

Ponca Public School
505 3rd Street, P O Box 568
Ponca, NE 68770
www.poncaschool.org
April Newsletter
2006

Happy Easter 

Superintendent Mr. Wineland...

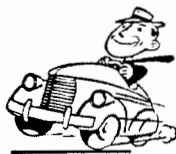
I would like to congratulate all of the winter activities participants and sponsors/coaches on successful seasons. Speech, wrestling, one-act plays, boys and girls basketball, cheerleading, band and vocal concerts all take place between Thanksgiving and mid-March. These activities involve a lot of students from upper-elementary grades through 12th graders and we appreciate the dedication and hard work of the students and the sponsors.

Each activity sets a goal of competing at the state tournament and this year, the boys basketball team achieved that goal. We enjoyed watching the boys compete at that level and congratulate them for their success.

The Winter Activities Awards program will be held on Tuesday, March 28, at 7:00 P.M. in the west gym. All of the participants in the various activities over the past few months are recognized for their hard work and dedication at this program.

We are especially proud of our student fans, our cheerleaders, our band, and our boys team and coaches for their behavior and attitude at the state tournament games. Winning the Sportsmanship Trophy is quite an accomplishment and we couldn't be happier with how everyone responded.

We give a special thank you to the parents and the community members for teaching our young people appropriate behavior. Winning this award speaks well of the communities in the Ponca School District.



Summer Driver's Education Program

Driver's Education class will be held at Ponca School this summer beginning in late May. The cost of the class is \$170 for students who are residents of the Ponca School District and \$235 for non-resident students. Dates for the class will be determined later.

A sign-up sheet is in the high school office and students should sign up and pay the \$85 deposit as soon as possible since enrollment is limited. Students need to be 14 years of age by this summer in order to take Drivers Ed.

The Ponca Public School requests your help in locating handicapped children. The school implements the Federal Handicapped Children's 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.

Notes from Ms. Rinas

Ponca School hosted the 2006 Dixon County Health Fair on March 28. Students from Allen, Newcastle, Emerson-Hubbard, Wakefield, and Ponca rotated through sessions which presented information on nutrition, bullying, and the health and legal consequences of using controlled substances. While the health fair for teenagers and adults was taking place in the west gym, the Ponca School sixth grade class hosted a Health Fair for students in grades K-5. The K-5 students experienced activities centered on the unhealthy results of using tobacco, as well as activities focusing on the effects and benefits of exercise and proper nutrition. The K-5 students also had time to experience the "Smoke Trailer" and learn how to safely escape from a burning building.

This year Dixon County students in grades 4-6 were invited to participate in a poster contest with an anti-tobacco theme. The Ponca poster winners were fourth grade student, Collin Brandt and 6th grade student, Stacey O'Neill. Their winning posters were then combined with the winners from the other schools and an overall winner was selected. Congratulations to Stacey O'Neill for creating the overall winning poster for the 2006 Dixon County Health Fair!

Parents and students are reminded that the school only provides for supervision of athletes at track and golf meets. Therefore a student who is not on the team will only be released from school to attend the event if they are with a parent or guardian. All students must be pre-excused before 9:00 A.M. to attend or participate in a school activity.

Parents are asked to discuss with their children the importance of not bringing to school large sums of money and personal items of value—especially electronic items such as CD players, cameras, Mp3 players, iPods etc. These items need to be left at home. I want to remind parents and students that the school book lockers, locker rooms, gymnasiums and classrooms are not secure places to leave money or personal items of value. We do not have security cameras or security personnel to monitor items that are left unguarded at school. If a student must bring a large sum of money or personal item of value to school, the best means of protection is to leave it with office personnel during the school day. The school will not assume responsibility for lost or stolen money or items that are left unguarded or unsecured at school.

Please keep sending your HyVee receipts!!!

We still have items left from the Music Booster's Soup Supper. There is a very nice large crock pot & a large tupperware container in the kitchen. Please pick them up, if they are yours.



