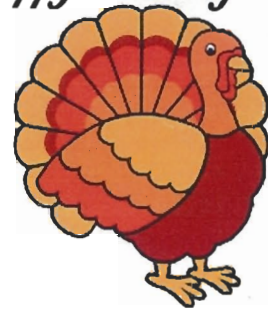


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November Newsletter
2006

Happy Thanksgiving!!



Superintendent Mr. Thompson.....

Parent- Teacher Conferences - The District has scheduled Parent-Teacher Conferences to be held in Jackson and Ponca according to the following schedule:

Friday, November 3 rd	-	Jackson Elementary, 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Monday, November 6 th	-	Jackson Elementary, 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
	-	Ponca K-12, 4:00pm - 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, November 7 th	-	Ponca K-12, 4:00pm - 8:00 p.m.

These conferences are one of the best ways you can learn about your child's educational experience. We invite all parents to attend conferences to communicate with teachers regarding your child, or children's, progress in school. The conferences at the elementary schools will be held in the child's classroom and are scheduled at 15 minute intervals. Elementary teachers will soon be sending notices home with children with the scheduled times for parents to conference with teachers. Secondary teachers will be available in the west gym for parents to see on a "drop in" basis. Please try to keep secondary conferences to 10 minutes.

If parents feel as though more time is needed to conference with your teacher, please make an appointment for another time.

Here are some tips that can help you have a more successful parent-teacher conference:

- **PLAN FOR IT-** Before you come to conferences, write out questions that you would like to ask the teacher. Here are some suggestions:
 - Does my child get along with others?
 - How is my child's behavior in class?
 - Does my child read at the level you would expect for this grade?
 - Is my child able to do the entire math that you would expect for a student at this grade?
 - What are my child's strengths and weaknesses?
- **KEEP AN OPEN MIND** – Your goal is to work for cooperation between you and your child's teacher. Even if the teacher says something you may disagree with, try to listen to what she/he has to say.
- **ASK TO SEE YOUR CHILD'S WORK** – There is no better way to see how your child is progressing than to look at his/her school work.
- **ASK FOR SUGGESTIONS** – If your child is doing well, ask what you can do to keep things on a positive track. If there are problems, ask what you can do to help.



Veteran's Day Program



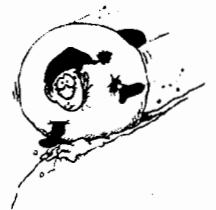
Ponca Public School will present a Veteran's Day Program in the west gym at 10:00 a.m. on November 9, 2006. The public is invited to attend this program along with the Ponca, Jackson, and Martinsburg Veterans/ Auxiliary Women, K-12 students/staff from Jackson and Ponca Schools to help recognize the service and commitment of our Veterans, Auxiliary Women, and Active Military Men and Women.



WINTER WEATHER - SCHOOL CANCELLATION

With the approach of the winter months, it is important to be informed about the process as to whether school will be cancelled for the day, or whether there will be a late start or early dismissal. There are many factors to be considered before making the decision to cancel classes, to start late, or to dismiss early. First, and foremost, is the safety of students, faculty, staff, and parents. Such a decision is not to be taken lightly.

Technology has helped to provide early warnings regarding the approach of inclement weather. Radar and satellites have helped to make forecasts much more accurate. During the winter months, much attention is paid to these forecasts, the track for such storms, and their potential impact on our area. As storms approach, calls to other school district superintendents are made to see how the weather is affecting their area, and what decisions they are making. Traveling the country and hard surface roads of our district is done to check their condition.



Prior to 6:00am, a decision will be made whether to cancel school, or to start late for the day. A phone call is then made to a central number in Sioux City and the information is released from there to area radio and television stations. Information is also available online. The website for this information is: <http://closings.sioxland.com>.

