

May 2010

PONCA PUBLIC SCHOOL

505 3rd Street, P O Box 568
Ponca, NE 68770

www.poncaschool.org

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



From the Superintendent's Desk...

Welcome to May 2010 and the end of another great school year. Commencement exercises are scheduled for **Friday, May 14th, at 7:00 p.m. in the high school gymnasium.** School will be dismissed at **1:30 p.m. on the 14th.** On behalf of the teachers, administration, school board and staff at Ponca Public Schools, I extend our most sincere congratulations to our graduating seniors and their parents. I also want to remind our graduates that your association with our school does not end with commencement exercises. You are part of our school system and should you ever need assistance in your future endeavors, please do not hesitate to stop in or give us a call.

Our last day of attendance for all students will be **Wednesday, May 26nd, with a 1:30 p.m. dismissal.**

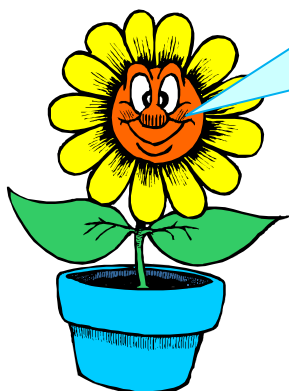
I want to take this opportunity to personally say “thank you” to all of you who support our school and community on a daily and ongoing basis. In a time when the importance of family and “community” is so critical, we all need to take a minute and appreciate the community in which we live. The continuous support, assistance, and reinforcement we all enjoy from our community is simply outstanding and a tribute to each and all of you! Our school and community would and could not prosper without that type of commitment.

Community support was never so more evident than in the passing of the bond issue in September for the new high school. Work on the project since September, has been continuous, although maybe not as visible as we now see what is happening on the “west block.” Work during the summer months will be largely preparation work for the start of putting up the building. For a large part of the summer, you will see excavation and dirt work on the site. Foundations will be dug and poured. Footings, floors and walls will be poured. Depending on weather and work conditions during the summer, around August 1st, the steel structure will be erected. When school for next year starts on August 18th, the new high school building itself will start to take shape.

While most of the students and staff are out of the building during June, July and early August, several of us are here throughout the summer, so don't hesitate to stop in or call as any questions, concerns, or suggestions arise. As we bid farewell and “good luck” to the Class of 2010, come August, we will welcome to our schools the Class of 2023.

This has been championship year at Ponca Public Schools! Have a terrific and safe summer 2010!!

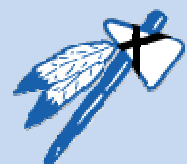
Mr. T.



Summer is Coming!!!

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NOTES FROM MS. RINAS....

The end of the school year provides us the opportunities to enjoy and attend several special programs where we honor and celebrate the academic achievements of our students. On April 22, eleven young men and women were inducted into the Ponca chapter of the National Honor Society. Congratulations are extended to new inductees, Kayla Herfel, Kash Echtenkamp, Lindsay Schnoor, Eric Watchorn, Jesse Way, Colin Brandt, Cheyenne Brown, Shane Husen, Nellie Logue, Rylee Rich, and Kelsi Stoos.

On Wednesday, April 28, senior, Benjamin Gehring will be traveling to Sioux City to participate in the "Best of Class" taping. Ben along with other top students from Nebraska, South Dakota and Iowa will be recognized and featured on KCAU-TV throughout the graduation season. Congratulations to Ben for achieving the "Best of Class" honors and representing Ponca Public School!

The 2009-10 Academic Honors Program is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 6, 2010. Students in grades 7-12 will be recognized for their achievements in academics, FBLA, National Honor Society, Student Council, and as class officers. Please join us in honoring our students and congratulating them for their dedication and achievements throughout this school year.

Students will write semester tests on May 25 and 26. Students in grades 9-11 who have an 85% or better grade average in a class and have not exceeded the allowable eight absences for second semester are exempt from writing semester tests in the qualified classes.