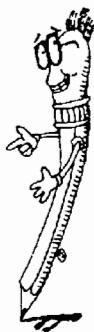
The Ponca Public School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, marital status, disability, or age in admission or access to, or treatment of employment in its programs and activities. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding complaints, grievance procedures, or the application these policies of non discrimination:

Ponca Public Schools
Superintendent of Schools
505 3rd Street
Ponca, NE 68770
(402)755-2241

Appeal procedures beyond the local level need to be addressed to the following office:
Office for Civil Rights
8920 Ward Parkway, Suite 2037
Kansas City, MO 64114
(816)268-0550
FAX (816) 823-1404; TDD (800) 437-0833

Mrs. Hassler.... The High School Guidance Office

ACT TEST DATE



The next administration of the ACT College Entrance Exam is set for Saturday, April 8, 2006. Any student who has registered for this test date is reminded to take time to prepare for the assessment. Tips for taking the ACT include:

take a practice exam, "brush-up" on English and math basics, get a good night's sleep, wear comfortable clothing, be sure to bring your admit ticket (which you should have received from ACT through the mail when you registered), a photo ID (driver's license), and several sharpened #2 pencils.

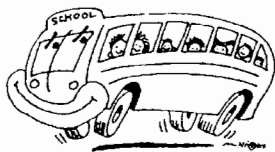
Think "POSITIVE"! GOOD LUCK!!

ACHIEVEMENT TESTING

During the month of March students at Ponca School participated in Spring Achievement Testing. This year Ponca School is administering the Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS) and the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT).

These standardized tests provide school personnel and parents with feedback concerning students' strengths and instructional needs. It provides a framework for evaluation of students' progress as well as evaluation of curriculum strengths and weaknesses.

Elementary students in grades 2-6 and students in grades 7, 8, 9, and 11 participated in these assessments. We are hopeful that testing results will be available before the end of the school year. Watch May's newsletter for further details.



HONOR ROLL
3rd Quarter 2005-06



Seniors
***Mallory Anderson**
 Jessica Beacom
 Kelsey Conrad
 Nick Curry
 Justin Herfel
 Nick Hohenstein
 Amanda Kneifl
 Jeremy Mohr
 Cory Nelson
 Molly O'Neill
 Tanner Rickett
 Michael Schweers
 Torie Rager
***Jordan Walsh**
***Jessica Watkins**
 Rebecca Webb

JUNIORS
 Heather Bennett
 Miranda Braun
 Josh Crosgrove
***Justin Curry**
 Jenna Dohma
***Ellen Duffy**
***Alisyn Hansen**
***Justin Hoensing**
***Jacob Jensen**
***Zach Kramper**
 Kim Krause
***Anne Langhorst**
***Andrea Pavlushik**
 Shea Scollard
***Cassandra Snow**

SOPHOMORES
 Justin Blatchford
 Melissa Christiansen
 Jared Crosgrove
 Sydney Eiler
 Tracey Hughes
***Haley Keller**
 Paige Lux
 Jessica McGinty
 Brandi Monk
***Sadie O'Neill**



***Sam O'Neill**
 Garrett Peterson
***Crystal Rush**
***Brent Smith**
 Brandon Watchorn
 Jillian Webb

Freshmen
 Josh Brewer
***Sarah Crosgrove**
 Natasha Jensen
 Colton Kastning
 Deanna Markworth
***Jenelle Olsen**
 Daniel Richards
 Holly Stark
 Nick Watkins

8th Grade
 Jared Curry
 Christopher Dohma
 Jared Duffy
***Ben Gehring**
***Austin Hansen**
 Brittany Heaton
 Joel Markworth
 David McCreary

7th Grade
 Aaron Bostwick
 Scott Braun
***Kash Echtenkamp**
 Cara Ericksen
***Korah Kramper**
***Dale Krause**
***Nichole Lux**
 Luke Markworth
 Marisa Peterson
 Allison Pick
 Alycia Pick
 Tyler Rasmussen
 Lindsay Schnoor
 Nathan Uhl
 Eric Watchorn
 Jesse Way

*Denotes "A" Honor Roll Students (students must earn at least a 93 numerical grade)
 "B" Honor Roll (student must earn at least an 85 numerical grade)