There are occasions when the weather patterns and forecasts are clearly obvious that a decision can be made the night before. When this happens, a call will be made to local radio and TV stations to air the announcement on the 10 o'clock news. However, this is not always possible. Should the decision be made to start late, this will always be for a **two (2) hour** late start. Classes will start in Jackson and Ponca at 10:30am. Buses will run their regular routes, but will be two hours later than normal.

Occasionally, weather conditions will deteriorate during the school day to a point where early dismissal is necessary. We will try to avoid early dismissal if possible because contacting parents is difficult. Parents may, during inclement weather, pick up your child/children at your own discretion. Please make arrangements for the care of your child in case an early dismissal is necessary. In case of an early dismissal, all activity practices will be cancelled.

The following is a list of where announcements about school cancellation, late start, or early dismissal can be seen or heard.

Television

KTIV – Channel 4, Sioux City
KCAU – Channel 9, Sioux City



Radio

Area Radio Stations including those in Sioux City, Yankton & Wayne

Following are some helpful hints as parents prepare:

- Know your bus route. Know who is picked up or dropped off before and after your stop. Contact other bus patrons on your route for information regarding the location of the bus.
- If you are going to be gone from home and the weather looks questionable, make arrangements for your child to have a neighbor or someone to meet your child, especially younger children.
- Please do not call the school or administrators to find out if school is cancelled. Please listen or watch for announcements.
- Parents have the right to make the decision whether to send their children to school when the weather is questionable. If the parent decides that the child will stay home, school work missed will be required to be made up. The child will not be charged with an unexcused absence.



Notes from Ms. Sinaas...

Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for November 6 and 7 in Ponca and November 3 and 6 in Jackson. Conferences will run from 4:00-8:00 p.m. each night. Conferences are held in the child's classroom for students in grades K-6 and in the west gymnasium for students in grades 7-12. Parent-Teacher Conferences are a scheduled time to connect with your child's teachers. The Parent-Teacher Conference is a good time for important people in a child's life to meet and plan the best strategies to help that child develop skills for success in school and life. It is an opportunity to ask how your child is performing academically, behaviorally and socially. If your child has talked about a concern related to school, it is a good time to discuss the matter with the teacher.

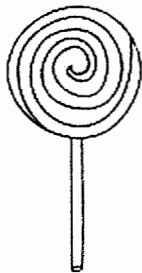
The academic assistance program, "Get 'R Done" will be starting second quarter for students in grades 5-12. Each Tuesday and Thursday school is in session, "Get 'R Done" will be available for students after school from 3:30-4:30 p.m. The program is designed for students who request after school assistance for help with assignments and test reviews and for students who are assigned to attend to finish incomplete assignments. The program will be run as it was last year with teachers available to work with students after school. Parents will be notified if their child is assigned to "Get 'R Done" when homework has not been completed.

Congratulations is extended to Bill Markworth for qualifying for the State Cross Country Meet in Kearney, on October 20. Bill is a junior at Ponca School and the son of Doug and Teresa Markworth.

There will be a planning meeting for any parents interested in helping our with A.S.K. on Wednesday, November 8th at 6:30 p.m.

A.S.K.

Anyone interested and unable to attend, please call the school and ask for Chip.



Ponca Elementary Student Council will be selling lollipops to K-12 students the first and third Friday of each month. **Twenty-one flavors of lollipops will be sold for a cost of fifty cents each.**



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.

Help child learn how to shrug off teasing.

Parents walk a fine line in handling teasing of their children.

They want to take their child's teasing seriously, but they don't want him or her to become a perpetual victim or tattletale.

"Wonder Time" magazine gives these tips:

Acknowledge that it's hard for kids to simply ignore teasers.

Tell your child stories of when you were teased, to give him or her a sense that teasing is universal and surmountable.

Avoid the temptation to cast teasers as bad guys. Instead, help kids to think about why teasers behave the way they do. Is it the only way they know to get attention? Kids can even ask teasers why they're acting this way, which may cause the teasers to examine – and eventually change – their behavior.

Ask the teachers or other adults how they are teaching kids acceptable and unacceptable behavior and encouraging compassion among the children.

