










# December 2009



Ponca Elementary 402-755-5700  
 Jackson Elementary 402-632-4276  
 Ponca High School 402-755-5701

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 JH Wrestling @ Battlecreek 3:30 p.m.  3rd-6th Grade Christmas Concert 7:00 p.m.	2 	3 Wrestling @ SSC Quad 6:30 p.m.  Girls & Boys BB @ home vs. Hartington 6:15 & 8 Boys JV @ 5 p.m. Jr. Hi Marching Band at	4	5 Wrestling @ Howells Invitational 10:00 a.m.  Boys BB @ Crofton JV 6:15, V 8:00
6	7 Financial Aid Mtg. 6 p.m.  9th/10th Wrestling Ponca Invitational 4 p.m.	8 Girls BB @ Home vs. Elk Point Jefferson JV 6:15, V 7:45	9 Music Booster Mtg. 6:00 p.m. at Outlaw Pizza 	10 Girls & Boys BB @ home vs. Randolph 6:15 & 8:00 p.m. Boys JV 4 p.m.  Student Council Holiday Cake Raffle	11 Jackson Elementary Concert 7:00 p.m. 	12 Wrestling @ Akron Invitational 10:00 a.m.  Girls BB 9/10 @ Homer Inv. 9:00 Boys BB Reserve vs. Homer at Home 10:00
13	14 Jr. High/High School Christmas Concert 7:00 p.m. 	15 Girls & Boys BB @ Laurel 6:15 & 8:00 p.m. Boys JV 5:00 p.m.	16	17 Girls BB @ Crofton JV 6:15, V 8:00 	18 Boys BB @ Emerson Hubbard JV 6:15, V 8:00	19 Wrestling @ Osmond Invitational 10 a.m.  JH Boys BB - Ponca Invitational 9:a.m.
20	21 Semester Tests Pds 1-3-5-7  School Board Mtg. 7:30 p.m.	22 <b>EARLY DISMISSAL 2:10</b> Sem. Tests pds 4-6-2-8 End of 2nd Qtr. (43 days) End of 1st Sem.(85 days)  Girls and Boys BB @ Coleridge 6:15 & 8:00	23	24	25	26 
<b>NO SCHOOL – WINTER BREAK– NO SCHOOL</b>						
27	28	29	30	31	<b>MERRY CHRISTMAS</b>	
<b>NO SCHOOL – WINTER BREAK – SCHOOL RESUMES JANUARY 5TH</b>						
<b>Wisner Holiday Tournament Girls &amp; Boys basketball</b>						

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# PONCA PUBLIC SCHOOL



505 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, P O Box 568  
Ponca, NE 68770

[www.poncaschool.org](http://www.poncaschool.org)

223 North John Street, P O Box 67  
Jackson, NE 68743

**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 too early without the proper clothing for this time of year. We would ask that students **Not Arrive at School Before 7:45 a.m.**

As colder weather approaches, we ask parental cooperation on the following as a measure for student safety. If you choose to drive and drop off your children at school, please do so on the **north side of the elementary building**. The west side of the elementary is **RESERVED** for students getting off and on school buses in the morning and afternoon. We would ask your same consideration when you pick up your child after school.

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**.



**Congratulations to Ponca Varsity Football Team on your successful season!!!**

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**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 5, 2010.**



**Have a Safe Holiday Season!!!**



# SEASON'S GREETINGS FROM MS. RINAS



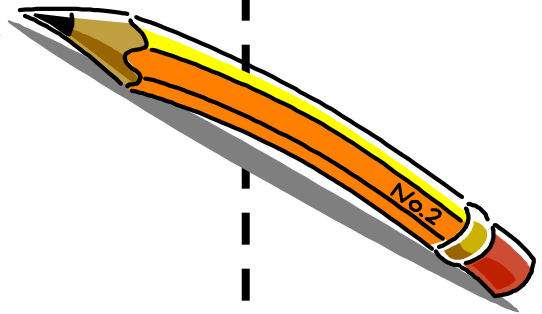
*The 2009 Conference Vocal Music Clinic was held on November 9, in Homer. The students spent the day rehearsing and performed in a concert that evening. Through a taped audition process twenty-four students were selected for the Honor Choir: Eleven of the twenty-four medalists were Ponca students. Congratulations to Ponca School's Conference medalists-- sopranos: Christiana O'Neill and Abby Watchorn; altos: Brittany Heaton, Korah Kramper, Rachel Krause, and Marissa Peterson; tenors: Eric Watchorn, Isaac Bennett and Ollie Reece; basses: Aaron Bostwick and Jacob Anderson.*

*Second semester ends on Tuesday, December 22. Secondary students will be writing semester tests on December 21 and 22. Be sure to check the semester test schedule printed in this newsletter.*

