

April 2014

PONCA PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Information from Joan M. Reznicek, Superintendent of Schools

The 2013-2014 school year is near completion, yet, many important educational days are ahead of us with emphasis on the NeSA (Nebraska State Accountability) test dates. The NeSA test scores are publicized in all of the major newspapers in the State of Nebraska during the fall. Not only are the test scores publicized, the test scores can be used as an indicator for the amount of funding Ponca Public Schools receives from the Federal government and the State government. As ALL patrons of the Ponca Public Schools District, we want ALL of our students to be well prepared to perform well on those crucial test days. The preparation starts at home with the correct amount of sleep (8 to 10 hours) and a nutritional breakfast in the morning. As educators, we value our students and will continue to encourage each student to come prepared for the tests and to perform well.

If you believe your child would benefit educationally by being enrolled in summer school, please consider the possibility. Again, if your child could benefit educationally, summer school would be a great opportunity. Summer school is not child care; summer school will assist students to stay familiar with math and reading concepts. The students will also remain focused on a routine schedule and the discipline of completing projects and homework on time.

Also, with the summer vacation months just around the corner, maintain the learning process with your child during the summer months. Elementary parents, please continue to work with your child throughout the summer months with their math facts, reading and spelling. Use everyday experiences as learning tools. Have your child read during the summer months by going to the city library to check out books. By helping your child throughout the summer months, it will help to retain the information they have learned over the present school year, plus your child will have a stronger start to the 2014-2015 school year.

As Prom and Graduation approach, please let your child know how important it is to be careful during these fun times filled with so many expectations.

Dates to remember:

Wednesday, April 9th: *Teacher PLC* - 1:55 dismissal for Jackson; 2:15 dismissal for Ponca

Thursday, April 17th: 1:10 dismissal for Jackson; 1:30 dismissal for Ponca

Friday, April 18th & Monday, April 21st: *Easter Break* - NO SCHOOL

Friday, May 9th: *GRADUATION @ 7:00PM* 1:10 dismissal for Jackson; 1:30 dismissal for Ponca

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL - YET TO BE DETERMINED DEPENDING UPON POSSIBLE SNOW DAYS

AUGUST 13, 2014 - FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL - 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR

Notes from Ms. Kinas...

If March is the month of madness then April is the month of assessments for our grades 3-8 and 11 students. Beginning the last week in March, throughout April and for a few days in May students in grades 3-8 and 11 will be taking the Nebraska State Assessments in reading and math. Students in grades 5, 8 and 11 also take a science assessment. Our students and teachers have been busy getting ready for the assessments. Students have been busy getting pumped up for the tests with PEP Rallies and assemblies, as well as spending time reviewing key concepts that are assessed. This year, to help fuel the brain, students also are treated to breakfast at school on the days they are testing. Student results for NeSA will not be available until this fall.

Our music and fine arts students have been extremely busy with concerts competitions, and of course the musical, "Hairspray". Our hats are off to the "Hairspray" cast, crew and directors for their outstanding production! We also congratulate Spencer Criddle, Lauren Brickett, Jack Charlson, Alexis Anderson, Ethan Swick, Ryan Bentz and Rachel Bentz for auditioning and being selected for Class C All State Band. We applaud Lauren Brickett and Zachary Heaton for their superb district duet acting performance. They ranked first at districts and will now perform in the Nebraska State Speech competition in Kearney. Lauren and Zachary are the first state qualifying speech competitors from Ponca School in over 20 years!

Before the school year ends, students in grades eight through eleven will be pre-registering for classes for the 2014-2015 school year. Each student is required to show a parent the completed pre-registration form. The pre-registration form must then be returned to the school with the parent's signature before the classes selected by the student will be considered for his/her 2014-2015 class schedule.

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

April and May are the months of the school year when students seem to be out of the classroom more than in the classroom. Spring activities such as golf, track, music contests, and field trips, take students away during the school day and ultimately from the academic content that continues to be taught in the classroom. Students participating in these activities as well as all students are challenged to stay focused on their academics and work hard until the last day school is in session.

