

September 2011

PONCA PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Ponca, NE 68770

www.poncaschool.org

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



Information from Joan M. Reznicek, Superintendent of Schools

The 2011-2012 school year is off to a great start. I am very impressed with our student body in the way they have embraced the new school building with ownership and respect. We realize that parking is still an issue, yet, hopefully soon we will be able to change the parking lot situation.

The school picture taken on the first day of school Wednesday, August 17th, will be available for families and individuals to purchase if you so wish. Please contact Bobier Photography of South Sioux City to purchase a picture. The school will not be the contact for the picture.

Do you know that Ponca Public School could receive **FREE** fresh fruits and vegetables for our students served daily in the afternoon? Do you know that Ponca Public School could get additional **REDUCED** rates on our long distance telephone charges? Do you know that Ponca Public School could receive **FREE** grant money from the State of Nebraska and the Federal Government to purchase equipment and supplies for our school? How can this happen? Put in an application for free or reduced lunches. Yes, our school could benefit by having more families or individuals apply for free or reduced lunches. All information is kept strictly confidential. Each student enters their own lunch number into the computer confidentially. If you have not filled out your application, please fill out the form. If you need an additional lunch form from the school, please give us a call and we will gladly send one out to you.

Student, adult, and family athletic ticket passes may be purchased from the school for your convenience. These passes would be used for Ponca Public School regular season athletic events for the 2011-2012 school year. More information about the athletic passes is in this newsletter.

Some dates to remember:

Monday, September 5th: **NO SCHOOL ---- LABOR DAY VACATION**

Tuesday, September 27th: **PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES AT PONCA---- 2:00pm to 8:00pm**
GRADES 3-12 ---- 1:30 DISMISSAL

Friday, October 14th: **END OF THE FIRST QUARTER**

Friday, October 21st: **NO SCHOOL ---- STAFF DEVELOPMENT**

Thursday, November 3rd: **PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES AT JACKSON ----**
4:00pm to 8:00pm Grades K – 2

November 23rd, November 24th, & November 25th: **NO SCHOOL ---- THANKSGIVING VACATION**

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.

Ponca High School

Ponca School made history on the first day of school for the 2011-12 school year as we began classes in our new 7-12 building. It was an exciting day as all K-12 students and staff posed for a group photograph in our commons area. We also were treated to cinnamon rolls and muffins. We especially wish to thank Joan O'Neill for organizing and baking for our first day celebration. Thank you is also extended to Sandy Jensen and Rena Thompson who helped with the baking and to the Phil and Julie Kramper family who helped with the packaging, labeling, and delivery of the hundreds of rolls that were baked.

Our school year has experienced a great beginning. We love our spacious classrooms and corridors as well as our climate controlled building. I am pleased to report that our students and staff have been very flexible in making the transition to our new facility. Thank you cannot be said too many times to our community and patrons for making this great educational environment possible for our district students and staff!

Because the school is concerned with the safety and welfare of our students and spectators at school events, we will not allow children of any age to play unorganized football and group games in the open area surrounding the football fields at home or away events. Parents please supervise your children and do not allow them to bring footballs and other sports balls to football games. Thank you for helping to keep our sporting events safe for people of all ages!

The Jostens Ring and Announcement Company will be at school on Tuesday, September 20, to present their products to sophomores and seniors. They will meet with sophomores at 11:00 A.M. concerning announcements and graduation products. The sophomore meeting will begin at 12:13. Jostens will return to school on Tuesday, September 28, to take orders. Senior orders are scheduled for 10:30 A.M. followed by the sophomore ring orders. Senior and sophomore parents are welcome to attend the meetings. Stop in the Principal's office so we can give you a visitor's pass and direct you to the room in which the class is meeting.