*The month of December is filled with Christmas concerts, basketball games, and wrestling meets. As we approach the end of the semester it is important for students to stay focused and schedule time for homework and study. Second semester report cards will be handed out to students upon their return to school the first week in January.*

*As we begin the winter sports season, practicing good sportsmanship is the expectation for our athletes, coaches, students and spectators. An unknown writer reminds us, "Without sportsmanship, there is no sport. Good sportsmanship is to interscholastic activities what textbooks are to the curriculum. We cannot afford to neglect either because learning takes place in the classroom and in the arenas of competition." May each player on the court and each fan in the stand, display at each competition, positive sportsmanship!*

## 2009-2010 SEMESTER 1 TEST SCHEDULE



### MONDAY (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	

### TUESDAY (DECEMBER 22)

08:15-09:20	PERIOD 4	TEST
09:30-10:35	PERIOD 6	TEST
10:45-11:46	PERIOD 2	TEST
11:46-01:03	PERIOD 5	PERIOD 5/HOLIDAY HAPPENING
01:06-02:10	PERIOD 8	TEST

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



## 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!



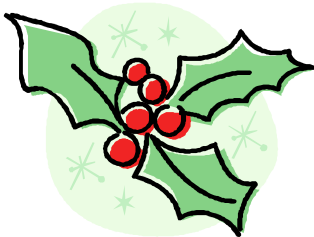
### Mark Your Calendar.....

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

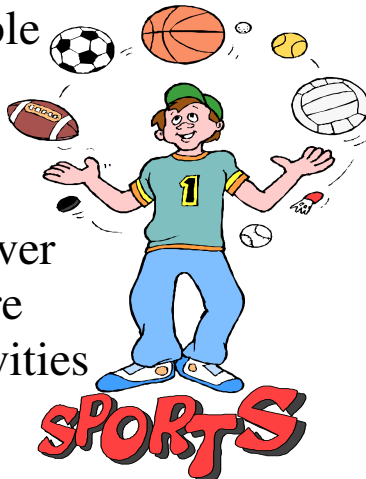
Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup>

@ the Boys/Girls Basketball  
Doubleheader vs. Randolph



### Senior Citizen Passes Available...

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



### Senior Class of 2010

A GREAT BIG THANKS TO THE SENIORS OF 2010, SENIOR PARENTS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS THAT HELPED SUPPORT THE SENIOR CLASS BREAKFAST SUNDAY MORNING!

EVERYONE'S HARD WORK AND SUPPORT MADE THIS A VERY SUCCESSFUL EVENT!

SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS TO MARY JO DIERKING WHO WAS THE WINNER OF THE 32" TELEVISION RAFFLE.

The following email was received by Mr. Bob Hayes, Athletic Director at Ponca.

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*Bob,*

*I wanted to thank you for all the school did for our team last night. I'm sure as a coach you know how I'm feeling today but the sting is certainly less because I feel like the team that we lost to was a little better and an absolute class act. Your town and your school exemplified what high school sports are all about. From the sign welcoming us to town, to the meal afterwards, to just watching the way your fans treated your kids was just plain pure class. Please let your Coaches, kids and citizens know how much they were appreciated.*

*Congratulations and know that The Aquinas Monarch Football team will be rooting for you to win a State Championship.*

**Jack Klosterman**  
**David City, NE**

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Ponca Public School  
Ponca, Nebraska 68770

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**December 2009**

**PONCA PUBLIC SCHOOL**



*Ponca High School*  
*1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Honor Roll*  
*2009-2010*

