spot in his/her room or by the front door, so he/she can grab the bag easily when leaving for school.

To help your child do his/her best on homework and tests is to provide positive support by expressing confidence in your child's ability to do their best. Try to provide a calm, stress-free environment each morning as your child gets ready for school. Get up in plenty of time to avoid morning rush and anxiety. If you know your child is going to take a test try to curtail nighttime extra-curricular activities and outings that may interfere with their regular routine.

Cindy Anderson
K-6 Guidance Counselor

School Purposes and Objectives

1. To provide a curriculum designed to fulfill the current and continuing needs of the students
2. To provide an opportunity for each student to understand the rights and duties of citizens for participation in a Democratic Society
3. To promote self-discipline with consideration for the rights of others
4. To provide opportunities in the fine arts and athletics that will in turn promote proper use of leisure time
5. To encourage curiosity and creativity to the extent that school may be both a challenge and an enjoyment to all
6. To promote a more positive relationship between the home, students, and faculty
7. To provide an opportunity for each student to examine any issue objectively, and freely, and to come to a rational conclusion
8. To develop a high sense of moral and ethical values
9. To help students establish goals and help them realize the effort it will take to attain them

Curriculum Process

The Ponca Public School provides a curriculum designed to meet the basic needs and interests of individual students and prepare student to further their education or enter the world of work. Ponca Public School has aligned its curriculum to the Nebraska Standards. Curriculum areas are revised periodically. A varied program of school activities is also available.

Areas of Curriculum

<u>Fine Arts</u> Art 1 Art 2 Vocal Music Instrumental Music Drama	<u>Guidance</u> Career Planning Academics Crisis Management	<u>Library</u> Reading Enrichment Research Resources	<u>Foreign Language</u> Spanish 1 Spanish 2 Spanish 3
<u>Social Studies</u> World Geography World History American History American Government Psychology	<u>Math</u> Algebra ½ Algebra 2/2 Algebra 1 Algebra 2 Geometry Pre Calculus Math Standards	<u>Science</u> Integrated Science 9 Integrated Science 10 Advanced Biology Chemistry Physics Environmental Science	<u>Physical Education</u> PE 1 PE 2 PE 3 Fitness and Conditioning Health
<u>Language Arts</u> English 9 English 10 English 11 Advanced English 11 English 12 Advanced English 12 Annual/Journalism Contemporary Literature	<u>Family Consumer Science</u> Family and Consumer Science Adult Living Housing Design Child Development Food Science Nutrition and Food Preparation Consumer Education Fashion Merchandising	<u>Industrial Technology</u> Introduction to Technology Cabinetry Construction Electricity Electronics Small Engines Auto Maintenance Welding Drafting School to Work	<u>Special Education</u> Individualized Education Plans Alternative English Alternative Algebra 1 Alternative Math
<u>Business Education</u> Accounting I Business Law Computers Advanced Computers Introduction to Business	<u>College Credit</u> Distance Learning Opportunities		

Mrs. Balvantin's

"What's New in Room 202?"

English 7


The seventh grade students have had a year full of learning and they seem to be transitioning into junior high well. They started the year reading The Pigman by Paul Zindel. From there, they moved into the literature textbooks and enjoyed discussing short stories and poems with a variety of themes and from a variety of cultures. When they came back from the holiday break, Mrs. Hassler and I introduced the "Let the Rabbits Run" unit, where they have been exploring their interests and backgrounds. They have been writing quite a bit, using the six traits of writing to improve their skills. The year will end with grammar and a review of the eight parts of speech.

English 10

The first and second semester English 10 classes started with the six traits of writing. They spent time learning about each trait and wrote papers to build on that knowledge. The next step was into the descriptive world of Willa Cather in My Antonia. The classes connected their lives to Cather's depictions of life in Nebraska from the early 1900s. Each semester concludes with a three to five page research paper over a topic of their choice.

Advanced English 12/English 12

The English 12 classes have been the new addition to Room 202 this year. We have been making our way through the literature timeline, focusing mainly on British literature. The year began with Beowulf and then moved backwards to Greek literature, reading large portions of The Odyssey. Mrs. Hassler came in to start the scholarship unit with us and we worked on grammar, creativity, and detail in the scholarship answers. I have been pleased to see many of them using their knowledge from this unit to fill out various scholarship applications. Our year has taken us up to the Enlightenment period so far and we will continue working to Post Modern literature. They will soon begin their last major writing assignment for English at PHS with a six to eight page MLA research paper.