A key to shrugging off teasing lies in children's own self-confidence, which comes not from being told to be confident, but from actual successes kids accumulate as they grow up,

Mealtime magic

Do your kids rush through dinner and bolt from the table? Try these ideas to build quality family time into your dinner hour.

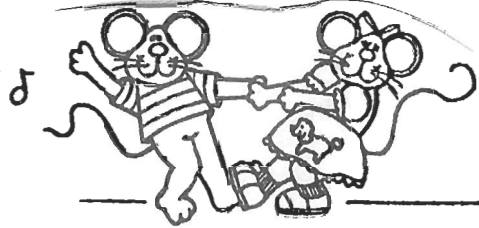
Keep the conversation light. Focus on the events of the day or fun weekend plans ahead. Of course, praising your children for a job well done at school or home is always welcome!

JUNIOR HIGH DANCE

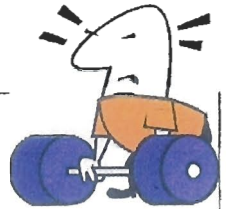
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD

7:30 TO 10:30

ONLY JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS
IN THE PONCA SCHOOL SYSTEM
WILL BE ALLOWED TO ATTEND.



Weight Room Open!!



Beginning November 1st the weight room will be open for community use on Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings from 6:30 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. Individuals must sign in and follow all the guidelines established for the use of the weight room. Individuals must have a partner to use the free weights and **no school age children are allowed in the weight room during this time.**

WELLNESS WINDOW

Take turns. Ask each person to tell one interesting thing he or she learned during the day. That includes you, too. You might mention something you read in the newspaper or learned about at work.

Play a game. Try the "name game." Start with the name of someone famous (George Washington). Go around the table, taking turns calling out another well-known person or character with the same first or last name (Curious George, George Washington Carver).



Notes from the Guidance Office

American Legion Auxiliary Scholarship For Non-Traditional Students 2006-2007

Check in the high school guidance office!

Applicant must be a member of The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, or Sons of the American Legion and shall have paid dues for the calendar year in which application is made.

**Free search of 600,000 scholarships and
4,000 colleges.... www.fastweb.com**

Financial Aid Meeting Is Scheduled...

On Monday, December 4, 2006 at 7:00 P.M., a representative from the Education Quest Foundation (in Omaha) will present a financial aid workshop for students in grades 9-12 and their parents. While the first part of the session will include general financial aid information for all grade levels, the second part will be geared more specifically for seniors and their parents. **SINCE FINANCIAL AID IS SUCH A CRITICAL COMPONENT OF POST SECONDARY EDUCATION, ANY STUDENT CONSIDERING TRAINING BEYOND HIGH SCHOOL WOULD BENEFIT FROM THIS MEETING. MARK YOUR CALENDARS.**

Seniors and Parents: This is an excellent local opportunity for you to learn about completing the Free Application for Federal Student Assistance (F.A.F.S.A.)!

Super Scholarship Website:
www.educationquest.org

look under the icon "Scholarship Quest"
-easy, user friendly -local and state scholarship listings

Parents of past P.H.S. graduates....
(Scholarship Opportunity)

Applications are available in the P.H.S. Guidance Office.

Nebraska Bankers Educational Foundation (NBEF) Nebraska-Based State-Funded or Private College Scholarships Selection Criteria & Award Guidelines