Ponca Boys Basketball Camp

**June 5th -
June 7th**



Cost \$25.00

**Grades 3-5
Grades 6-8**

**8:00 - 10:30
10:30 - 1:00**

**(Grade the student will be in during the
2006-2007 school year)**

**Pre-register by filling out the following form and
returning it to Coach Bob Hayes,
P O Box 275, Ponca, NE 68770 by May 19, 2006.
It is important that you pre-register in order
to guarantee a t-shirt. If you have any
questions, please call (402) 755-2764.**

(T-Shirt Adult Sizes Only)

Small _____ Medium _____ Large _____ XL _____

Name: _____ Grade _____

Phone Number: _____

BJ Mulder's



Summer School Program 2006

Ponca

www.best-basketball.com

BEST Objectives:

1. To demonstrate and rehearse shooting fundamentals the correct way.
2. To help players execute proper shooting fundamentals simulating game-type shots.
3. Quick and correct repetition at or above game speed with game specific shots.
4. To improve mental toughness and confidence in every BEST student.
5. To demonstrate and rehearse detailed footwork to make the complete scorer (the catch and shoot, explosion from loaded position, and footwork finishes from the mid-range and at the rim).

"The little details learned and developed in BEST Shooting School have made a huge impact in our basketball program. BEST offers knowledgeable instruction that passionately teach valuable shooting techniques resulting in improved game shooting performance. There is no doubt that I would choose BEST over any other basketball developmental program".

*Loren De Jong
MOC-FV Head Boys Basketball Coach
2005 3A Iowa State Champs*

Players who enroll in this program will receive the highest level of instruction available, a BEST t-shirt (for those completing the assigned workouts), a BEST shooting booklet, the BEST Shooting individual workouts, and most of all guaranteed skill improvement!

Location: Ponca High School
Dates: Thursday: June 15, 22, 29, July 13, 20, 27
Grade -Times: 8:00 am high school/college, 9:00 am 5th-8th Grade
Cost: \$85 for entire program
 \$101.05 for program and BEST instructional DVD (if desired)

*Please make payment to B.E.S.T. Shooting School, and mail to: Craig Douma, PO Box 176, Paullina, Iowa 51046
 Any questions email me at: cdouma@s-obrien.k12.ia.us*

Name _____ Home Address _____
 Phone Number _____ Email address for confirmation _____
 School _____ BEST Location _____ Grade & Time _____
 Payment (please circle your registration payment)
 \$85 program fee (tax included)
 \$100 program with BEST instructional DVD (tax included)



Youth For Understanding USA

Heartland District
8350 Hickman Road, #204
Des Moines, IA 50325
515-276-6301
866-4YFUUSA
Fax: 515-276-8513
www.yfu-usa.org

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

YFU –USA is seeking host families or the 2006-2007 school year.

HOST FAMILY OPPORTUNITIES WITH YOUTH FOR UNDERSTANDING, USA!

YFU USA is seeking families to host foreign exchange High School Students for the 2006-2007 academic year. Opportunities exist for a family to host a 15-18 year old student from one of 50 countries worldwide. Most students arrive in August and will depart in June 2005. Exchange students have English language proficiency and have received good grades from their schools in their natural country. Many students are awarded scholarships sponsored by governments, foundations and private corporations.

Exchange students are members of the family and share responsibilities of typical American teenagers. Your student will bring his or her own spending money and will be covered by comprehensive health insurance arranged by the exchange organization.

Interested individuals may contact Mary Wennerstrum, District Director, Recruitment & Development, wennerstrum@yfu.org or at 276-6301. Online applications are available at www.yfu-usa.org.

Youth For Understanding (YFU) is a worldwide movement of committed individuals and organizations working together to prepare young people for their responsibilities and challenges in a changing, interdependent global community. YFU offers young people the adventure of a lifetime - the opportunity to explore other countries and cultures, master new languages, and discover themselves. We seek to transform young people by instilling passion for life-long learning, and the skills and knowledge to thrive and contribute amidst cultural diversity.

Contact:
Mary Wennerstrum
District Coordinator
Recruitment and Development
Youth for Understanding
Office: 515-276-6301
1-866-493-8872
wennerstrum@yfu.org
www.yfu-usa.org

Go Big Blue!!!