Thank you to the following families for donating to the library this month:

Markworth family

Allie Albrecht in honor of Miss White

Troy Bostwick family



English News from Mrs. Noll

The freshman English has worked on grammar, folk tales, poetry, Call of the Wild, and short story units. We are currently reading "Romeo and Juliet," and translating Shakespeare to the best of our ability.

The second semester Speech class members are working on their informative speeches, and will be starting their career units the second week of March. Parents are reminded that the career unit will be worth 25% of students' fourth quarter grade, so it is very important that the sophomores keep up with their work in and outside of class.

The 11th grade English class has been working on becoming the teachers in our Walt Whitman poetry unit. Soon they will be working on the second part of the Junior career unit, having completed a resume and professional interview during the first semester. We will be finishing the year with three novels, including The Great Gatsby, which is a "One Book, One Siouland" choice for 2007.

Notes from Mrs. Taylor

Elementary and Junior High Keyboarding-Mrs. Taylor



The 4th grade class dived into keyboarding the first semester. They memorized all the keys and worked on their "no peek" technique. The 5th, 6th and 7th grade classes spend a semester working to improve their speed and accuracy goals. They also learn to type numbers, format and proofread a variety of documents. The 7th graders will be working on a multi-page report and more 3 and 5 minute timings.

Elementary and Junior High Physical Education

The 5th and 6th grade PE classes did a variety of activities the first semester. They swam and hiked out at the park and worked on soccer, football and volleyball skills. They also learned several new jump rope skills, performed a tinckling routine and played some very competitive basketball games. Second semester activities will include a hockey tournament, tumbling, fitness testing, softball, hiking and preparing for the elementary track meet.

The JH girls have completed successful volleyball and basketball seasons. They have also been swimming and hiking, performed a gymnastic routine and enjoyed playing matball. This semester will include a hockey tournament, weight lifting, line dancing, softball and our 7/8 track meet.

We have a new face in our PE classes this semester. Mr. Tim Schindler has started his student teaching here at Ponca. He is a student at Wayne State and a Newcastle native. We welcome him and hope he has a great learning experience.

A.S.K. Game Night!!

Friday, March 16th 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.



Tonic Sol-fa

Coming To Ponca
May 3, 2007
7:30 Concert

In the beginning before there were classical orchestras, chamber quartets, jazz combos or rock n roll bands, there was only one instrument: the human voice. Today, an a cappella quartet from the Twin Cities region, called Tonic Sol-fa, is determined to take this most traditional of all musical expressions and make it the next big thing. In their ten years together, Tonic Sol-fa has established itself not only as the most in-demand vocal in the Midwest, but also as one of the most successful independent acts in America. In addition to substantial CD sales of its own independent released (1,000,000 copies sold), the group has toured extensively throughout the U.S. and abroad, first building its financial base with a steady list of private, corporate shows that led eventually to numerous tours of theaters and small arenas. Whereas previous a cappella groups have followed the traditional barbershop formula, Tonic Sol-fa has taken the a cappella musical artform to a new pop plateau, building a legion of loyal fans along the way with its solid material, pop arrangements, memorable performances and cutting edge stage presence. Critics and fans alike agree on one thing: Although there are many singing a cappella, NO ONE does it like Tonic Sol-fa.

Upcoming Events

Music Boosters
Wednesday, March 21st @ 5:00

- JH Concert Monday, March 5th, @ 7:00
- JH/Elem Music Contest Tuesday, March 6th, @ WSC. (5th, 6th, JH Chorus)
(Performance times have not been sent out yet.)
- Coyote Jazz Festival Tuesday, March 13, @ Vermillion. (Swing Choir)
- Swing Choir Elm's Nursing Home Friday, March 16th, @ 2:00
- Northeast Jazz Festival Wednesday, March 28th, @ Norfolk. (Swing Choir)
- Broadway Revue Matinee Performance TBA
Friday & Saturday March 30th @ 7:00 Performance
March 31st @ 6:30 Dinner & Performance
- District Music Contest-----Friday, April 20th @ WSC

Business and Computers News

by Suzette Curry

Computers: The students have been working with Microsoft Excel creating both simple and more advanced spreadsheets. They learned how to enter formulas to find sums, averages, minimum and maximum values. Then students created PowerPoint presentations on the history of a topic that interested them. After learning about internet safety and advanced search techniques, students are writing an MLA style paper.