During semester testing days, 9-11 students who meet the criteria may be released from their semester testing periods with a parental note. Grades 9-11 students may also be released from study halls with parental permission during semester testing days. Students who are released must leave the school building and grounds unless they are under direct supervision of school personnel.

The second semester testing schedule is printed in this newsletter. Note that the semester testing schedule will end at 1:30 on both days. All students will be released both days at 1:30 p.m. School lunch will be served on the semester testing days.

The Class of 2010 is counting down the days until graduation. Graduation has been set for 7:00 p.m. on Friday, May 14. The class is commended for their academic and activity achievements and wished a bright future as they continue to pursue their goals.



***Congratulations,
Ben Gehring!!!
KCAU-TV's
"Best of Class"***

Semester 2 Test Schedule 2009-2010

Tuesday (May 25)

8:15-9:15 Period 4 Test
9:15-9:27 Break
9:30-10:30 Period 5 Test
10:30-10:42 Break
10:45-11:45 Period 7 Test
11:45-12:15 Lunch
12:15-1:15 Period 8 Test
1:15-1:30 Final Check-out

Wednesday (May 26)

8:15-9:15 Period 1 Test
9:15-9:27 Break
9:30-10:30 Period 3 Test
10:30-10:42 Break
10:45-11:45 Period 2 Test
11:45-12:15 Lunch
12:15-1:15 Period 6 Test
1:15-1:30 Final Check-out

STUDENTS WHO HAVE FEWER THEN NINE ABSENCES FOR THE SEMESTER AND A SEMESTER GRADE OF 85% OR BETTER IN A CLASS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO WRITE SECOND SEMESTER TESTS IN CLASSES THAT MEET TWO SEMESTERS OR IN SINGLE SEMESTER CLASSES THAT ONLY MEET SECOND SEMESTER.

9-12 STUDENTS WHO HAVE A SCHEDULED STUDY HALL OR ARE EXEMPT FROM WRITING SEMESTER TESTS MAY BE EXCUSED WITH WRITTEN PERMISSION FROM A PARENT/GUARDIAN.

STUDENTS MUST BE OUT OF THE SCHOOL BUILDING AND OFF SCHOOL GROUNDS DURING THE TIMES THEY ARE NOT WRITING TESTS, UNLESS THEY ARE UNDER DIRECT SUPERVISION OF SCHOOL PERSONNEL.

Jackson Elementary News

Notes from the Principal,

We have come to the end of another school year and it just doesn't seem possible. The year has gone by so quickly. It has been a very smooth year for Jackson and Ponca Elementary. We hope you have seen the progress we have seen throughout the year.

We have many events coming in May.

May 7th is the Elementary Field Day in Ponca. Students will leave Jackson at 12:30. Parents are invited!! If you plan to take your child after the field day events please notify their teacher so we can make sure we're accountable for everyone.

May 18th is Pre-School graduation at 7:00 p.m. in Jackson.

May 25th is Kindergarten graduation at 7:00 p.m. in Jackson.

May 25th and 26th we will have 1:10 dismissals. May 26th will be our final day of school.

Classroom assignments for the 2010-2011 school year will be sent out in the August newsletter.

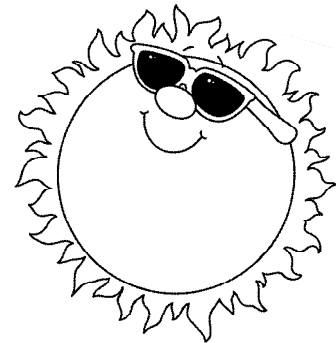
On a personal note, I would like to thank the students, the staff, the parents, and the community for all their support and hard work to make this year so successful. I truly enjoy my time as elementary principal. You could not pick a better student body or staff to work with, thank you!!!!

Have a great summer and we will see you August 18th!!