1. Candidate must be a legal resident of Nebraska.
2. Candidate must be a full-time student pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with an emphasis in finance, accounting, economics or other business related major at one of the Nebraska state or privately funded colleges or universities (excluding the University of Nebraska).
3. Candidate must have at least a junior or senior college-level status with a minimum GPA of 3.0.
4. Candidate must submit a completed scholarship application form (available at the college or at www.nebankers.org), required essay, and a letter of recommendation from a bank officer of an NBA-member financial institution.
5. Financial need is not a prerequisite for these scholarships.
6. NBA-member employees and their families are eligible to apply.
7. NBA, NBISCO, KBA/NBA Schools of Banking, and NetWorks employees, officers, directors, and their family members are not eligible for these scholarships.
8. NBEF will select the scholarship recipients.
9. Each scholarship will be awarded to the recipient in two semesters. However, to continue the scholarship during the second semester, the student must maintain a 3.0 GPA. Payments will be made directly to the recipient's college or university.
10. If the scholarship is not fully awarded, the unused funds will be returned to the NBEF in the same academic year.
11. Scholarship applications will be accepted through January 31st and selections will be made by March 15th.
12. Up to eight annual scholarships will be given to students attending one of the Nebraska state or privately funded colleges listed below. Up to four separate NBEF scholarships will be for \$1,000 per year and up to four separate NBEF-William B. Brandt Memorial Scholarships will also be awarded for \$1,000 per year.

- Chadron State College
- Peru State College
- Wayne State College
- Bellevue University
- Concordia University
- College of St. Mary
- Creighton University

- Dana College
- Doane College
- Hastings College
- Midland Lutheran
- Nebraska Wesleyan University
- Union College
- York College

Finding a Good Book @ Your Library

Have you ever read a great book and wished you could find another one like it? Try these steps on your computer:

Find Ponca School's homepage : www.poncaschool.org

In the right column click: School Library

Again in right column click: Databases **NebraskAccess**

Click on the "house" and enter: hobble5 (password)

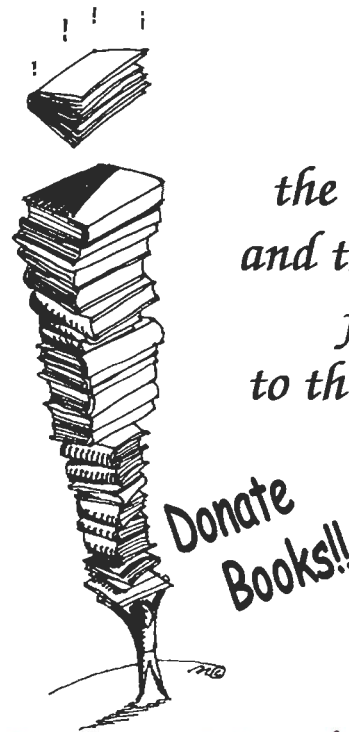
Scroll down and click on *Books In Print*

Click on **Fiction Connection**

Enter the name of the book you liked and press GO

Find your book and click "Find Similar"

OR: ask help from your librarian.

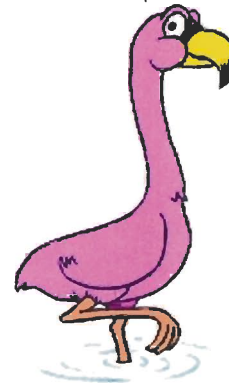
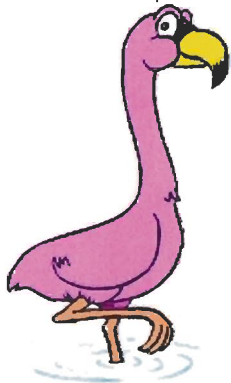


*Thank you to
the Troy Bostwick family
and the Phil Kramper family
for book donations
to the Ponca School Library
this month.*

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

The Cheerleaders would like to take this time to thank everyone involved with the flamingo fun! This was a great fundraiser for the cheerleaders and allowed us to raise money to put toward the purchase of a portable sound system. We are always coming up with new and fun ideas to help promote positive school spirit. With your continued support we are able to do more for our kids, our school, and our community.