PONCA HIGH SCHOOL

2006 SPRING SPORTS

TRACK

Mar 30	Laurel Relay	@ Laurel	1:00 pm
Apr 7	Krumwiede	@ Homer	1:00 am
Apr 13	Homer Inv	@ Homer	1:00 pm
Apr 18	Laurel Inv	@ Laurel	2:00 pm
Apr 22	SC Relays	@ Sioux City	8:00 am
Apr 25	Ponca Inv	@ So Sioux	4:00 pm
Apr 29	Conference	@ Hartington	10:00 am
May 1	Heelan 9-10 gr	@ Sioux City	4:30 pm
May 2	Randolph	@ Laurel	2:30 pm
May 11	Districts	@ Laurel	TBA
May 19	State	@ Omaha	TBA
May 20	State	@ Omaha	TBA

GOLF

March 2	Crofton	@ Crofton	9:00 am
Apr 3	Pender	@ Pender	4:00 pm
Apr 13	L-C	@ Laurel	10:00 am
Apr 17	Ponca	@ Ponca	12:00 pm
Apr 20	Lutheran High	@ Norfolk	9:00 am
Apr 22	Osmond	@ Osmond	9:30 am
Apr 27	Laurel	@ Laurel	4:15 pm
Apr 29	O-C	@ Oakland	8:00 am
May 1	Conference	@ Osmond	TBA
May 6	Wakefield	@ Wakefield	9:00 am
May 10	Triangular	@ Ponca	4:00 pm
May 16	Districts	@ TBA	TBA
May 23	State	@ Lincoln	TBA
May 24	State	@ Lincoln	TBA

JUNIOR HIGH TRACK

Apr 10	Dakota Valley Inv	@ McCook	4:00 pm
Apr 18	Winnebago	@ Winnebago	4:00 pm
Apr 20	SSC	@ South Sioux	4:00 pm
Apr 24	Crofton Inv	@ Crofton	12:00 pm
Apr 28	Oakland Inv	@ Oakland	3:00 pm

**PONCA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
2006-2007 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

July 2006							August 2006							September 2006							October 2006												
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O Teacher In-Service Day
X No School

Begin/End Semester

Summary of the School Immunization Rules and Regulations

2005-2006

Information Upcoming Kindergarten and 7th Grade Students

This is a list of the state-required immunizations for students entering kindergarten or 7th grade in the 2006-2007 school year. Please note the new varicella (chicken pox) vaccine. If your child has had the chicken pox, the school needs to have documentation to verify that they had the disease. Students entering these grades are required to have a physical before the first day of school. Most schools offer a reduced cost for physicals during the summer months. Call your physician's office for more information.

Kindergarten students are also required to obtain a certified birth certificate from the state they were born in, on or before the first day of school. We are required to see the certified birth certificate (the one obtained at a fee from the state the child was born in.) Generally it has a raised seal and state identification number on it, not the pink triplicate carbon copy given to parents at the time of the child's birth or the hospital keepsake version. Copies are available over the internet or you can try the following addresses/phone numbers to assist you.

Nebraska: Bureau of Vital Statistics
P.O. Box 95007
Lincoln, NE 68509-5007
(402) 471-2871

Iowa: Clerk of District Court
101 Courthouse
Sioux City, IA 51101
(712) 279-6615

South Dakota: Yankton Court Register of Deeds
P.O. Box 694
Yankton, SD 57078
(605) 665-2422

If you have any questions about these requirements, please contact your school principal for further information.