Ponca High School 3rd Quarter Honor Roll 2013-2014

Seniors		Juniors		Sophomores	
Brandon Bauman	Anthony Gehring	*Hannah Albrecht	Bailey Maise	*Alexis Anderson	
*Connor Brandt	Brandon Hamar	Angelica Antonio	Tara Millard	Nathan Bakker	
*Aaron Carlson	Abby Hayes	*Lauren Brickett	Colton Oswald	*Mackenzie Boyle	
Lorena Carmona	Zach Heaton	*Alexis Eifert	Alex Rickett	Michael Brewer	
Charlie Charlson	Alexis Markworth	Zach Granato	*Jada Rush	Kari Rooney	
Madison Charlson	*Brook McCluskey	*Kianna Kramper	Alisha Sullivan	Kelsea Fethkenher	
*Hannah Cook	Gavin Richards	Lindsay Kvidera	Michael Walsh	Anthony Galvez	
*Tyler Davis	Christian Rush			Kaylee Hamar	
*James Stark				*Rachael Lux	
Freshman		8 th Grade		7 th Grade	
*Joel Beacom	Quincy Rich	*Alison Brennan	Braeden Maise	*Brooklyn Bacon	Gage McGill
Jacob Bennett	*Shelby Rickett	Casey Brentlinger	Carin Mellick	Kortney Fethkenher	Jayde Reid
Rachel Bentz	Maya Rush	*Sam Brickett	Abby Schweers	Madelyn Fethkenher	Emma Riedel
Ryan Bentz	Emily Schram	Jacob Brockhaus	Zach Statema	Carson Fox	Grace Salmen
*Bailie Bodlak	*Hunter Schweers	Mackenzie Crosgrove	*Alexa VanDyke	Claire Hoelsing	*Morgan Swick
Jack Charlson	Cassandra Stowe	Sydney Harding	Joel Watchorn	Sydni Hughes	Colson Watchorn
Sadie Finnegan	*Derrek Touney	*Sophie Kramper	Samantha Zimmerman	Taylor Lamprecht	Emma Webb
*Andrew Lamprecht	Abigail VanDyke			Ely McCluskey	
Katherine Lundberg	Elizabeth Watchorn				

Notes from Mrs. Hassler..

ACT Test Date

The next administration of the ACT College Entrance Exam is set for Saturday, April 12, 2014. Any student who has registered for this test date is reminded to take time to prepare for the assessment. Tips for taking the ACT include: take a practice exam, "brush-up" on English and Math basics, get a good night's sleep, wear comfortable clothing, be sure to bring your admit ticket (which you should have received from ACT through the mail when you registered), a photo ID (driver's license), and several sharpened #2 pencils. Think "POSITIVE"! Good Luck!!

New Horizon Tutoring Dakota Dunes, SD

My name is Manoj Patil, Chemistry Instructor at Western Iowa Technical College in Sioux City, Iowa, and Owner of New Horizon Tutoring at Dakota Dunes, SD. A little bit about New Horizon Tutoring - We had over 500+ students getting tutored in various courses in ACT, SAT, PSAT, MCAT and other high school courses.

We have also collaborated with area high schools for ACT prep courses.

Our highest score is 35 and average increase is between 3-4 points.

Please let me know how New Horizon Tutoring can help and enhance students in your school.

My cell phone number is 712.204.6876.



HUNTER SAFETY COURSE

Please register online @ www.huntsafenebraska.org to attend the Hunter Safety Class. Classes will be held March 31st, April 7th, 14th and 21st at the new Martinsburg fire hall. Students must be 12 years or older to attend.

Students must have the parental release form filled out & bring it to 1st session.

Any questions, please call Monte Roeber 402-635-2334

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

Charlie Mahler 402-945-2951, or Bob Kumm 712-253-9807

Sweetheart Coronation

The Sweetheart Coronation has been rescheduled for Tuesday, April 1, at 7:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center at Ponca School. The public is cordially invited to attend the coronation on April 1st. The Sweetheart Dance has been cancelled. Arrangements have been made for the Sweetheart royalty to have the Sweetheart and Beau and senior sweetheart and beau attendants' royalty dance to be held at 10:00 p.m. at the Prom dance.



CHEER TRYOUT MEETING

Grades 8-11

Thursday, April 10th at 6:00 p.m.