Before the end of September, "Midterm Reports" for the first quarter will be processed. Students will receive the reports on Tuesday, September 19. Parents are asked to please review and sign your child's report. In order to participate in or attend school activities, students are required to return the signed report to the school by Monday, September 26. Contact the school if you do not receive your child's midterm report so one may be mailed to you. You can also access your child's grades on PowerSchool, the student management system. Contact the school if you need your web login and password.

Our first Parent Teacher Conferences scheduled for grades 3-12 on Tuesday, September 27, after the midterm, but before the end of the first quarter. This will give our teachers and parents an opportunity to discuss any concerns they have about a student's academic progress and work together with the student on a plan for success before the first quarter ends. Our 7-12 conferences will be held in the commons area this year. We hope to see you at Parent/Teacher Conferences!

Michelle Rinas
Ponca High School Principal

PONCA ELEMENTARY NEWS

The school year is off and running! We had a very good start and everyone is settling into a routine. It is a relief not to deal with the heat schedule!! The students and teachers seemed very eager to get school underway. Hopefully in April they have the same eagerness!

Like last year, students in Jackson will enter the building through the south doors in the morning. Parents, please be sure to use the correct driveway entrance when entering the parking lot. The north drive is the entrance and the south drive is an exit only. Regular school hours at Jackson are 8:30am to 3:10pm. The tardy bell will ring at 8:30am, any students that are not in their desk at 8:30 are considered tardy. It is very helpful to have students here at 8:20, by arriving at 8:20 they can get things taken care of before 8:30 and classes can start on time without interruption.

At Ponca elementary students will need to be dropped off on the north side of the building (2nd street) and enter through the north door of the **new high school** building. The buses will drop off elementary students on the north side of the building in the morning. The shuttle bus will load on the north side of the elementary building in the morning and leave at 8:00am sharp. At Ponca the entrance bell will ring at 8:10 and the tardy bell will ring at 8:15. Please do not drop students off before 8:00am.

After school at Ponca the shuttle will drop off students on the north side of the elementary building. The bus route students riding the shuttle will be dropped off on the south side of the new high school building. Students being picked-up will be dismissed through the north doors of the building and picked-up on the north side of the elementary building (2nd street). Students riding route buses will be dismissed through the south doors of the new high school building and load on the south side of the new high school.

Parents dropping off or picking up students during the school day in Ponca please enter through the south main doors of the high school. The doors in the elementary are locked at 8:15am for security reasons. The high school office will direct you to the elementary office to sign-in or sign-out your child. Please do not go directly to the student's room. If your child is ill we will bring them to the high school office.

The athletic season is under way and we anticipate another exciting year. A couple of reminders as we begin the athletic season, if a student goes home ill from school or is absent from school they are not permitted to attend an event that same evening. Students are expected to sit and watch the event they are attending, not run around. If a student is given a second warning to sit down at an event they will be required to sit with their parents or guardian. If a parent or guardian is not at the event they will be sent home. Students should not bring footballs or any type of ball to football games. If a student brings a ball to a game it will be confiscated.



We look forward to a successful and exciting school year!

Bob Hayes
Elementary Principal

LIBRARY DONATIONS!!

Thank you to the following for your book donations:

Lorrie Huston, Julie Kramper, Mari Sprakel, Cheyenne Brown, Christy Schweers, Nancy Walsh, Caden and Mackenzie Schram, Pat Leslie and Patti Boyle



***Book Launch and Book Signing
For Kathy Knerl and the children's book she
recently wrote...***

Jack, the Story of a Leaf

*Ponca Carnegie Library
Saturday, September 10th
10:00 a.m.*

Notes from the School Nurse, Sheila Herfel, RN

A quick reminder that all students must meet state requirements for immunizations, birth certificates, physicals and eye exams. If you have received notice from the school that your child is missing these items, please bring these records to the school as soon as possible. If your child received any immunizations over the summer, please send a copy, so we can update our records.

BACK TO SCHOOL TIME TO CHECK FOR HEAD LICE

Now that school has started, parents are encouraged to check for head lice as part of their family's regular routine. Families should make checking for lice as basic an activity as brushing their teeth or washing their hands. Head lice are common among elementary school students because young children have a lot of contact with their classmates.