Student Age Group	Required Vaccines
2-5 year olds enrolled in a school based program not licensed as a child care provider	4 doses of DTaP, DTP, or DT vaccine, 3 doses of Polio vaccine, 1 dose of MMR given on or after 12 months of age, 3 doses of Hib vaccine or 1 dose of Hib given at or after 15 months of age, 3 doses of pediatric Hepatitis B vaccine, 1 dose of varicella (chickenpox) given on or after 12 months of age.
Students entering school for the first time (K or 1 st Grade)	3 doses of DTaP, DTP, DT, or Td vaccine, one given on or after the 4 th birthday, 3 doses of Polio vaccine,
Students entering 7 th Grade	2 doses of MMR vaccine, given on or after 12 months of age and separated by at least one month, 3 doses of pediatric Hepatitis B vaccine or 2 doses of adolescent vaccine if student is 11-15 years of age. (For the 2005-2006 school year this includes students in all grades and all out of state transfer students)
Transfer students from outside the State of Nebraska, regardless of grade (includes any foreign students)	1 dose of varicella (chickenpox) if given on or after 12 months of age and prior to 13 years of age. If given at over 13 years of age, 2 doses of varicella, separated by at least one month. (For the 2005-2006 school year this includes students in grades kindergarten, 1 st , 7 th , and 8 th , plus all out of state transfer students). Written documentation (including year) of varicella disease from parent, guardian, or health care provider will be accepted.
All students not listed above (grades 1 through 6 and 8 through 12)	3 doses of DTaP, DTP, DT, or Td vaccine, one given on or after the 4 th birthday, 3 doses of polio vaccine 2 doses of MMR vaccine, given on or after 12 months of age and separated by at least one month, 3 doses of pediatric Hepatitis B vaccine or 2 doses of adolescent vaccine if student is 11-15 years of age Varicella is not required in 2005-2006 (Varicella is required for kindergartners, 1 st , 7 th , & 8 th graders for the 2005-2006 school year)

Source: Nebraska Immunization Program, Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, 2005. For additional information, call 402-471-6422.

The School Rules & Regulations are available on the internet: <http://www.hhs.state.ne.us/rar123.htm> (Title 173: Control of Communicable Diseases - Chapter 3; revised and implemented 2004)

INFORMATION AND GUIDELINES FOR PONCA HIGH SCHOOL'S PROM DANCE & AFTER PROM 2006

Parents: Please make sure your son/daughter has purchased a park sticker!

The purpose of the following information is to familiarize parents, guardians, Ponca students and outside dates with the guidelines and procedures for Ponca High School's Prom and After Prom Party. Our objective is for all of our students and guests to have an enjoyable, drug-free and safe evening.

1. A Prom Dance will be held at Ponca State Park Visitors Center on Saturday, April 22nd, from 8:00 P.M. to 11:30 P.M. for Ponca students in grades 11 through 12 and for their outside dates whose names are registered in the Principal's office by 4:00 P.M. on Friday, April 21st. A Grand March will be held for Seniors and Juniors and their dates at 7:00 P.M. at the Ponca High School Gymnasium and everyone is welcome.
2. The Prom Dance will be chaperoned by the Junior class sponsors, the Principal, and other teachers. A police officer will also be on hand from time to time to check on the Prom Dance. If enough teachers are not available to help sponsor the dance, it may be necessary to ask some parents to help out.
3. A Ponca student who has an outside date will be responsible for explaining the rules to their date, and their date will be responsible for following these rules.
4. Juniors and Seniors and their dates will be admitted to the Prom Dance free of charge.
5. Juniors and Seniors and their dates who attend the Prom Dance are required to wear formal attire or they will not be admitted to the dance. This means a formal or dress for the girls and a tuxedo or suit and tie for the boys. This means no blue jeans, shorts, T-shirts, caps, etc.
6. All students who plan to attend the Prom Dance must be at the park by 9:30 P.M. or they will not be permitted to the dance. Any Ponca student or their date that leaves the Prom Dance before it's over, must sign out before they leave the dance and will not be permitted to reenter.
7. If a Ponca student or their date practices unacceptable behavior at the Prom Dance, their parents will be called, and the offender will be required to leave with their parents. If a student is told to leave the Prom Dance, they will not be permitted to attend the After-Prom Party.
8. Ponca students and their dates attending the Prom Dance will be subject to an alcohol breath test by an off-duty police officer prior to admission to the dance.
9. If any Ponca student and/or their date has been drinking or using any form of drug or tobacco, their parents or guardian will be called immediately to come to dance location to be present for a breathalyzer test on their son or daughter and to take them home if they have been drinking or using any form of drug or tobacco. Any student who tests positive for alcohol or drug use will be subject to prosecution by the law as well as being disciplined by the school for violating school rules which apply to the situation.
10. As of January 1, 1994 a new zero tolerance law went into effect in Nebraska which basically states that any minor who gets caught driving while they are under the influence of alcohol of any amount, can have their driver's license revoked on the spot for 30 days.
11. After-Prom Party will be held at Harmony Lanes in South Sioux City, NE from 12:30 A.M. to 4:00 A.M. for students in grades 11-12 and their dates. Students must arrive & breathalyzed at the door by 12:30 a.m. A student may attend the After-Prom Party even if he or she does not attend the Prom Dance. All students who plan to attend the After-Prom Party must register and pay \$5.00 per person in the Guidance Office with Nancy Walsh by 4:00 P.M. on April 21st.
12. Students who plan to attend the After-Prom Party will be given one hour to change clothes and drive to Harmony Lanes.
13. If a student is registered to attend the After-Prom Party, and they do not show, their parents will be notified to let them know that their son or daughter did not arrive.
14. Any student who leaves will NOT be allowed to return, and parents will be contacted.
15. Every student entering Harmony Lanes will be breathalyzed at the door. They will be subject to the same rules, procedures, prosecution as a person attending the Prom Dance in case of drug, alcohol, or tobacco use or unacceptable behavior.
16. If you have any questions concerning these guidelines, please call the Ponca Public School telephone number at 402-755-2241.