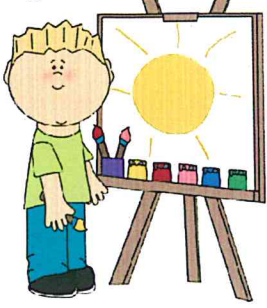
Ponca High School Common's Area

PARENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND



Lewis & Clark Conference Art Exhibition

Congratulations to all the Ponca High School art students who had artwork selected for this year's Lewis and Clark Conference Art Exhibition. All Lewis and Clark conference schools, who participated, had 15-works of art shown and judged. The judging took place on Friday, February 28th. Only 40-gold, 40-silver, and 40-bronze were awarded. The following students participated and earned a medal:



Joaquin Antonio
Alexis Markworth: 1 bronze
Brady Krusemark: 1 bronze
Mario Markworth: 1 bronze
Leo Markworth: 1 bronze

Connor Brandt: 2- gold & 1-silver
James Stark
Lindsey Kvidera: 1 gold
Alisha Sullivan

SUMMER DRIVER EDUCATION

Summer Driver Education Sign-up: Driver Education classes will be held at Ponca School starting after school is out in late May. The cost of the class is **\$215.00** for students who are residents of the Ponca school District, and **\$285.00** for non-resident students. Residence is determined by domicile of the parent with primary custody. Driver Education will be held Tuesday, June 3 through Saturday, June 7. The classes will run from 8:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. at Ponca School.

Requirements in order to register to take Driver Education for the summer of 2014:

1. Enrollment maximum of thirty-five (35) students.
2. Class signup sheet is located in the High School Principal's Office. Sign up by **May 1st**.
3. At time of enrollment, must pay **\$107.50** as deposit for taking class. Remainder due the first day of class.
4. Must be 14 years of age by August 13, 2014.
5. Must be eligible for a Learner's Permit.
6. Oldest students on sign-up sheet will be given preference to take class.
7. Signing up after May 1st, will put your name on the bottom of the list, regardless of age.
8. Mr. Dan Loofe will once again be the instructor for the class.



NUTRITION INFORMATION

Keeping Cold Lunches Cold

Prepare cooked food, such as turkey, ham, chicken, and vegetable or pasta salads, ahead of time to allow for thorough chilling in the refrigerator. Divide large amounts of food into shallow containers for fast chilling and easier use. Keep cooked food refrigerated until time to leave home.

To keep lunches cold away from home, include a small frozen gel pack or frozen juice box. Of course, if there's a refrigerator available, store perishable items there upon arrival. Insulated, soft-sided lunch boxes or bags are best for keeping food cold, but metal or plastic lunch boxes and paper bags can also be used. If using paper lunch bags, create layers by double bagging to help insulate the food.

Some food is safe without a cold source. Items that don't require refrigeration include whole fruits and vegetables, hard cheese, unopened canned meat and fish, chips, breads, crackers, peanut butter, jelly, mustard, and pickles.

Keeping Hot Lunches Hot

Use an insulated container to keep food like soup, chili, and stew hot. Fill the container with boiling water, let stand for a few minutes, empty, and then put in the piping hot food. Keep the insulated container closed until lunchtime to keep the food hot — 140°F or above. For more information, visit the USDA [Food Safety and Inspection Service \(FSIS\)](#).

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."

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.

MUSIC NOTES

Congratulations to the Elementary Band and Junior High Band for receiving a Superior rating at the Wayne State Middle School Contest! Both bands received the highest rating given to bands that day.

Congratulations to the following junior high and elementary band students who received an individual superior rating:

- 5th Grade: Sarah Beach (Clarinet Solo)
6th Grade: Kai Seneviratne (Trumpet Solo) and Shana Seneviratne (Flute Solo)
7th Grade: Claire Hoesing (Quartet), Morgan Janssen (Trumpet Solo), Katie Meister (Quartet)
8th Grade: Carin Mellick (Quartet), Sam Brickett (Trumpet Solo),
Hudson Schweers (Trombone Solo), Samantha Zimmerman (Clarinet Solo and Quartet)

Upcoming Music Events:

- April 14th HS Band and Chorus Concert and Awards @7:00
April 25th District Music Contest @ Hartington ALL DAY
April 25th Pr-2nd Grade Music Concert @ 7:00
April 28th Music Booster Meeting @ 6:00
May 5th Junior High Band and Chorus Concert @ 7:00
May 9th Graduation (Chorus and Band) @ 7:00
May 12th 3-6 Elementary Music and Band Concert @ 7:00



THANK YOU TO THE "HAIRSPRAY" CAST

A whopping thanks to the cast and crew of "HAIRSPRAY" for all of their hard work. Thank you very much for putting your heart and soul into the making of a show that offers the possibility of change and the power of friendship and love. The main and supporting characters, awesome vocal talent, dancing, sound and lighting, and finally the set design, all made for a wonderful production!

"Hairspray" inspires us to see all the things a person can do to change their world. It makes us think about the things that are really important and worth fighting for. We offer a generous thank you to all the people involved in the making of this show and for all the fun memories. It provided a lot of laughs, adventure, and tender moments.

Sincerely, Kari Lowe and Marci Gustman

hairspray



NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

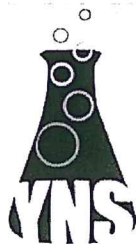
On Thursday, April 10th, 2014 at 7:30 p.m., new nominees will be recognized and inducted into the Ponca Chapter in a formal National Honor Society Ceremony at the Ponca School Fine Arts Facility.

Every spring, students have the opportunity to be nominated for induction into Ponca High School's local National Honor Society chapter. Selection guidelines and expectations were presented to those eligible 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students who carry a scholastic average of 85 or above and expressed an interest by attending the information meeting on February 6th, 2014. In order to be considered for nomination, students returned their completed information sheets to Mrs. Foulks by 4:00 p.m. on February 24th, 2014. A faculty council comprised of five teachers reviewed and discussed each student's information sheet, attendance and discipline records, and teacher questionnaires. Private ballots were cast by the faculty council, and those students receiving three out of five "yes" votes then became new nominees to the National Honor Society.

~Summer Science Camps Grades 6-12~
See Mrs. Wortmann or visit the Ponca school website for more information!

young nebraska scientists

The Young Nebraska Scientists program offers summer science camps at Nebraska college and university campuses for middle and high school students. These are 3 to 5 day residential camps for middle school and high school students. Visit yans.nebraska.edu for more information and application materials.



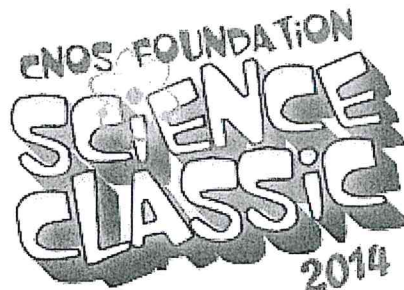
Middle School Camps

- June 15-21 Doane College– Crete Campus, Algae and Biofuels
- July 13-19 Creighton University, NanoScience

High School Camps

- June 8-14 Cedar Point Biological Station– Ogallala, Biodiversity and Field Science
- June 15-18 University of Nebraska– Lincoln, NanoScience
- June 22-25 Doane College– Crete Campus, Algae and Biofuels

Fill out a registration form today!
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JUNE 9-12 & JULY 7-10, 2014
9AM – NOON @ WEST HIGH SCHOOL

\$50 snack and t-shirt provided with a field trip on last day

Open to all area students entering 6th, 7th & 8th grades in 2014-15 school year



Classic Topics

HOW THE HUMAN BODY IS SET IN MOTION THROUGH:
ANATOMY/PHYSIOLOGY
CHEMISTRY
PHYSICS

Attention Juniors, Seniors, and Parents....After-Prom 2014!!!!

The Ponca After-Prom date is approaching quickly!!! This event will be held April 5th at the Ponca Gym. Juniors and Seniors need to register your dates with Julie in the High School office by Friday, April 4th at 4:00 p.m., if you are planning to attend. You must have \$5.00 per person at the time you register.

The prom dance ends at 12:00 and the students need to be at the Ponca Gym and breathalyzed at the door by 12:30 a.m. We need your cooperation & assistance in relating this information to the students to avoid any misunderstandings. There will be inflatables, photo booth, hypnotist, and lots of food and fun!