Lice are reddish-brown wingless insects; lice eggs, or nits, are grayish-white, always oval shaped and are attached at an angle to the side of the hair shaft. Products over the counter can be purchased to control the lice. If it continues to be a problem, you should see your physician.

Some tips in combating head lice are:

- *Check children and watch for signs of head lice, such as frequent head scratching
- *Remove all nits with a comb or fingernails to assure total lice treatment
- *Use a medicated shampoo, lotion or cream rinse, but remember that all lice-killing products are pesticides and label directions should be followed.
- *Check with your physician before using lice treatment pesticides if the child has allergies, asthma or epilepsy.
- *Wash bedding and clothing in hot water and dry in a hot dryer.
- *Articles that cannot be washed can be vacuumed or placed into a plastic bag and sealed for two weeks to kill all lice and nits.



Music Notes



Music Fundraiser- Kickoff: Wednesday, September 7th thru Monday, September 19th

Music Booster Meeting: September 22nd @ Outlaw Pizza 6:00p.m.

7-12 Band @ Halftime: September 30th

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All parents of Junior High & High School students in band & chorus are considered "Music Boosters". Music Booster Parents/Guardians are asked to support the cause by working a shift in the concession stand. If you are unable to work your assigned time, please find a replacement or contact the contact person of your shift.

MUSIC BOOSTERS
CONCESSION STAND WORK SCHEDULE FOR
2011 FOOTBALL & VOLLEYBALL GAMES

Please check school newsletter/calendar for game times.

September 2, vs Neligh-Oakdale FB

*Contact person: Julie Kramper
Phil & Julie Kramper
Dan & Lauri Krause
Joe & Deb O'Neill*

September 30, vs Laurel FB

*Contact person: Kari Richards
Mark Brewer
Rhonda Criddle
Brad & Cheryl Perkins
Gary & Kari Richards*

October 7, vs Wakefield FB

*Contact person: Julie Kramper
Chris & Deanna Bennett
Matt & Teresa Brockhaus
Bob & Cheryl Rich*

October 20, vs West Holt FB

*Contact person: Carol Conrad
Brad & Lynelle Krohn
George & Amy Watchorn
Trevin & Nancy Wimmer*

October 27, 1st Round playoffs FB

*Contact person: Christina Luebe
Jack & Sally Eiler
Bob Logue
Kevin & Angie Niemeyer
Mary Rager*

September 6, vs Randolph VB

*Contact person: Wendy Masin
Duane & Patti Boyle
Sean & Wendy Masin
Dennis & Tina Rickett*

September 15, vs Homer VB

*Contact person: Christina Luebe
Ray & Karen Anderson
Doug & Christina Luebe
Doug & Terssa Markworth*

September 22, vs Wakefield VB

*Contact person: Carol Conrad
Mike & Jeanne Brandt
Brad & Carol Conrad
Rick & Diane Rush*

October 4, Sergeant Bluff-Luton VB

*Contact person: Wendy Masin
Larry & Paula Larsen
Joan O'Neill
Max & Lana Oswald
Kristin Stoos*

October 21, Elk Point-Jefferson VB

*Contact person: Kari Richards
Doug & Lynette Bauman
John & Jeana Gill
Steven & Christy Schweers*

October 24, Conference VB Tourney

*Contact person: Wendy Masin
Tracy & Angela Anderson
Nick & Kristina Sullivan
Doug & Jamie Watchorn*

HUNTER SAFETY CLASS

A twelve hour Hunter Safety class will be held at
the Martinsburg Community Hall "old school house"
September 20th, 22nd, 27th & 29th
from 7-10 p.m.



Students must be at least 12 years old to attend.