Bob Hayes, Principal

May 2010 PreSchool

M	T	W	Th	Fri
3 Starfish	4 Angelfish	5 Starfish	6 Angelfish	7 Starfish
10 Starfish	11 Angelfish	12 Starfish	13 Angelfish	14 Angelfish
17 Starfish Last Day Of Preschool	18 Angelfish Last Day Of Preschool Preschool Graduation			



Dates to Remember

May 17 - Last Day of Preschool for Starfish

May 18 - Last Day of Preschool for Angelfish
Preschool Graduation, 7pm Jackson Elementary

After Prom 2010

Saturday, April 17, 2010 was the setting for the Ponca 2010 Junior/Senior Prom hosted by the PHS Junior Class and sponsors. The theme for the evening was "Midnight Masquerade". The Grand March was held at Ponca High School with the Juniors and Seniors and their escorts/dates parading for all to admire their beautiful attire. Emcee for the evening was Mr. D.J. Smith. The prom dance was held at the Ponca State Park. Following the dance, students were entertained at Harmony Lanes in South Sioux City at the annual After-Prom party hosted by parents. The evening included pizza, pop, games, hypnotist and prizes. The After-Prom party is organized and sponsored by concerned parents in order to provide a safe, memorable evening for the benefit of our students.

A VERY SINCERE THANK YOU to EVERYONE (area businesses, community members, parents, family members and anonymous donors) who supported and made the evening possible for our students.

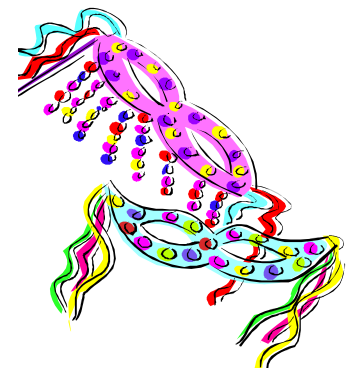
PHS Juniors and Seniors and Dates Attending After Prom

Aaron Bostwick, Kristin Canaday, Scott Braun, Abby Watchorn, Kash Echtenkamp, Nichole Lux, Cara Ericksen, Bob Wiseman, Anthony Finnegan, Samra Eilers, Christopher Dohma, Beth Finnegan, Jerod Goetz, Shandra Rooney, Kelli Goodsell, Jayce Gustafson, Marissa Peterson, Korah Kramper, Colin Brandt, Dale Krause, Katie Peterson, Paige Lundin, Jared Thompson, Luke Markworth, Joshua Markworth, Alex O'Neill, Jenna Graves, Tyler Rasmussen, Jordan Perkins, Allison Pick, Alycia Pick, Oliver Reece, Tori Emmons, Lindsay Schnoor, Conrad Trusty, Becca Ketterer, Nathan Uhl, Sharrell Logue, Eric Watchorn, Cheyenne Brown, Kelsey Beacom, Zach Brewer, Josh Bennett, Nellie Logue, Nolan Block, Cari Jo Hughes, Colton Bruggeman, Jared Curry, Jenna Henderson, Matt Dohma, Hailey Brown, Ben Gehring, Sarah Crosgrave, Austin Hansen, Megan Bottlofson, Brittany Heaton, Sebastian Kramer, Heather Husen, Jacob Torson, Bryar Krohn, Lizzie Heiner, Joel Markworth, Amber Stark, Darrell James, Andrew Watchorn, Kelsey Tobin, Josh Watchorn, Dani Huss, Kayla Herfel, and Dylan Kraayenbrink



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Bostwick, Chad
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Liz McKinney(Glamour Girl)
Logue, Bob & Wilma
Lux, Bob & Cari
Marron Service
McArdles Bar
Mercy Medical
Mid-States Electric
Mohr Funeral Home
Murray White Construction
NE Nebraska Telephone
Nebraska Journal Leader
Neill, Diane
Nelson, Terry & Cheryl
Northeast Community College
Outlaw Pizza
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Perkins, Brad & Cheryl
Ponca Athletic Boosters
Ponca Community Club
Ponca Co-Op
Ponca Summer Recreation
Poulosky, Mark & Fran
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Schnoor, Annette
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TTBN
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Vermillion Ford
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Wayne State
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Class of 2010