Parents WILL BE notified, if their child registered and did not attend.
The Ponca After-Prom party will end at 5:00 a.m.

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



INFORMATION AND GUIDELINES FOR PONCA HIGH SCHOOL'S PROM DANCE & AFTER PROM 2014

Parents: Please make sure your son/daughter has purchased a
park sticker prior to the dance date/time!

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

1. A Prom Dance will be held at Ponca State Park Visitors Center on Saturday, April 5th from 8:00 P.M. to 12:00 P.M. for Ponca students in grades 11 through 12 and for their outside dates whose names are registered in the Principal's office by 4:00 P.M. on Friday, April 4th. A Grand March will be held for Seniors and Juniors and their dates at 7:00 P.M. at the Ponca High School Auditorium and everyone is welcome.
2. The Prom Dance will be chaperoned by the Junior class sponsors, the Principal, and other teachers. A police officer will also be on hand from time to time to check on the Prom Dance. If enough teachers are not available to help sponsor the dance, it may be necessary to ask some parents to help out.
3. A Ponca student who has an outside date will be responsible for explaining the rules to their date, and their date will be responsible for following these rules.
4. Juniors and Seniors and their dates will be admitted to the Prom Dance free of charge.
5. Juniors and Seniors and their dates who attend the Prom Dance are required to wear formal attire or they will not be admitted to the dance. This means a formal or dress for the girls and a tuxedo or suit and tie for the boys. This means no blue jeans, shorts, T-shirts, caps, etc.
6. All students who plan to attend the Prom Dance must be at the park by 9:30 P.M. or they will not be permitted to the dance. Any Ponca student or their date that leaves the Prom Dance before it's over, must sign out before they leave the dance and will not be permitted to reenter.
7. If a Ponca student or their date practices unacceptable behavior at the Prom Dance, their parents will be called, and the offender will be required to leave with their parents. If a student is told to leave the Prom Dance, they will not be permitted to attend the After-Prom Party.
8. Ponca students and their dates attending the Prom Dance will be subject to an alcohol breath test by an off-duty police officer prior to admission to the dance.
9. If any Ponca student and/or their date has been drinking or using any form of drug or tobacco, their parents or guardian will be called immediately to come to dance location to be present for a breathalyzer test on their son or daughter and to take them home if they have been drinking or using any form of drug or tobacco. Any student who tests positive for alcohol or drug use will be subject to prosecution by the law as well as being disciplined by the school for violating school rules which apply to the situation.
10. As of January 1, 1994 a new zero tolerance law went into effect in Nebraska which basically states that any minor who gets caught driving while they are under the influence of alcohol of any amount, can have their driver's license revoked on the spot for 30 days.
11. After-Prom Party will be held at the Ponca School Gym from 12:00 A.M. to 5:00 A.M. for students in grades 11-12 and their dates. Students must arrive & be breathalyzed at the door by 12:30 A.M. A student may attend the After-Prom Party even if he or she does not attend the Prom Dance. All students who plan to attend the After-Prom Party must register and pay \$5.00 per person in the High School Office with Julie Kneifl by 4:00 P.M. on April 4th.
12. Students who plan to attend the After-Prom Party will be given an half hour to change clothes and drive to Ponca School Gym in Ponca, Nebraska.
13. If a student is registered to attend the After-Prom Party, and they do not show, their parents will be notified to let them know that their son or daughter did not arrive.
14. Any student who leaves will NOT be allowed to return, and parents will be contacted.
15. Every student entering Ponca School Gym will be breathalyzed at the door. They will be subject to the same rules, procedures, and prosecution as a person attending the Prom Dance in case of drug, alcohol, or tobacco use or unacceptable behavior.
16. If you have any questions concerning these guidelines, please call the Ponca Public School telephone number at (402)755-5700.

Elementary News

Spring has arrived which means there is about 2 months until the end of school. The school year has gone so fast, it seems like yesterday we were preparing for the students to walk in the door.

Pre-school open house is set for Tuesday, April 8th at 6:00pm. Tuition will remain \$12.00/day and all free/reduced lunch students can attend at no cost. **Only children 4 years old and not age eligible for kindergarten can attend pre-school.** If you are considering pre-school for your child please plan to attend. The evening is designed to answer any questions you might have about pre-school.