Students need to register by going online to: www.HuntSafeNebraska.org

For more information, please call one of the following:

Monte Roeber @ 402-635-2334 Charlie Mahler @ 402-945-2951

Bob Kumm @ 712-253-9807

Doug Smith @ 402-635-2129(office) or 402-945-2833 (home)

**Community volunteers share time, talents and treasures
with students and employees of the
Ponca School District!**

What a way to start the 2011 -2012 school year!

Did you know that the following ladies served as volunteer cleaning ladies
before school started this year?

*Marilyn Blatchford

*Cedie Bogard

*Audrey Dohma

*Donna Lund



Did you know that community members provided all the students and staff
with homemade cinnamon and caramel rolls and muffins the first day of
school? We were also welcomed by many community members as they
served as door greeters, too! The "Baking, Packaging, and Delivery" team
members included:

*Joan O'Neill

*Sandy Jensen

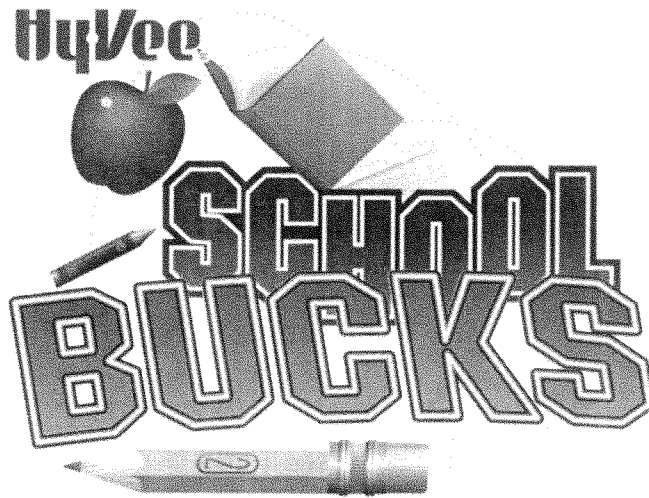
*Marian Cain

*Rena Thompson

*Phil, Julie, and Sophie Kramper



The students, staff, and administration of the Ponca School District wish to
thank these individuals for making the start of the school year one we will
always remember!



Don't Forget To Turn In Your
Hy-Vee Receipts
FOR EVERY \$100
SCHOOL RECEIVES \$1

- Receipts must be from the Sioux City or South Sioux City Hy-Vee stores or the Hy-Vee Drug Store on Pierce St.
- Receipts dated August 1, 2011 – May 1, 2012
- Groceries - Prescriptions - Floral - Photo Shop - Catering & more
(No - gas, fuel, stamp, money order, Western Union, lottery, or gift cards)



28th & Hamilton 277 - 8120
Southern Hills Mall 274 - 1036
Gordon Drive 234 - 1960
South Sioux City 494 - 4675
Hy-Vee Drugstore (Pierce St.) - 258 - 0117

HELP US RAISE MONEY FOR TECHNOLOGY

The following is the **enrollment count for the 2011-2012 school year** at Ponca Public School. This enrollment count includes all students Pre-Kdg through 12th grade. Our total enrollment for the 2011-2012 equals 433. Since the first day of school, we have had more students enter Ponca Public School.

Pre-Kdg	- 17	6 th Grade	- 36
Kdg.	- 34	7 th Grade	- 36
1 st Grade	- 26	8 th Grade	- 24
2 nd Grade	- 38	9 th Grade	- 32
3 rd Grade	- 27	10 th Grade	- 26
4 th Grade	- 34	11 th Grade	- 40
5 th Grade	- 33	12 th Grade	- 30

JACKSON ELEMENTARY (PK – Grade 2) = 115

PONCA ELEMENTARY (GRADES 3 – 6) = 130

JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL (7 – 12) = 188



Athletic Passes



New this year, an athletic pass can be purchased for the entire athletic year. Passes are good for all Ponca home regular season athletic events.

The passes cannot be used for playoff football or conference tournament events. Passes can be purchased during school hours 8:00am to 4:00pm in the business office at Ponca School.