Advanced Computers: After a review of advanced Word and Excel techniques, the Advanced Computer students began working on web pages. Students began by creating a few simple web pages in html code, and then the students created multi-page websites using Microsoft FrontPage. Thanks to a grant from the Ponca Community Education Foundation, students used digital cameras to create electronic portfolios of their color-themed photographs while learning how to use digital cameras and photo editing software. Currently, students are learning to use voice recognition software and Microsoft Access.



Keyboarding 8: The eighth graders have been busy typing. The first nine weeks of class, they are working on their keyboarding technique, accuracy and speed. Thanks to fabulous early keyboarding instruction, our students are skilled typists. Next nine weeks, we will be working on learning basic document formatting in Microsoft Word. Students will learn how to create headers and footers, set tabs, and format columns.



Accounting: The accounting students have completed the entire accounting cycle for a sole-proprietorship, service business. Students especially like to play Monopoly and record their transactions in special journals. At the end of the game, they like to calculate the player with the highest net worth. Students learned cash procedures including how to maintain a personal checking account. A big **Thank You** goes to the Bank of Dixon County for supplying us with checking account practice packets each year.

Business Law: Students have learned about both criminal and civil offenses and the trial procedure for each. We are now studying contract law. To help students learn, a variety of teaching strategies are used including: mock trials, concept sculptures out of junk, student-made visual aids, and Court TV cases.

Future Business Leaders of America: This year there are 67 FBLA members. We participated in the Haunted Hayride at Ponca State Park as our fundraiser. In September we had a bonfire at the state park and in December members enjoyed lunch and a movie during semester testing week. In November, we had a guest speaker from Hamilton College in Lincoln. Upcoming activities include our game night in March and a field trip to Sioux Falls in April. Our president is Zach Kramper, vice president is Justin Curry, secretary/treasurer is Anne Langhorst and Heather Bennett is our reporter.

Ponca After Prom Meeting

Tuesday, March 13 @ 7:00 p.m.
Elementary Library

The After-Prom party will be held at the Long Lines Recreation Center in Sioux City, Iowa on April 21st. Anyone willing to donate prizes or money to help with the expenses can mail or deliver your contribution to:

Ponca After-Prom Committee
c/o Bank of Dixon County
P O Box 570
Ponca, NE 68770

March Madness in 5th and 6th Grade

March Madness is approaching quickly and the entire buzz about the school is basketball, but little did we know the learning continues on. The sixth and fifth grade students are full aware of how well our basketball teams have done and continue to do. Our students' knowledge does not just stop there, but continues on in the classroom:

As for the Math Department: In math both the fifth graders and sixth graders have been working on measurement and geometry. Measurement and geometry are fun concepts for the kids to learn about. The sixth graders get to use protractors and compasses. They are hard at work drawing circles and all sorts of shapes. They know how to measure angles and can find the circumference of a circle. The fifth graders have been using their rulers to measure all sorts of things around our room. They know what a polygon is and can name three sided shapes such as triangles all the way up to ten sided shapes like decagons. They have also been working on finding the perimeter of different shapes. Both of the classes will be getting into fractions and decimals in the next chapter.

As for the Social Studies Department they have been traveling back in time to the days of the Revolutionary War and Ancient Greece.

The sixth graders are studying about the Greek history as well as their influence to other civilizations. They have spent a week acting as a citizen of a own Greek Polis, following the ruler of the Ancient Athens. They will be finishing the unit by illustrating and writing a Greek Myth or by performing a play of a Greek Myth.

The Fifth graders have been studying how we gained our freedom. They just finished learning about various battles of the Revolutionary War and are now ready to learn about the U.S. Constitution.

As for the Science Department: The Fifth graders are experimenting with Newton's Three Laws of Motion. They will be able to identify which law or laws is being used at specific task. Also the students are experimenting with friction, gravity, forces and many other concepts that go with motion. The fifth graders will create their classroom rainforest when they start their ecosystem unit the beginning of the third quarter.

The Sixth Graders can feel the earth shake below their feet and feel it tumbling down, a tumbling down. Okay some old lyrics from an old song, but they are learning about the earth's crust and all the good or bad things it can do. They are studying about the tectonic plates and the different boundaries they have, fault, separating, and colliding. The sixth graders will also be helping out with their past experience of building a rainforest, but this year they are going to be understanding the effects of human activities on an ecosystem.