Thanks!! Christy Schweers, Patti Boyle
& the
2006 PHS Football Cheerleaders



REMINDER: Mark Nov. 11, 2006 on your calendar as the Community Days sale at Younkers. The cheerleaders are still selling coupon books for \$5. There is a \$10 coupon plus eight 20% coupons for you to use on that date. Thanks for your support!!!
* If you haven't bought a coupon book, give Patti or Christy a call at the school @ 755-2241



Fall Update from the Fifth and Sixth Grade Classrooms



Fall is here and winter is right around the corner. The fifth and sixth grade classes have been busy working on a variety of projects. Conference time is not far off and we are looking forward to seeing all of you. Scheduled times will be sent home with your son or daughter and everyone will have an opportunity to speak with each of the three teachers. More details will be sent home soon.

November is full of exciting events. The fifth and sixth graders are looking forward to their annual Thanksgiving Feast. It is a wonderful meal filled with good food, good atmosphere, and a great Thanksgiving spirit. Another activity that we are excited for is our "Create a Culture" project. The students' will increase their understanding of what makes cultures unique, as well as increasing their appreciation for similarities and differences that exist among cultures. The students will be designing a fictitious culture and deciding its history, how it developed, changed, and how it is now growing.

We hope that everyone has a great fall season and look forward to seeing you at conferences.



Family & Consumer Science Christy Schweers

FCS-I have two sections of FCS this year. This is a yearlong class that gives my students and I an opportunity to really get to know one another. The first unit of study we completed was on Personal Development. This included chapters consisting of the unique you, everyday living skills, steps to success, and careers. These chapters included lessons on understanding yourself and self-concept, making a good impression, communication skills, citizenship and leadership, acting responsibly, the decision-making process, setting goals, careers, and being successful on the job. The students are also working on a portfolio that includes projects or activities related to each chapter.

HEALTH-This is a one semester class for freshman. This is also a graduation requirement at Ponca High School. We have studied making healthy choices, personality and self-esteem, and managing stress. We are moving into the chapter on alcohol during Red Ribbon Week.

STUDY SKILLS-This is a class for 7th grade students. I meet with the girls Monday and Wednesday and the boys Tuesday and Thursday. We have learned various tips and techniques to become a better student. An emphasis was placed on time management and organizational skills. Ask your 7th grade student what 'SQ3R' and 'SLANT' stands for. Having completed the study skills portion of the class, 2nd quarter we will begin lessons on juggling life's choices.

ADULT LIVING-This class helps to prepare our teenagers for life after high school. The chapters studied have included looking toward your future, using problem solving, building character, and balancing your life. Lessons have included topics on values, resiliency, goal setting, interdependence, problem solving tools and techniques, developing a strong work ethic, code of conduct, ethical standards, time management, and Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs.

FOOD SCIENCE-1st quarter this class has determined what food science is, why we should study food science, and how to properly use laboratory equipment. Some of the lessons we have studied have included DNA and biotechnology, viewpoints on food biotechnology, preserving biodiversity, what is happening to the world's population, and how agriculture affects us all. The students have conducted experiments on food labels and nutrition, using an electronic balance, and the importance of precision in measurement.



Technology Updates



Student/Parent Information Sheets

We have received 63% of all student/parent information sheets back. If you have not had time to get those back to us please do so as soon as possible. It is important we get the information inputted into our student information system. The Nebraska State Board of Education is requiring us to submit all reports electronically. Some of the state reports are coming due and we cannot complete these reports without all of your updated information. Please note by not having the information filled out on the information sheets it takes the school personnel more time and delayed reports sent to the state department of education. Please help make this tedious job less work than need be. Thanks in advance for helping us get through this process.