Students \$80.00

Adult \$100.00

Family \$300.00

Senior Citizen Passes Available...

As in the past we have senior citizen passes available for those patrons of the district who are over 65. The passes are free of charge and are good for any activities at the school.

Bob Hayes, Athletic Director

This explains what to do if you believe you have been treated unfairly. "In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability.

To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call toll free (866)632-9992 (Voice). Individuals who are hearing impaired or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800)877-8339 or (800)845-6136 (Spanish). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer."

Save! Save! Save!

Keep Saving Your Pop Tabs!!!

Turn in Your Box Tops!



Box Tops has helped America's schools earn over \$250 million in the past 12 years.

You can make a difference for your school every time you shop for groceries! Just clip the Box Tops coupons from hundreds of your favorite products and send them to your child's school.

SAVE YOUR MILK CAPS!!!!

Ponca Elementary Student Council is collecting Land O Lakes milk and orange juice bottle caps.

It is easy to save:

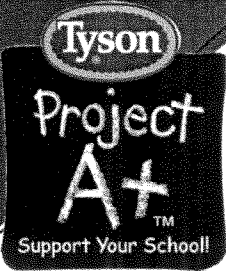
1. Buy gallons of LAND O LAKES[®] Milk, Orange Juice or Chocolate Milk.
2. Save the caps with the Save Five For Schools[™] stickers.
3. Bring the caps (clean and sanitary) to our school.



The Land O Lakes Milk Save Five for Schools Program provides funding to participating schools.

Thank You For Helping Our School!!

Save! Save! Save!



Tyson Project A+™ Label Collection Program

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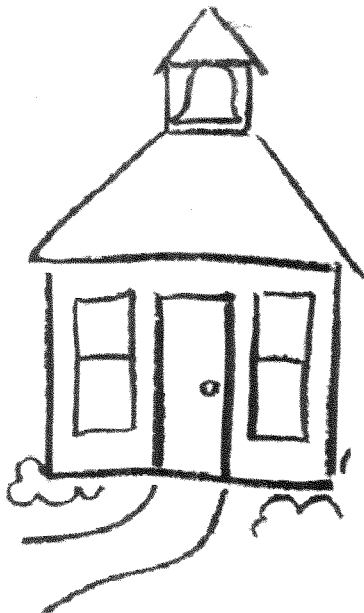
We have an exciting opportunity to share with you. We are taking part in a national fundraising program sponsored by Tyson Foods, Inc. called **Tyson Project A+™**. Through this program, we can raise as much as \$12,000 for our school this year! The money we raise can go towards buying books or computers, making improvements to our buildings, or anything else that we want.



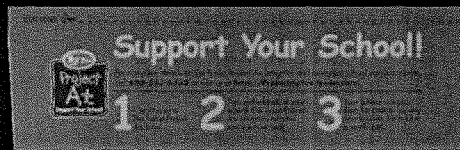
All we have to do to participate is clip and save the entire **Project A+™** label from participating Tyson products. Each label we collect is worth 24¢ for our school. A collection site has been set up at the school where you can drop off your redemption labels.

Let's support our school! Clip and save **Tyson Project A+™** labels today. If you would like more information about the **Tyson Project A+™** program, visit <http://ProjectAPlus.tyson.com> or contact me, your school's coordinator at the number you see at the bottom of the page.

Thanks for your support!