Mrs. White, Mrs. Carnell and Mrs. Stewart

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Notice the change in the boys age deadline.

PONCA SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM 2007

REGISTRATION FORM for baseball and softball, we would like you to fill out the bottom portion and return to: Ponca Summer Recreation, PO Box 465, Ponca, NE 68770 by **Friday, March 16, 2007**. **PLEASE USE ONE REGISTRATION FORM FOR EACH CHILD.** To be eligible to play, your child must be the following age:

Girls age 8 by 12/31/2006

Boys age 8 by 1/1/2007

To help defray expenses, there will be a \$30 registration fee for a **SINGLE CHILD** or a \$50 registration fee **PER FAMILY** which must be returned with the registration form(s). Your child will not be registered until this fee is paid. A late registration fee of \$10 will be charged and the late registration must be returned by April 2, 2007. Once teams are determined, the coaches will contact you regarding further details and game schedules. **Registration Deadline: Friday, March 16th.** Please note T-ball registration will be held at a later date. Thanks! Ponca Park Board

Child's Name

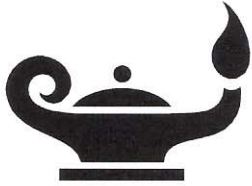
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Birth Date

Age as of
Girl: 12/31/2006
Boy: 1/1/2007

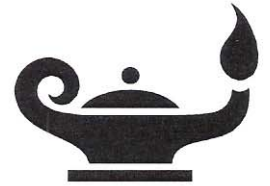
Parent/Guardian Signature

Telephone





PCEF Announces New Funding Opportunity...
"Lamp Oil" Grant



"A lamp is a symbol of learning and enlightenment gained from education and experience. Lamp oil is necessary to keep the lamp burning. This grant is given to provide a "measure of fuel" to enable the recipient to pursue knowledge and experience. The recipient will be able to further education to satisfy a curiosity, to explore a new horizon, to improve a skill or to be enlightened through service to mankind. This gift may be awarded to an individual connected to the Ponca Public School district of any age who desires to grow academically, professionally, or spiritually".

Application forms for the Lamp Oil Grant are available from the Guidance Office at Ponca School. **The deadline to submit an application is March 15, 2007.** The Board of Directors of the PCEF will select the recipient at their spring meeting. The recipient will be notified by written correspondence after May 15 of the award year.

Should any individual or business wish to establish a new or renewable scholarship or special use award, please contact Fran Hassler, Ponca Community Educational Foundation, Inc. Scholarship Chairperson, at Ponca High School.

2007 Spring Break "Tour of Excellence"
scheduled for
March 12th through March 16th

University of Nebraska student-athletes, student-leaders, and Herbie Husker are teaming up to motivate and inspire elementary through middle level students from March 12th through March 16th during the University of Nebraska's annual Spring Break Tour of Excellence. University speakers will share messages regarding education, life skills and decision-making. Space permitting, host schools have invited nearby schools to attend the motivational program which will last approximately 75 minutes. The "Tour of Excellence" concept started in 1994 in an effort to take role-model student-athletes and campus leaders across the state of Nebraska. In the twelve year history of the fall and spring break "Tour of Excellence," more than 60,000 students have participated in the assemblies. 2007 tour stops include South Sioux City, Ponca, Wayne, Norfolk, Columbus, and Wahoo. Ponca Public School will host the tour on Monday, March 12. Students in grades 5-8 will attend the presentation in the gymnasium at 1:30 P.M. Middle school students from Allen, Emerson-Hubbard, and Newcastle have been invited to the presentation.

8th Grade: To Complete Copes/Caps/Cops Assessment:

Last month the 8th graders completed a career assessment inventory, Copes/Caps/Cops. This testing tool is designed to provide students with feedback regarding their abilities, interests, and values related to possible career opportunities. The test results are being analyzed in the Career Lab at Northeast Community College in Norfolk, NE. On January 31, 2007, the 8th Grade Class traveled by bus to NECC to review their assessment results with NECC's career counselors. Parents please ask your son or daughter about their career results! They have terrific options to consider for their future. Thanks to Mrs. Sprakel, Mrs. Anderson, and Mrs. Watchorn for sponsoring the trip.

A Busy Time in the Guidance Office...



The Ponca Community Educational Foundation Scholarship

Deadline: March 15, 2007

Late applications will not be accepted.

Completed cover sheet, application, and senior picture should be submitted to Mrs. Hassler.