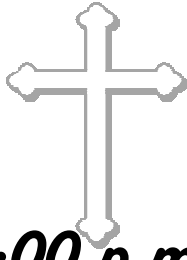
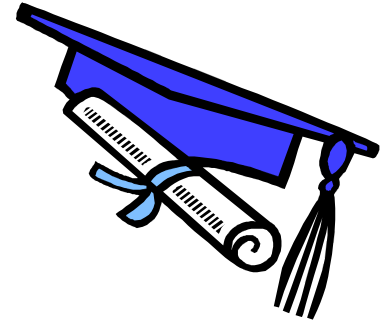
Baccalaureate Service

Sunday,

May 9th

7:00 p.m.

Ponca High School Gymnasium



Senior parents please arrive at 6 p.m. if possible to help set up. Tables will be available to display your graduates senior picture, baby picture or other misc. memorabilia.

*For information, please contact
Sheila Herfel (402)632-4737 or Lisa Hohenstein (402)755-2780*

PONCA T-BALL PROGRAM 2010

It's time to start thinking about Summer T-Ball. In order to organize teams, we would like you to fill out the bottom portion of this form and return to: City of Ponca, P O Box 465, Ponca NE 68770 by **WEDNESDAY, MAY 12, 2010**. PLEASE USE ONE REGISTRATION FORM FOR EACH CHILD. To be eligible to play, your child must be age five (5) or entering Kindergarten in the 2010-2011 school year, and not old enough to participate in the Ponca Summer Recreation softball or baseball programs. To help defray expenses, there will be a \$15.00 registration PER CHILD, which must be returned with the registration form(s). The fee includes the t-shirt your child will receive. Your child will not be registered until this fee is paid. Once the teams are determined, the coaches will contact you regarding further details and game schedules.

Thank you --- Ponca Summer Recreation Board.

_____/_____/_____
Child Name Birthdate

Shirt Size

Parent/Guardian Signature Telephone

****IF YOU ARE WILLING TO HELP WITH YOUR CHILD'S TEAM,
PLEASE INDICATE ON THIS FORM SO THAT WE MAY ORGANIZE TEAMS *****

NAME



Another town will be responsible for arranging the schedule this year so we are only in need of parents to coach their children's team.

2010 PONCA WRESTLING CLINIC

WHO: SESSION 1- 5TH -12TH GRADE WRESTLERS
SESSION 2- K-4th GRADE WRESTLERS

WHERE: PONCA HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM (**East Gym**)

WHEN: Monday JUNE 7th AND Tuesday JUNE 8th, 2010

FEATURING:

BRENDAN UHL

2008-09 NAIA NAT'L QUALIFIER @ MORNINGSIDE
NE H.S. STATE PLACER



	SESSION 1	SESSION 2
TIME:	5 TH -12 TH 9:00am-12:00pm	K-4th 6:30pm-8:30pm

COST:	5 TH -12 TH \$20 per wrestler	K-4th \$10 per wrestler
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BARBECUE AT CONCLUSION OF DAY TWO SESSIONS
-HOTDOGS, CHIPS, BEVERAGE

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: PONCA WRESTLING CLUB

MAIL TO: Keith Trusty

58812 8845 Road

(or Call in Entry, then bring to Clinic)

Ponca, NE 68770

Ponca Wrestling Coach

PH.402-755-2319 CELL 712-898-1179

email: ktrusty@esul.org

IN CONSIDERATION OF PARTICIPATING IN THE PONCA WRESTLING CLUB CLINIC BY SIGNING THIS ENTRY, I HEREBY FOR MYSELF, MY HEIRS AND EXECUTORS, DO WAIVE AND RELEASE ALL CLAIMS FOR DAMAGES AGAINST THE PONCA WRESTLING CLUB, PONCA PUBLIC SCHOOLS, THE CITY OF PONCA, ALL AGENT REPRESENTATIVES (COACHES) AND ASSIGNS, FOR ANY AND ALL INJURIES SUFFERED BY ME OR MY CHILD DURING THE WRESTLING CLINIC/CAMP.