Music Department Notes



During the month of April, the high school music groups will be getting ready to participate in the district music contest.

PRE-CONTEST CONCERT
 Tuesday, April 11th
 7:00 p.m



DISTRICT MUSIC CONTEST
 Friday, April 21st
 Wayne State College

A Big Thank You

.....to the cast and crew for their hard work, long hours, commitment to excellence and their willingness to share their love for music and theatre.

CAST

Stacie Kingsbury & Scott Heaton
 Sharrell Logue, Zachary Heaton, Mikki Ryan,
 Susan Von Minden, Deanna Markworth
 Tanner Rickett , D.J. Smith, Mike Watkins
 Zachary Kramper, Tim Lowe, Aaron Bostwick
 Bill Markworth, Eric Watchorn, Garrett Peterson
 Andy Jensen, Cody Krueger, Nick Watkins, Sam O'Neill,
 Jessica Watkins, Mallory Anderson
 Carlena Krueger, Kylie Eifert, Jessica Bostwick
 Autumn Conrad, Cortney Rickett, Crystal Rush
 Kim Krause, Jenna Dohma, Courtney Dohma,
 Alisyn Hansen, Ellen Duffy, Brittany Heaton
 Paige Lundin, Caitlin Mahon, Christian Rush, Alacia Krohn
 Patty Sullivan & Mary Hoelsing
 Sadie O'Neill, Casey O'Neill, Lindsay Schnoor,
 Haley Brown, Nichole Lux, Melanie Charleson,
 Lori Arbuthnot, Nicole & Alicia Sullivan

CREW

Cari Hughes, Nellie Logue, Cody Peterson
 Tina Wilson, Katie Ferdig, Liz McCain,
 Holly Stark, Amira Mari



....to the community and school volunteers who shared their time and talents to help create the costumes, backdrops, sets, music, make-up, props, and all those special little touches that added to our productions.

Lori Curry	Opale Olson	Rebecca Webb	Troy Bostwick
Mary Hoelsing	Chip Watchorn	Lana Oswald	Kristie Hayes
Stacia Hoelsing	Bob Brewer	Stephanie Rickett	Duane Boyle
Tori Peterson	Diane Neill	Ryan Jensen	Mike Watkins
Jim Saxon	Ray's Midbell	KES Sound	Dave Watchorn & Co.

...to the MUSIC BOOSTERS for encouraging and supporting the Ponca school and community fine arts programs. Because of their financial support, we were able to purchase the new piano that was used for this year's musical.

....to the elementary teacher's for the beautiful flower bouquets.

....to Maureen Anderson and the North Middle School "Blue Plate Diner" for preparing and providing the cast party meal.

....to the administration and staff for their support and encouragement.

....to the parents who encourage their students to participate and are willing to provide the transportation to and from rehearsals.

...everyone who helped to make the All School/Community Musical the huge success that it was. Thanks again!