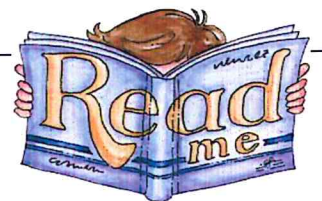
NeSA testing has begun and will continue through April for the 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students. These tests give us valuable data about the education being provided by Ponca Public School. Please visit with your child about the importance of the testing. Please make sure your child is well rested leading up to their test day. Breakfast will be served at school for students on the day of their test.

Our spring concerts are April 25th at 7:00pm for the Jackson Elementary students and May 12th at 7:00pm for the Ponca Elementary students. Both concerts will be held in the gymnasium in Ponca. The students have been working hard to make this the best concert ever. Please make plans to attend and see the future stars of "The Voice."

This is the time of year when some students seem to slough off with their school work. The weather is nice and because of daylight savings time the day is longer. Summer baseball and soccer are beginning and outdoor activities increase. Please make sure your child does not neglect their school work and continues to get enough sleep. It is important to finish the school year strong.

The next school board meeting is April 14th in Ponca.

LIBRARY NEWS.....



Thank you for supporting the Book Fair. A special thank you to the National Honor Society, Elementary Student Council, Mrs. Whitmore and her Spanish students, Mr. Hayes, Myra Woggen, Rhonda Stark, Diane Sullivan, Mary Lou Smith, Julie McDowell, Nikki Carnell, and the community for your special contributions to the fair.

Thank you! Books and materials donations were made to the library by the Mrs. Hamar and Mrs. McCarthy



Preschool Open House
Tuesday, April 8th at 6:00 pm
Jackson Elementary



Our Preschool is a 4 year old program; your child must be 4 on or before July 31st. Preschool is a full day every other day that includes shuttle bus transportation to and from the Ponca school for your convenience. Tuition is \$12.00/day unless you qualify for free/reduced lunches then tuition is free.

If you are unable to attend but would like to request a registration packet please call Jackson Elem. at 632-4276. *It is necessary to complete all of the enrollment forms and submit the registration fee in order to be on the official roster.*



Kindergarten Roundup

Parents who have children five years of age on or before July 31, 2014, may wish to send their son/daughter to kindergarten during the 2014/2015 school year. Kindergarten Roundup for these students is scheduled for Friday, April 4th at Jackson Elementary. Parents may register their child for roundup by returning the form below or calling the Jackson Elementary School office at 632-4276. You may also email the information below to sugill@es1.org. More information concerning Kindergarten Roundup will be provided as we get closer to that date.

Please return this form to:
 Jackson Elementary P.O. Box 67 Jackson, NE 68743

Child will attend _____ Child will NOT attend _____ Kindergarten in 2014/2015

Student Name: _____ Boy _____ Girl _____

Date of Birth: _____ Phone Number: _____

Parents or Guardian: _____

Address: _____

Requirements for Upcoming Kindergarteners, 7th Graders and Graduates

Attention Upcoming Kindergarten and 7th Grade Students

Students entering kindergarten and seventh grade in the 2014-2015 school year must meet the following state requirements;

Kindergarten Students need;

1. A **certified birth certificate**, the one obtained for a fee from the state your child was born in. Generally it has a raised seal and state identification number on it. They are available over the internet or by going to the courthouse in the county your child was born in.
2. A **physical exam**
3. A **visual examination** within six months prior to the entrance of school. This test needs to include testing for amblyopia (lazy eye), strabismus (misalignment of the eyes), as well as external and internal eye health. Reading the eye chart at the doctors office **does not** meet state requirements. Some physicians do not do extensive eye exams, in that case, you will need to make an appointment to see an eye doctor.
4. **Kindergarten shots**. There are several vaccines that your child will need prior to entering kindergarten. They also need 2 doses of varicella if they have not had the chicken pox disease.