*Ponca Community Educational Foundation, Inc.
(P.C.E.F. Inc.) announces Renewable Scholarships
for Ponca High School Graduates*

Ponca Education Association Scholarship:

Criteria: This scholarship may be awarded to any graduate of P.H.S. who has successfully completed at least one year of college and is an education major.

The intended purpose of this scholarship is to continue the support of Ponca High School graduates who are preparing to enter the teaching profession. This \$150.00 scholarship is funded by members of the professional teachers' organization, Ponca Education Association (P.E.A.). The P.E.A. plans to annually support this renewable scholarship through the Ponca Community Educational Foundation, Inc.

Asmussen Family Endowment Scholarship:

Criteria: This scholarship may be awarded to any graduate of P.H.S. who has successfully completed one or more years of elementary education training. This scholarship could also be awarded to a teacher pursuing a master's degree in elementary education.

The purpose of this scholarship is to provide support for dedicated individuals who plan to pursue an elementary teaching degree. The scholarship donors believe that school-age children will grow to be successful adults in the world when they have been educated by outstanding elementary teachers. This scholarship is funded by Joyce M. and the late Emmett Asmussen. The Asmussen family plans to annually support this renewable scholarship through the Ponca Community Educational Foundation, Inc.

Applications for the P.E.A. Renewable Education Scholarship or the Asmussen Family Endowment Scholarship may be obtained through the Guidance Office of Ponca Public School or an application may also be obtained at the following website: www.poncaschool.org (under Guidance Icon, then Foundation Icon). Completed applications must be returned to officials at the Guidance Office of Ponca Public School by the March 15 deadline.

The P.C.E.F. Scholarship Selection Committee will accept applications until the **March 15, 2007** deadline. If you know of any Ponca graduates who are completing education degrees, help spread the news! College students will be eligible to reapply for these scholarships each year. Scholarship recipients will be notified by written correspondence after May 15 of the award year.

ATTENTION SENIORS and SENIOR PARENTS:

As a reminder...Watch for upcoming scholarship deadlines! Scholarship opportunities continue to "pour" into the Guidance Office. Take full advantage of the resources, which are provided. If you have questions or concerns about scholarship applications please visit with Mrs. Hassler.



Kindergarten Roundup



Parents who have children five years of age on or before October 15, 2007, may wish to send their son/daughter to kindergarten during the 2007/2008 school year.

Kindergarten Roundup for these students is scheduled for Wednesday, April 4, 2007. Parents may register their child for Roundup by returning the form below or calling the school office at 755-2241. More information concerning Kindergarten Roundup will be provided as we get closer to that date.

Please return this form to: Ponca Public School, Elementary Office
P O Box 568 Ponca, NE 68770

Child will attend _____ Child will not attend _____ Kindergarten in 2007-2008		
Student Name:	Boy _____	Girl _____
Date of Birth:	Phone Number:	
Parents or Guardian:		
Address:		

If your child will be attending Kindergarten at Jackson Public School, please contact the Jackson office at 632-4276. Jackson Roundup will be held on April 19th.

The following children are eligible to attend Kindergarten at Ponca during the 2007-2008 school year. This list is according to current census.

If your child is/is not on this list and will/will not be attending, please contact the office at 755-2241.

Bauman, Nathan
 Bennett, Bryar
 Bennett, Hunter
 Brannon, Eric
 Bremmer, Joseph
 Bromander, Connor
 Craven, Kaia
 Dorcey, Grace
 Eifert, Tristan
 Fields, Kaden
 Fredrickson, Avery

Gill, Breanna
 Graves, Dylan
 Keller, Megdalin
 Kingsbury, Carter
 Kneifl, Brandon
 Kratke, Dana
 Lamprecht, Jordan
 Leeker, Brayden
 Masin, Paul
 McCoy, Bailey
 McGill, Maggie

Mellick, Brandon
 Moore, Rawley
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 Tramp, Jerod
 Voss, Gracie
 Watchorn, Evan
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 Wieseler, Bo



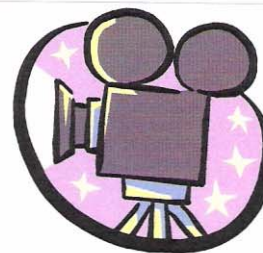
PONCA PUBLIC SCHOOL

The Choral Department Presents:

"The Rehearsal"

A BROADWAY REVUE

(Non-Refundable---Tickets are **Limited**)