Name _____ grade for 10-11 _____
Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
Session \$ _____
Phone # _____ Emergency contact _____
Emergency Second Phone # _____
Parent/Guardian Signature _____

4th Grade Band Display

Midbell Music Store will be at Ponca School Tuesday, May 11th at 7:00 p.m. for the 4th grade band display. Any 4th grade student interested in being in band next year, should be present on the 11th to buy a lesson book.

Midbell will also have instruments to buy or rent available that night. Please come with your questions about rental and be prepared to purchase that night!

I have met with the 4th grade students and will be allowing them to look at the instruments and try them to see what they would like to play.

**This is an exciting time for the band program.
Help us keep the Ponca music program strong!!**



BAND

SUMMER BAND LESSONS

Summer band lessons will be offered on

TUESDAY: June 1, 8, 15 THURSDAY: June 2, 9, 16

Beginning 5th Graders will meet on Wednesday mornings during these weeks.

Elementary Spring Concert

May 20, 2010

7:00 p.m.



Attention....School Physicals at the Ponca Medical Clinic!!

Ponca Medical Clinic is offering a special rate of \$35.00 during the summer months.

Please call for appointment. No insurance will be filed.

Payment is expected at time of service.

A percentage of all physicals will be donated to the Ponca School Athletic Department to use at their discretion.



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.



District Music Contest Results

April 26, 2010
South Sioux City, Nebraska



Large Groups

Superior Ratings:

Mixed Chorus
Swing Choir

Excellent Ratings:

Concert Band
Jazz Band

Large Ensembles

Superior Ratings:

Boys Ensemble
Girls Ensemble

Solos

Superior Ratings:

(Best of Site) -Aaron Bostwick-vocal solo
Cheyenne Brown - vocal solo
Eric Watchorn – vocal solo
Christiana O’Neill – vocal solo
Aaron Bostwick – sax solo
Katie Anderson – sax solo
Abby Watchorn – clarinet solo
Lauren Conrad – trumpet solo
Krystal Richards – horn solo

Excellent Ratings:

Ollie Reece – vocal solo
Brittany Heaton – vocal solo
Mattie Schweers – vocal solo
Nellie Logue – vocal solo
Kelsi Stoos – vocal solo
Heather Lieber – vocal solo

Small Ensembles

Superior Ratings:

Saxophone Ensemble
Flute Ensemble
Percussion Ensemble
Brass Ensemble

Excellent Ratings:

Boy’s Duet
Girl’s Duet
Trumpet Quartet
Clarinet Duet
Clarinet Ensemble



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Mrs. Connie Lamm
to our library.
We really appreciate it!!!

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We received a check for \$540.00 from Box Tops for Education.

We need to thank our students and parents
for their help with our Box Top Competition.
We will use the money in our Library system.



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Ponca Public Schools - Superintendent of Schools 505 3rd Street Ponca, NE 68770 (402) 755-5700

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



PONCA FOOTBALL CAMP



GRADES 6TH – 8TH

DATES: Tuesday, July 27th and Thursday, July 28th

TIME: 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

WHERE: Ponca High Gym

GRADES: 6th – 8th

(Grade the student will be in during the 2010-2011 school year)

PRE-REGISTER: by filling out the following form and returning to Coach Joe Kvidera, Ponca Public School P.O. Box 568, Ponca, NE 68770 by July 1st, 2010.