7th Graders;

1. A **physical exam**
2. A **tetanus booster**

Attention Senior Parents,

Your child will soon be graduating and several students will be heading off to college in the fall. This is a perfect time to make sure your child's immunizations are current. The two vaccines that are recommended at this age are:

- 1.) **A tetanus booster (Td)**- which contains tetanus and diphtheria. Bacteria cause both tetanus and diphtheria. Tetanus enters the body through cuts or wounds, where diphtheria is spread from person to person.
- 2.) **Meningococcal Vaccine**-meningococcal disease is a serious illness, caused by bacteria. It is the leading cause of bacterial meningitis in children 2-18 years old. Meningitis is an infection of fluid surrounding the brain and spinal cord. Anyone can get meningococcal disease, although college students that live in dormitories are at higher risk of obtaining it.

Many colleges require these vaccines prior to entrance. I strongly recommend your child receive these vaccines, even if they aren't required.

These state required items MUST be handed in by the first day of school or your child will be sent home until we have the records on file.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Herfel at the school Tuesday and Thursdays at (402) 755-5700

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APRIL 2014



Are you new to the Ponca School District or have a new baby in your household?

The school district is required to conduct an annual census every June for children age 0-21. These census numbers are used by the Nebraska Department of Education for state aid and for federal funding. This list is also used to invite children who are at the age to begin school to the Spring Kindergarten Roundup.

Please contact Sue Gill at Jackson School (402) 632-4276 or
Lisa Hohenstein at Ponca school (402)755-5700
with the children's names, birthdates and genders.

Looking for Volunteers

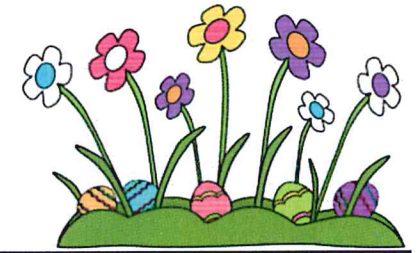
The athletic department is looking for volunteers to help with the HOME track meets on Thursday, April 3rd, Tuesday April 24th, and Tuesday April 29th.

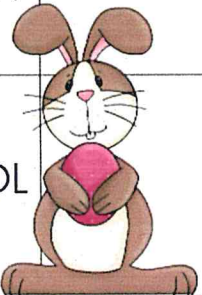

**If you would like to help, please contact
Bob Hayes, Troy Evans, or Jamie Hamar at (402) 755-5700. Thanks!!!**



Jackson Elementary

April 2014




		Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Student's Choice Month!			1 <u>Preschool Class</u> Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Banana Bread Pears Ice Cream	2 Cheeseburger Sweet Potato Fries Pickles Beets Banana	3 Pancakes & Sausage Beans Broccoli Peaches	4 <u>Miss Hoffman's Class</u> Mac & Cheese Kiwi Corn On The Cob Fruit Loops Goldfish Crackers	5
		6	7 Dog on a Log Baked Beans Peaches	8 <u>Mrs. Hill's Class</u> Turkey French Fries Strawberries Banana Bread Ice Cream	9 Spaghetti & Meatsauce Lettuce & Tomato Breadstick & Marinara Mandarin Oranges EARLY DISMISSAL 1:55	10 <u>Preschool Class</u> Chicken Nuggets Carrots & Ranch Dip Breadstick Apple Ice Cream	11 Cheese Pizza Celery & P.B. Carrots & Ranch Dip Pineapple
13	14 <u>Mrs. Todd's Class</u> Super Nachos Pickles Cheese Stick Apples & Caramel Ice Cream Sandwich	15 BBQ Rib Patty Sand. French Fries Broccoli Pears	16 Chicken Noodle Soup P.B. & J. Cooked Carrots Beans Peaches	17 <u>Mrs. Curry's Class</u> Chicken Strips Blueberries/Cherries/Raspberries Cheesy Potatoes Cookie Crisp Brownie Sundae EARLY DISMISS 1:10	18 NO SCHOOL		
20 	21 NO SCHOOL	22 Hot Dog on a Bun Baked Beans Mixed Fruit	23 <u>Mrs. Sprakel's Class</u> Popcorn Chicken Green Beans Mandarin Oranges Cereal Ice Cream	24 Crispito with Chili Lettuce & Tomatoes Refried Beans Bread Stick Orange Slices	25 Pizza Lettuce & Tomatoes Corn Pineapple		
27	28 Sausage & Egg on a Biscuit Tri-Tater Beans Peaches	29 Cheeseburger French Fries Pickles Green Beans Pineapple	30 <u>Mr. Starkweather's Class</u> Chicken Strips Broccoli Dinner Roll Grapes Cake	April 4 - Kindergarten Roundup - No School for Kindergarten Students April 8 - Preschool Open House 6:00 - 8:00 pm April 9 - Early Dismissal 1:55 in Jackson, 2:15 in Ponca April 17 - Early Dismissal 1:10 in Jackson, 1:30 in Ponca April 18 & 21 - No School Happy Easter! April 25 - Spring Concert (at Ponca Gym) 7:00 pm			