Links on the School Website (www.poncaschool.org)

Don't forget to check out the daily tips for parents and the school success ideas for parents. You'll Find New Ideas for Parents Every Day on Our School Web Site! Helping a child do well in school is one of our biggest jobs as parents. And now you can get help right on our school Web site! Every day, 365 days a year, you'll find a new "Tip for Parents," a new "Idea of the Day," and hundreds of other ideas. They're all designed to help you help your children do better in school. If you have a question you'd like to ask? Try the "Search" option in the "School Success Ideas for Parents" section. To access these great tools just go to the school web address www.poncaschool.org. Click on the "Today's Tip for Parents" or the "School Success Ideas for Parents" buttons on the left side. Below are some of the topics coming up:

Under the Timely Topics

Week of October 30, 2006:

Teach Your Child How to Take Notes

Week of November 6, 2006:

Eliminate Distractions to Your Child's Homework Time

Week of November 13, 2006:

Both Parents Can Remain Involved in Child's School

Week of November 20, 2006:

Help Your child Deal with Failure

Need help motivating your child?
Get daily updated parenting ideas on our website:

Weekly Quiz for Parents

Week of October 16, 2006:

Are You Helping Your Child Learn to Solve Problems?

Week of October 23, 2006:

Are You Supportive When Your Child Does Homework?

Week of October 30, 2006:

Are You Teaching Your Child To Be a Good Citizen?

Week of November 6, 2006:

Does Your Child Watch Too Much TV?

Week of November 13, 2006:

Are You Helping Your Child Become Responsible?

Week of November 20, 2006:

Are You a Good Listener?



The Teacher/Student Resource button has educational/activity sites to help reinforce concepts taught in the classroom. The sites are broken down by grade level and subject area. If you find other educational sites you would like added please forward the information to Mrs. Hayes at khayes@esu1.org.

Germs are Everywhere Wash Your Hands!



Washing your hands helps stop the spread of germs that make you sick.

HOW

- Use soap & warm running water***
- Rub your hands together vigorously
- Wash at least 15 seconds
- Rinse with hands above wrists
- Dry on clean towels
- Use towels to turn water off and open door
- ***Or use alcohol-based hand cleaner

WHEN

- Before & after preparing or eating food
- After using the bathroom
- After coughing, sneezing or wiping your nose.
- After handling money
- If in doubt, wash your hands!

"Whether at home, work, or school, hand-washing is one of the most important things you can do to keep from getting sick and from spreading germs to others."
—Centers for Disease Control & Prevention

NORTHEAST NEBRASKA PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT (NNPHD) CLEAN HANDS CAMPAIGN
NNPHD serves Cedar, Dixon, Thurston and Wayne counties. 1-800-375-2260, (402) 375-2200
In cooperation with Southern Colorado Clean Hands Campaign, El Paso County, Colorado

WAYNE, NE – Seasonal flu, bird flu, mumps, the common cold; the list of the infectious diseases we can catch goes on. As the cold and flu season approaches, many wonder how best to protect themselves and their families against these bacterial and viral germs.

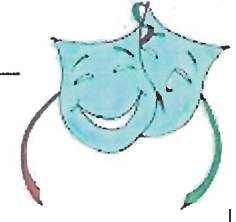
We buy tissues with antivirals, antibacterial soap, disinfectant wipes and alcohol-based hand gel. However, some research suggests that being too clean can impair the development of our immune systems. Concern has even been raised that widespread use of antibacterial products may drive germs to become resistant to medicines. So what are we to do? One of the best protections is rather simple and therefore often overlooked. Simply, cover your cough or sneeze and wash your hands with good ol' soap and water – often and long enough. When soap and water are not available, the use of hand gel or wipes is the next best option.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the single most important thing we can do to keep from getting sick and spreading illness to others is to clean our hands. It reports that a study of 305 school children found that youngsters who washed their hands 4 times a day had 24% fewer sick days due to respiratory illness and 51% fewer days due to upset stomach. It has also been estimated that proper hand-washing could eliminate close to half of all cases of foodborne illness.

The newest educational guidelines also recommend coughing or sneezing into your elbow or shoulder instead of your hands as many have been taught. This helps decrease the spread of germs to frequently touched surfaces such as doorknobs, telephones, computers and shopping carts. "Whether we are talking about a flu pandemic, the mumps or a local outbreak of norovirus, washing hands and surfaces often can be one of your best lines of defense," said Kelly Heithold, Community Health Specialist.