It is important that you pre-register in order to guarantee a T-Shirt.

If you have any questions, please call 755-5700 or 755-2111

COST: \$20.00

PONCA FOOTBALL CAMP

GRADES 6TH – 8TH

Name: _____

Grade: _____

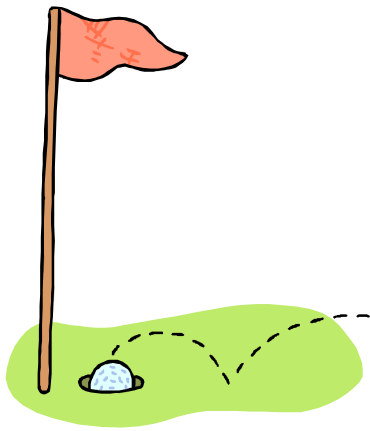
Phone Number: _____

T-Shirt Sizes:

Youth Small _____ Youth Medium _____ Youth Large _____ Youth X-Large

Adult Small _____ Adult Medium _____ Adult Large _____ Adult X-Large

Turn forms in by July 1st, 2010



Ponca Golf Camp **June 1st-June 4th**

Grades 4-6th boy/girl 9:00-11:00
Grades 7-12th boy/girl 11:00-1:00



Cost: With membership---\$10
Without membership---\$45
(make checks payable to Highland Oaks Golf Course)

(Grade the student will be in during the
2010-2011 school year)

Pre-register by filling out the following form and returning to:
Coach John Stroud, PO Box 334 Ponca, NE 68770

If you have any questions, please call
John Stroud (755-2382)

Each golfer will be receiving a towel to attach to
their golf bag with their registration.

Name: _____ Grade _____

Phone Number: _____

Ponca High School Graduation

Friday, May 14, 2010

7:00 p.m.



***Congratulations,
Class of 2010!!***

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Ponca Public School
Ponca, Nebraska 68770

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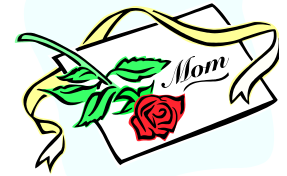
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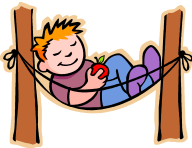
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Track @ 10:00 a.m. L & C Conf. Meet @ Hartington
2	3 GO-L & C Conf	4 TR @ 2:30 p.m. Randolph Inv.	5 Advanced Comp Class to SECC to make Robots JH Track @ Crofton 12 pm	6 4th Grade Field Trip to Yankton Honors Program @ 7 p.m.	7 Elementary Field Day 1:00 p.m.	8 GO @ Wakefield 9:00 a.m.
9 	10 Seniors of 2011 Parents' Meeting 7 p.m.	11 GO @ Ponca 4 pm 4th Grade/Midbell Display @ 7 pm Primary Election	12 1st Grade Field Trip	13 TR District Meet @ Hartington	14 EARLY DISMISSAL 1:30 p.m. CLASS OF 2010 GRADUATION 7:00 P.M.	15
16	17 Golf Districts School Bd. Mtg. 7:30 p.m.	18 Spring Athletic Awards 7:00 p.m. Pre-K Graduation 7:00 p.m. Jackson	19	20 3-6 Elementary Concert 7:00 p.m.	21 State Track Meet	22
23	24 1st Grade Play	25 Early Dismissal @ 1:10 pm Jackson 1:30 pm Ponca 7-12 Semester Tests "K" Graduation 7:00 p.m. Jackson	26 Early Dismissal @ 1:10 Jackson 1:30 Ponca 7-12 Semester Tests Last Day of School STATE GOLF @ KEARNEY	27 Faculty In-Service	28 Faculty In-Service	29 
30	31 <i>Memorial Day</i> 					

Sunday May 9th 7:00 p.m. Senior Parents Hosting Baccalaureate