What to Look For



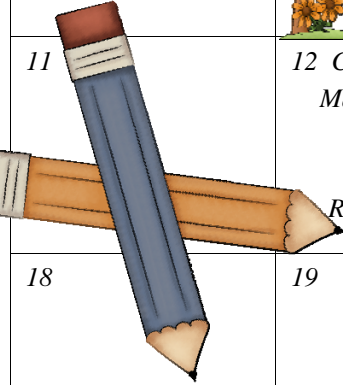

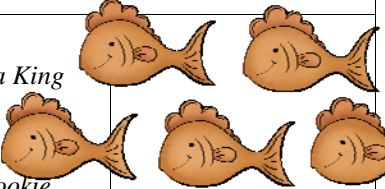




Jackson Elementary

September 2011 Lunch Menu




Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Spaghetti with Meat Sauce Lettuce Salad Bread Stick Orange Slices	2 Pizza Pineapple Apple	3
4	5 <i>Labor Day</i> 	6 Roast Beef Mashed Potatoes With Gravy Corn Roll/Butter	7 Pancakes Sausage Peaches Orange Juice	8 Fajitas Tater Tots Chips & Cheese	9 Hot Dog on a Bun Baked Beans Banana	10
11 	12 Chicken Strips Mashed Potatoes With Gravy Green Beans Roll with butter	13 Cheeseburger French Fries Pears	14 Tacos Lettuce Salad Apples	15 Sweet & Sour Chicken Fried Rice Fruit Cup Fortune Cookie	16 Mac & Cheese Peas Watermelon	17
18	19 Turkey Melt Tri Tater Strawberries	20 BBQ Rib Patty Mashed Potatoes With Gravy Corn Roll/Butter	21 Pizza Carrot Sticks Peaches	22 Goulash Dinner Roll Green Beans Mixed Fruit	23 Corn Dog Baked Beans Jello with Fruit	24 
25	26 Breaded Pork Patty Mashed Potatoes With Gravy Bananas	27 Cheeseburger French Fries Pears	28 Omelet Muffin Peaches Orange Slices	29 Turkey & Cheese Roll-ups Lettuce Salad Mixed Fruit Ice Cream	30 Chicken A La King Green Beans Dinner Roll ChocChip Cookie	

School is Cool



September 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Scalloped Potato/ Ham Green Beans Peaches Roll	2 Crispito/chili/cheese Lettuce Applecrisp	3
4	5  Labor Day NO SCHOOL	6 Meatballs Mashed Potato Green Beans Roll	7 Pizza Beef Scalloped Potato Corn Apple	8 Turkey Pot Pie Peas Pineapple	9 Super Nacho Lettuce Jello and Fruit Cinn Sticks	10
11	12 Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potato/ Gravy Roll Green Beans Fruit Cocktail	13 Ham sandwich Mac and Cheese Corn Cinn Applesauce	14 Chicken /Biscuit Peas Peaches	15 Beef Taco Lettuce/Cheese Tri Tater Pineapple	16 BBQ Pork Sand. Scalloped Potato Baked Beans Pears	17
18	19 Chicken Patty Mashed Potato/ Gravy Peas Roll Fruit Cocktail	20 TaterTot Casserole Green Beans Peaches Roll	21 Hot Dog/Bun Nacho/Cheese Cole Slaw Pineapple <u>HOT DOG DAY!!</u>	22 Chic. Fried Steak Mashed Potato/ Gravy Roll Corn Pears	23 Hamb/Bun Scalloped Potato Baked Beans Apple	24
25	26 Mini Corn Dogs Potato Wedges Peas Fruit Cocktail	27 Pork Fritter Mashed Potato/ Gravy Roll Green Beans Peaches	28 Chic. Fajita Lettuce/Cheese Tri-Taters Rasp. Applesauce	29 Goulash Lettuce Salad Carrots Pears Garlic Sticks	30 Turkey Mashed Potato/ Gravy Roll Corn Pineapple	

Ponca Athletic Boosters Tailgate



Friday, September 2
5:00 – 6:45 p.m.
Ponca Football Field

You may pay dues at our September Tailgate
or mail to P.O. Box 63, Ponca, NE 68770
\$20.00 Couple \$15.00 Single

Attention Volleyball Fans!!!

The entrance for all volleyball games will be through the south doors of the new high school building. Fans will enter the gym through the art room.

During volleyball season spectators will use the elementary restrooms. The concession stand will be in the art room.

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