<i>Seniors</i>	<i>Juniors</i>	<i>Sophomores</i>
Kelsey Beacom Josh Bennett Nolan Block Zach Brewer Haley Brown Jared Curry Chris Dohma <b>*Ben Gehring</b> <b>*Austin Hansen</b> <b>*Brittany Heaton</b> Kayla Herfel Heather Husen Sharrell Logue <b>*Joel Markworth</b> Amber Stark Josh Watchorn	*Aaron Bostwick Scott Braun <b>*Kash Echtenkamp</b> <b>*Korah Kramper</b> <b>*Nichole Lux</b> Luke Markworth Marissa Peterson Allison Pick Lindsay Schnoor Eric Watchorn Jesse Way	<b>*Katie Anderson</b> <b>*Kayla Beacom</b> Josh Block Colin Brandt Cheyenne Brown <b>*Tylar Greenleaf</b> <b>*Shane Husen</b> <b>*Andrew Larsen</b> <b>*Nellie Logue</b> Seth O'Neill Trenton Peterson Rylee Rich Kelsi Stoos Jesse Walsh Bailey Wimmer
<i>Freshman</i>	<i>8<sup>th</sup> Grade</i>	<i>7<sup>th</sup> Grade</i>
Allie Albrecht Isaac Bennett Madison Book Tanner Boyle Sam Burki Lauren Conrad <b>*Samantha Gill</b> Zach Kvidera <b>*Jonathan Larsen</b> Laikyn Libby Heather Lieber <b>*Josh Masin</b> <b>*Christiana O'Neill</b> Jacob Oswald Ryan Pedersen Erin Persinger <b>*Megan Pollard</b> Krystal Richards Dillon Rickett <b>*Austin Schweers</b> <b>*Mattie Schweers</b> <b>*Patrick Watchorn</b>	Brandon Bauman Connor Brandt Aaron Carlson Lorena Carmona Charlie Charlson Madison Charlson <b>*Hannah Cook</b> Tyler Davis Anthony Gehring Brandon Hamar Zach Heaton Gavin Richards Christian Rush James Stark	Hannah Albrecht Angelica Antonio <b>*Lauren Brickett</b> <b>*Kianna Kramper</b> Lindsey Kvidera Bailey Maise Mackenzie Niemeier Colton Oswald Hailey Pollard Alex Rickett <b>*Jada Rush</b> <b>*Ethan Swick</b> Michael Walsh
<p><b>*Denotes "A" Honor Roll Students</b>  <b>(students must earn at least a 93 numerical grade)</b></p> <p><b>"B" Honor Roll</b>  <b>(students must earn at least an 85 numerical grade)</b></p>		

***Character...Our Choice***





# HOLIDAY Music

## December Music Dates



December 1st 7:00pm  
Ponca Elementary Concert  
Grades 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>

December 11th 7:00 p.m.  
Jackson Elementary Program  
@ Ponca Gymnasium  
Grades PreK – 2nd

December 3rd  
Jr. High Marching Band  
Half-Time Show during  
Hartington Basketball Game

December 14<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m.  
Jr. High/High School  
Christmas Concert

Music Booster Meeting  
Wednesday, December 9  
6:00 p.m. at Outlaw Pizza

January 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Music Booster Soup Supper

**THANK YOU**

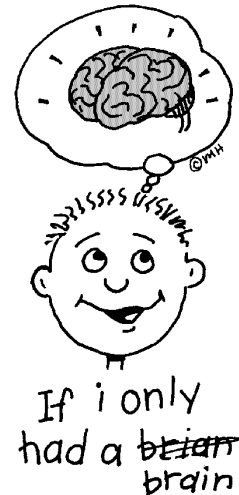
**THANK YOU**

*We had a lot of help from our Music Boosters during the State Football Play-Offs. Our concession stand wouldn't have been so successful without your help!! We extend a **BIG** thank you!!!!*

## Sr./Jr. Quiz Bowl Team

**Congratulations to the Sr/Jr Quiz Bowl team for their 2nd place finish at the L & C Conference Quiz Bowl competition on November 10th. This is the highest Ponca has finished in at least 15 years! The team consisted of Ben Gehring, Austin Hansen, Jayce Gustafson, and Kash Echtenkamp. The So/Jr team consisted of Seth O'Neill, Jesse Walsh, Sam Burki, and Josh Masin. The young squad finished with a record of 1-2.**

**They performed well, but let their nerves get to them! Experience will pay off for them next year!**



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 of these policies of nondiscrimination:

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

8930 Ward Parkway, Suite 2037, Kansas City, MO 64114 (816) 268-0550 FAX (816) 823-1404; TDD (800) 437-0833



# Veteran's Day Program



## “Rosie the Riveter” visits Ponca Public School

In honor of Veterans Day Wednesday, November. 11, 2009, Ponca Public School hosted a school and community-wide program entitled, Life “Back Home” during WWII to honor the men and women who have served and who are currently serving in the military.

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

Elementary and High School student council presidents, Timmy Hayes and Brittany Heaton gave the welcome. Elementary student council vice president Elizabeth Watchorn led everyone in saying the Pledge of Allegiance. High school student council member Kash Ecktenkamp read a proclamation written by President Obama following the National Anthem played by the band which was directed by Mrs. Amy Hansen. The band also played “From Sea to Shining Sea”.