Hello From the Sixth Grade

We have been hard at work this year preparing for junior high. In social studies we are learning about different parts of the world and how certain civilizations got started. In math we have been hard at work with fractions. We had the opportunity to read to novels as a class for reading this year, the first was The Rats of NIMH and the second was Where the Red Fern Grows. We really enjoyed both of them. In May our class will be going to Lincoln for a field trip and visiting the State Capital, Memorial Field, Devaney Sports Center, and Morrill Hall. With all that we have learned this year, each sixth grader shared one important thing below that they learned.

Katie A. – This year I learned what a prepositional phrase is.

Josh B. – I learned about Egypt and its gods.

Colin B. – We learned how a lot of different cultures live.

Cheyenne B. – One important thing I learned in 6th grade was about Egypt and the different gods that the Egyptians worshipped.

Tanner D. – This year in math, I learned how to turn mixed numbers into fractions.

Samra E. – One important thing I learned in 6th grade is to be responsible so that I'm ready to go into 7th grade.

Katie F. – One thing I learned this year so far is the importance of friends.

Nathan G. – We learned how to do fractions.

Abbie G. – I learned how to find a biography in the library without asking the librarian.

Jayce G. – I learned how to find the common denominator on fractions.

Cari H. – I learned about the Egyptian times and how the people lived.

Shane H. – We learned about Mesopotamia.

Ricky K. – I learned how Buddhism was started.

Kylee K. – I learned how to add and subtract fractions.

Riley K. – I learned how to do subtraction with fractions.

Andrew L. – I learned how to add fractions.

Nellie L. – I learned how to reduce before subtracting when it was really hard for me in the beginning.

Brian M. – I learned how to subtract fractions.

Megan M. – This year I learned about Ancient Egypt and what happened here.

Seth O. – I learned how to make different art projects.

Stacy O. – One thing I learned this year is that everyone is equal, and there is no point in trying to be better than someone.

Jake P. – I learned what respect really means.

Cody P. – I learned how to multiply 3 numbers.

Megan R. – I learned what a good teacher Miss White is and about Mesopotamia.

Rylee R. – I learned about different countries and their beliefs about Christmas when we had "Christmas Around the World".

Kelsi S. – One important thing I learned was how to add and subtract fractions and what prepositional phrases are.

Tyler T. – I learned about the Mesopotamian times and how they lived.

Jesse W. – I learned how to multiply fractions and how to be respectful and a good classmate.

Tina W. – I learned that handing in my homework on time is a whole lot easier than handing it in late.

Bailey W. – This year I learned what pronouns are.

Meet Grandma Gooseberry

A friendly sort, sporting jaunty attire and a lively, can-do manner. She's got a grab bag full of stories, poems and playful activities for kids of all ages and all stages of learning!!



Salem Lutheran Church
Thursday, April 6, 2006
7:00 p.m.

Snacks provided!



Friends of the Public Library

Attention Juniors, Seniors, and Parents.... After-Prom 2006!!!!!!

The Ponca After-Prom date is approaching quickly!!! This event will be held at Harmony Lanes in South Sioux City, NE. The deadline to register is Friday, April 21st with a \$5.00 charge per student. See Mrs. Walsh in the guidance office to register. Transportation will be provided if needed. This must be indicated at the time the students register.

The prom dance ends at 11:30 and the students need to be at Harmony Lanes and breathalyzed at the door by 12:30 A.M. We need your cooperation & assistance in relating this information to the students to avoid any misunderstandings. The post-prom committee has hired a hypnotist to entertain at post-prom this year. Also, as in the past, there will be pizza and bowling.

Parents will be notified if their child registered and did not attend. The Ponca After-Prom party will end at 4:00 A.M.

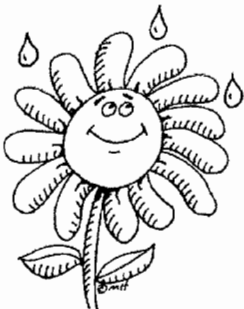
Please encourage your son/daughter to attend.....we are looking forward to a GREAT NIGHT!!