One-Act Competition



This year's One-Act cast has been busy practicing their lines for competition over the past month and a half. We have gone a different route this year, trying for more of a dramatic outcome in "Memorial" by Tim Kelly. This play follows a family as they watch a veteran's day parade and remember their own lost soldier.

We look forward to competing for the conference title in Winnebago on November 20 and districts in Bancroft on November 29. We will also have a parent's performance prior to conference competition.

One-Act Cast '06-07

Mrs. Connors.....Autumn Conrad

Lois Connors.....Sadie O'Neill

Mr. Connors.....Nick Watkins

Sally.....Kylie Eifert

Billy Connors.....Bill Markworth

Understudies: Casey O'Neill, Jeff Markworth, Cortney Rickett

DIRECTORS: MRS. SWETNAM AND MRS. BALVANTIN



A Note from.....

Mrs. Herfel - School Nurse



The school has purchased an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) to be used for emergency situations at the school. The unit is located in a cabinet in the hallway between the gym and the elementary addition.



ALL-STATE AUDITIONS
November 14, 2006
Norfolk High School



SOPRANOS

Jessica Bostwick	Autumn Conrad	Haley Keller
Sadie O'Neill	Crystal Rush	Cassandra Snow

ALTOS

Ellen Duffy	Kylie Eifert	Anne Langhorst
Jessica McGinty	Cortney Rickett	

TENORS

Zach Kramper	Sam O'Neill	Nick Watkins
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BASSES

Jared Crossgrove	Colton Kastning
D.J Smith	Colin Trusty

Ponca High School students met at the Norfolk, Nebraska audition site on Saturday, November 14, 2006, for this year's Nebraska All-State auditions. At 5:30 Saturday morning, nineteen Ponca students from the 10th, 11th, and 12th grades, their music, two tape recorders, two CD players, lemon juice, honey, cough drops, Kleenex, and Mrs. Lowe, left for Norfolk. Upon arriving, they scurried to find a place to begin rehearsing for their 5-minute audition. At 8:00, ready or not, they dispersed to their audition sites and putting their best foot forward, attempted to show each of their judges how well they could sing and perform this year's All-State selections. Selection to this prestigious All-State ensemble will be announced on October 24th. Good luck Ponca vocalists!!!!

Congratulations to Zach Kramper!
All-State Tenor I



Christmas Concerts



Dec. 8th 7:00pm
Elementary Concert
K-6 Vocal
5th Grade Band



Dec. 14th 7:00pm
High School and Jr. High Concert
High School Band Junior High Band
Jazz Band Swing Choir
Jr. High Choir High School Choir



MUSIC BOOSTER MEETING
NOV. 20TH @ 6:30 P.M.
IN THE BAND ROOM.



Lewis and Clark Conference Vocal Clinic
Host School-Wakefield Public School
Tuesday, November 14th, 2006

Each of the eight Lewis Conference schools will bring their chorus students together at the Wakefield Public School, on Tuesday, November 14, to participate in the Lewis and Clark Conference Vocal Clinic. Participating Lewis Conference schools are: Allen, Bancroft-Rosalie, Emerson-Hubbard, Homer, Ponca, Wakefield, Walthill, and Winnebago.

The Lewis & Clark Conference Vocal Clinic has four main goals and objectives:

1. To provide an opportunity for the best vocalists from each school to participate in a massed choral experience.
2. To provide an activity in which students from each conference school have the opportunity to work together in a non-competitive atmosphere.
3. To provide an opportunity for our students to work under a guest clinician, thus reinforcing the basic concept of vocal music education being taught at the local level.
4. To expose our students to a variety of specialists within the vocal music field.

The 24 members of the Honor Choir will be receiving Conference Medals.

A small plaque will be awarded to the school with the most community people attending the final concert. This excludes the host school.

The final concert will be held at the Wakefield Public School gymnasium at 7:00 p.m.