Mrs. Fran Hassler along with high school student council members Josh Block, Kayla Beacom and Patrick Watchorn provided a videotaped interview with Arlene Everton, Helen Fluery, Jan Rahn, and Jean Armstrong who talked about life “Back Home” during WWII. The women gave fascinating accounts of their jobs working in an ammunition plant in Hastings, NE, drilling holes in sheets of aluminum to be riveted together (thus” Rosie the Riveter”) to make airplanes at the Martin plant which is now part of Offutt Air Force Base located by Omaha, NE, and helping can pork shoulders in Sioux City, IA to send to U.S. troops in Germany. Memories were shared of collecting scrap metal around town and from the creeks and hauling the metal in little red wagons to pile it in the middle of town, so it could be used in the war effort. “Lights Out” drills were discussed where a town siren would sound and everyone had to turn their lights off so the towns would be all dark and could not be seen from the air if enemy aircraft would fly over. Rationing was another book of rationing stamps that they had to use if they needed anything such as sugar or gas. When the stamps ran out then they could not get those items.

Following the video interview the high school choir sang the song “Blades of Grass and Pure White Stones” directed by Mrs. Hansen. High school student council member Korah Kramper recognized the veterans and military personnel who were in attendance at the ceremony after high school student council secretary Heather Husen read “Why We Honor Veterans”. Closing remarks were given by high school student council vice president Andrew Watchorn.

**Blue Drawstring Bags with  
“Ponca Go Big Blue”  
imprinted on front. \$5.00  
each while supplies last.**

**Please contact Mrs. Hartman at  
the school, if you are interested.**



# 2009-2010 WINTER CONCESSION STAND SCHEDULE

(Check newsletter calendar for game times)

## December 3<sup>rd</sup>—G&B BB vs. Hartington

Contact Person: Carol Conrad  
Doug and Christina Luebbe  
Rick and Diane Rush

## December 8<sup>th</sup>—GBB vs. Elk Point-Jefferson

Contact Person: Wendy Masin  
Brett and Jenny Eifert  
Chad and Missy Chicoine

## December 10<sup>th</sup>—G&B BB vs. Randolph

Contact Person: Dawn Bostwick  
Jason and Paula Cook  
Nick and Kristina Sullivan  
Mary Rager  
Heather Tibbetts

## January 12<sup>th</sup>—G&B BB vs. Wakefield

Contact Person: Kari Richards  
Brad and Lynelle Krohn  
Jeff and Heidi Rush

## January 16<sup>th</sup>—BB vs. Elk Point-Jefferson

Contact Person: Julie Kramper  
Gregg and Donna Pollard  
Derek and Staci Holgate

## January 22<sup>nd</sup>—G&B BB vs. Bancroft-Rosalie

Contact Person: Dawn Bostwick  
Gary and Sue Smith  
Jeff and Tami Pick  
Bob and Michelle Finnegan

## January 26<sup>th</sup>—G&B BB vs. Hartington CC

Contact Person: Carol Conrad  
Jim and Maureen Anderson  
Bill and Sheryl Persinger  
Jeff and Stacey Swick

## January 28<sup>th</sup>—GB vs. Newcastle

Contact Person: Wendy Masin  
Dennis and Tina Rickett  
Kevin and Angie Niemeier

## February 11<sup>th</sup>—GB vs. Homer

Contact Person: Kari Richards  
Brian and Angie Fernau  
Miranda Kinnear  
Marcia Millard

## February 12<sup>th</sup>—BB vs. Homer

Contact Person: Julie Kramper  
Jack and Sally Eiler  
Bob and Carrie Lux

## Substitutes:


Bernadine Merical  
Duane and Patti Boyle  
Steven and Christy Schweers  
Rod and Holly Brown  
Dan and Debbie Stowe  
Mary Granato  
Mikel O'Neill  
Joaquin Vasquez and Ana Flores  
Sheldon and Cyndi Koeppel  
Lisa Peterson





# DECEMBER 2009

Milk served daily

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 Beef Taco Lettuce Tri-Tater Apple	2 Tomato Soup Grilled Cheese Carrot Sticks Pears	3 Scalloped Potato/Ham Green Beans Pineapple Roll and Butter	4 Turkey Pot Pie Peas Fruit Cocktail Banana Bar
7 Chicken Fajita Lettuce/Cheese Potato Rounds Peaches	8 Goulash Corn Applesause Garlic Sticks	9 Hot Dog/Bun Nachos/Cheese Baked Beans Orange	10 Pork Fritter Mashed Potato/Gravy Peas Pears Roll and Butter	11 Chicken Tater Casserole Green Beans Pineapple Roll and Butter
14 Chicken Patty Mashed Potato/Gravy Peas Pears	15 Hamb/Bun Cole Slaw Fries Peaches	16 Super Nachos Lettuce Fruit Cocktail Cookie	17 Ham Sandwich Mac and Cheese Corn Whipped Jello	18 Turkey Gravy Mashed Potato Green Beans Pineapple Roll and Butter
21 Corn Dogs Baked Beans Smiley Fries Pears	<b>NO</b>	<b>SCHOOL</b>		
	<small>222</small>			