Friday, March 30 th 7:00 Performance HS Auditorium Adults-\$5 – Students \$3
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Saturday, March 31 st 6:00 Social Hour 6:30 Dinner & Show HS Auditorium \$12 Per Plate

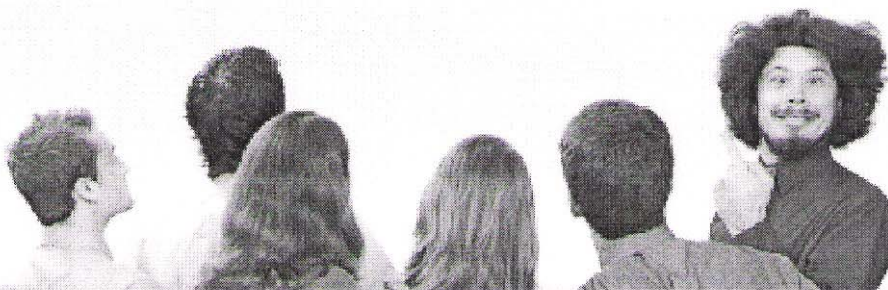
Sustained
Quiet
Un
Interrupted
Reading
Time



FEBRUARY was... SQUIRT MONTH

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Elementary students read 1500+ hours during the month. Each classroom received SQUIRT pop and popcorn. **88improv**, a drama group from Omaha, will perform for them in the gym on March 15 at 2:15 PM.



THURSDAY MARCH 15, 2007

2:15 School gymnasium for grades K-6

7:00 Ponca Public Library for the public

88improv is a professional improv comedy team established in 2003. With over 45 years combined experience, 88improv is dedicated to raising the bar of comedy with their signature style of "smart, clean, comedy!"

www.88improv.com

Made possible by a grant from The Nebraska Library Commission and Friends of Ponca Public Library as a reward for 1500+ hours of reading by the Elementary Students in the SQUIRT CHALLENGE!



Ponca Boys Are On Their Way to State!!

BOYS BASKETBALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP BRACKETS March 8-10, 2007

All Finals at Bob Devaney Sports Center

Go
Big
Blue!!



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March

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 NO SCHOOL -----Girls-----	2 NO SCHOOL -----State Basketball-----	3 ----Tournament-----
5 JrHi Band & Chorus Concert 7:00 Dist Speech @ Hartington	6 Parent-Teacher Conf 4:00-8:00 JrHi Music Festival – W.S.C.	7 	8 -----Boys--	9 ----State Basketball-----	10  ----Tournament-----
12 ITBS Testing Gr.2-6 7,8,9,11 Prds 1-5 Husker Tour of Excellence 1:00-3:00	13 Post Prom Mtg-7:00 Elem Lib. Jazz Festival-U.S.D. ITBS – Prds 1-5	14 ITBS-7/8 th Gr. Prds 1-2 6 th Gr Orientation 2:45 – 3:30	15 Winter Activity Awards 7:30 ITBS Testing K-6 Assembly 2:30	16 ITBS Testing A.S.K. 7:00-9:00 p.m. State Speech	17 Ponca WR Tour. 8:00-2:00  St. Patrick's Day
19 Board Mcting @ Jackson 7:30 P.M.	20 FBLA – 7:00 P.M.	21 Dixon Co. Health Fair @ Wakefield – 1:00 Music Booster Mtg-5:00	22 Internet Safety Awareness 6:30-9:00 (adults only) H.S. Assembly 1:15-2:00	23 Cheerleading Tryouts 3:30 JrHi Dance 7:30-10:00	24 GO @ Crofton Inv. 9:00 Sweetheart Dance 9:00-12:00 Coronation 8:00
26	27 PCEF Scholarship Selection Comm. Mtg 1:00 ----Norfolk-----	28 6 th Gr. Orientation 2:45 – 3:30 -----Music---Festival-----	29 TR @ Laurel Relays 1:00	30 "Broadway Revue" 7:00 P.M. 	31 "Broadway Revue" 7:00 P.M. 
2 GO-Pender-4:00	3 TR-Huskie Inv. @ Elk Point –3:30	4 "K" Roundup @ Ponca A-K 8:30-11:00 L-Z 12:00-2:30	5 Teacher In-Servcie NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS TR @ Kwan Krumwiede Inv. – 11:00	6 NO SCHOOL Good Friday	7

March 11th - Daylight Savings Time Begins

2007