Admission: \$4.00 Adults
 \$3.00 Students
 Pre-School-No Charge
 Conference passes are honored



Lewis and Clark Conference Vocal Clinic

Guest Clinician---Cheri Helmer-Riensch

Cheri Helmer-Riensch is presently in her thirty-first year of teaching Secondary Choral Music in the State of Nebraska. She is also an active adjudicator and guest conductor for show choir and choir festivals and contests throughout the United States. She has presented sessions at the Nebraska State Choral Directors and the Nebraska Music Educators Associations' State and Regional Conventions. In the summer, she is on the staff of the Butler Show Choir Summer Showcase in El Dorado, Kansas and this summer was one of four clinicians working in an educational partnership with the Omaha Community Playhouse.

Mrs. Riensch has served the Nebraska Choral Directors Association as President for two terms, and was the Choral Chair for the Nebraska Music Educators Association where she was in charge of the Nebraska All-State Chorus. Her choral ensembles have performed and competed on the state and national levels of competition and have appeared on public and educational television. They have sung with several college choirs, the Albert McNeil Singers of Los Angeles, California, Maestro Robert de Cormier of New York City, The Omaha Symphony and Opera Omaha.

Chosen Outstanding Teacher of the Year in 1992 and 2000, Mrs. Riensch was also the recipient of the Nebraska's Spirit of the Prairie Award and the Admiral of the Nebraska Navy Award (presented then by Governor Bob Kerry) runner-up for the Frieda Draft-Beatty Teacher of Excellence Award from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, and was twice runner-up for the Seward County Citizen of the Year while teaching at Seward High School. In 2002, she was presented the Alice E. Buffet Award for outstanding educators in the Omaha Public Schools. In 2003 she received the Wayne State College Outstanding Alumna Award, and in the winter of 2004 was named Nebraska's Choral Director of the Year.

As an advocate of music for all children, Mrs. Riensch has created a high school music curriculum for students with severe and profound mental and physical disabilities. Besides teaching her music class for students with special needs, her responsibilities include directing the Freshman Choir, Concert Choir, Men and Women's Choruses, Titan Show Choirs, Co-Sponsor of the Senior Class and co-directing the all school musical.

November



<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
		1 FB Playoffs-2 nd Rnd	2 Jrs. Interview Day VB Subdist/Districts	3 JrHi Dance-7:30-10:30 VB Subdist/Districts	4
6 FB Playoffs-Qtrfinals Parent-Teacher Conf. 4:00-8:00	7 Election Day Quiz Bowl to WSC Parent-Teacher Conf. 4:00-8:00	8 ASK Planning Mtg-6:30	9 Veteran's Day Program- 10:00 A.M. WR-JrHi-Ponca Inv. 4:00	10 --- State VB	11 FB Playoffs-Semifinals Ponca Craft Fair-both gyms 9:00-2:00 Tournament--
13 Winter Practice Begins WR-JrHi @ Randolph Inv. 4:00	14 Conf. Vocal Clinic @ Wakefield	15	16 All-State Music	17 FB Finals All-State Music	18 WR-JrHi @ Howells Inv. - 10:00
20 Board Mtg- 7:30 Conf. One-Act @ Winnebago Music Booster Mtg- 6:30-Band Room	21 WR-JrHi @ Elgin Inv. 3:00	22	23 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving	24 NO SCHOOL	25
27	28 WR-JrHi @ Winside Inv. - 3:00	29 District One-Act @ Bancroft-Rosalie	30 G&BB @ Hart. 6:15 WR @ Dak. Valley-Quad 6:30	1	2 WR @ Howells Inv. 10:00 BB-Crofton-Home-6:15
4 Financial Aid Mtg- 7:00 WR-Ponca Inv-9/10- 4:00 K-3 Tour @ Watchorn House 11:45 - 3:30	5 GB @ Elk Point -6:15	6	7 G&BB @ Randolph: JV @ 4:45, V @ 6:15	8 K-6 Christmas Concert 7:00 State One- Act	9 WR @ Akron-Westener Inv - 10:00

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