**After-Prom Planning Meeting
Monday, April 3rd - Lunchroom**

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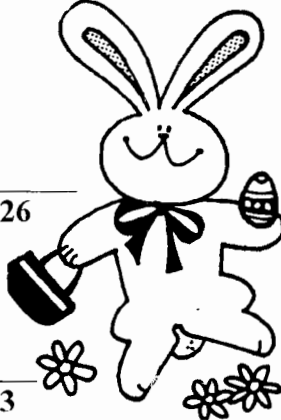


April

<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>
3 Chicken Fajita/Cheese Lettuce Salad Potato Rounds Peaches Roll/Butter	4 Tavern Scalloped Potato Green Beans Pineapple	5 <u>Mr. Stroud's 4th</u> Hot Dogs Nachos/Cheese Sauce Corn Grapes Pudding	6 Chicken/Biscuit Peas Pears Cookie	7 Fish Sticks Fries Baked Beans Applesauce Roll/Butter
10 <u>Mrs. Todd's 1st</u> Pizza Lettuce Salad Orange M&M Cookie	11 Ham Sandwich Seasoned Potato Cubes Green Beans Fruit Cocktail	12 <u>Mrs. Dickens' K</u> Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potato/Gravy Corn Apple Roll/Butter	13 No School Easter Break	14 No School Easter Break
17 No School Easter Break	18 <u>Ms. Wierda's 3rd</u> Pizza Pockets Lettuce Salad Grapes Bread Sticks/Sauce Pudding	19 Scalloped Potato/Ham Peas Peaches Roll/Butter	20 Hamburger/Bun Curly Fries Applesauce Cookie	20 Grilled Cheese Sandwich Vegetable Beef Soup Carrot Sticks Jello/Fruit
24 Goulash Lettuce Salad Pineapple Garlic Sticks	25 Chicken Patty Mashed Potato/Gravy Green Beans Peaches Roll/Butter	26 Pizza Beef Sandwich Curly Fries Corn Raspberry Applesauce Krispy Bar	27 Crispito/Chili/Cheese Lettuce Salad Pears Roll/Butter	28 Deli Turkey Sandwich Potato Wedges Peas Fruit Cocktail Pudding



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NOTE-Daylight Savings Time Ends-Sunday, April 2nd					1 GO-Crofton Inv.-9:00 April Fool's Day
3 GO-Pender (Dual) Away-4:00 After Prom Mtg-7:00 (lunchroom) Cheerleading Tryouts - 3:30	4 National Honor Society Induction Ceremony - 7:30	5 FBLA Field Trip	6 Elem Student Council to W.S.C.	7 TR-Ivan Krumwiede Inv @ Homer - 1:00	8
10 TR-JrHi @ Dakota Valley-McCook, SD-4:00	11 High School Pre-Contest Concert -7:00	12 3 rd Grade Field Trip-WSC	13 Teacher Workday NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS GO-Laurel-Concord Inv-10:00 TR-@ Homer Inv.-1:00	14 NO SCHOOL Good Friday	15 
17 GO-Ponca Inv-Home-12:00 NO SCHOOL Board Meeting -7:30	18 TR-Laurel Inv.-2:00 TR-JrHi@ Winnebago Inv. -4:00	19 	20 TR-JrHi-SSC Inv.-4:00 GO-Lutheran High Inv.-9:00	21 "K" Round-up A-K-8:30 - 11:00 L-Z - 12:00 - 2:30 Dist. Music Contest @ W.S.C.	22 TR-S.C. Relays-8:00 Prom - Gr. March 7:00-Gym Dance - 8:00-11:30-Park After Prom @ Harmony-12:30-4:00 GO-Osmond Inv.-9:30
24 TR-JrHi @ Crofton - 12:00	25 TR-Ponca Inv. @ So. Sioux-4:00	26	27 GO-Laurel (dual)-Away 4:15	28 TR-JrHi-Oakland-Craig-3:00 Clean-Up Day-St Council to help ASK Lock-in - 9:00P.M.-8:00 A.M.-Sat.	29 GO-Oakland-Craig Inv-8:00 TR-Conf Meet @ Hart-10:00
1 GO-Conf. Meet @ Osmond	2 TR-Randolph Inv. @ Laurel -2:30	3	4 Honors Program	5 Elem Track Meet	6 GO-Wakefield Inv.-9:00

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