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<p>Milk Served with Meal</p> <p>Meals Subject to Change</p>	<p>1 Pork Fritter Mashed Potatoes/Gravy Roll Fruit and Veggie Bar</p>	<p>2 Chicken Tenders Cheese Sticks Roll Fruit and Veggie Bar</p>	<p>3 Crispito/Chili Cheese Cookie Roll Fruit and Veggie Bar</p>	<p>4 Shrimp Poppers Scalloped Potatoes Roll Fruit and Veggie Bar</p>
<p>7 Chicken Patty Mashed Potatoes/Gravy Roll Fruit and Veggie Bar</p>	<p>8 Tavern Cheesy Potatoes Fruit and Veggie Bar</p>	<p>9 Fiestada Refried Beans Fruit and Veggie Bar</p>	<p>10 Hamburger/Bun Fries Fruit and Veggie Bar</p>	<p>11 Macaroni and Cheese Corn Roll Fruit and Veggie Bar</p>
<p>14 Orange Chicken Rice Roll Fruit and Veggie Bar</p>	<p>15 BBQ Pork Sandwich Scalloped Potatoes Roll Fruit and Veggie Bar</p>	<p>16 Chicken Fajitas Tri-Taters Fruit and Veggie Bar</p>	<p>17 Goulash Cheese Bread Fruit and Veggie Bar</p>	<p>18 NO SCHOOL</p>
<p>21 NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>22 Mini Corn Dogs Chips and Cheese Fruit and Veggie Bar</p>	<p>23 Ham Sandwich / Bun Scalloped Potatoes Fruit and Veggie Bar</p>	<p>24 Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes/Gravy Roll Fruit and Veggie Bar</p>	<p>25 Chicken Nuggets Potato Cubes Roll Fruit and Veggie Bar</p>
<p>28 Pizza Chips Krispy Bar Fruit and Veggie Bar</p>	<p>29 Chicken and Rice Pease Roll Fruit and Veggie Bar</p>	<p>30 Pork Fritter Mashed Potatoes/Gravy Roll Fruit and Veggie Bar</p>		

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
30	31	<p style="text-align: center;">Sweetheart Coronation 7:30 p.m. Fine Arts</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vermillion Track Invite 4:00 @ Dakota Dome</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Dixon County Health Fair @ Wakefield 1:00-4:00</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Varsity Track Ponca Triangular 4:30 p.m. (Emerson-Allen-Ponca)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Kindergarten Round-Up @ Jackson</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Varsity Golf Crofton Invite 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; color: #800040;">PROM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Meal 5:00 p.m. (State Park) Grand March 7:00 p.m. (Ponca School) Dance 8-12 p.m. (State Park) Post Prom 12:30-5:00 a.m. (Ponca School)</p>	
6	<p style="text-align: center;">Varsity Golf @ Pender Dual 4:00 p.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Varsity Track @ Elk Point 3:30 p.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">EARLY DISMISSAL Professional Development Jackson Dismiss @ 1:55 Ponca Dismiss @ 2:15</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">FBLA to WSC Business Competition</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Cheer Try Out Parent Meeting 6:00 p.m. (Ponca High Commons)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">National Honor Society 7:30 p.m. (Fine Arts)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Varsity Track @ Homer 1:00 p.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Varsity Track Sioux City Relays 8:00 a.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Jr. High Dance 7-10 p.m.</p>	
13	<p style="text-align: center;">High School Spring Music Concert and Awards Night 7:00 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">School Board Meeting @ Ponca 8:15 p.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Varsity Golf Boys Varsity Triangular @ Hartington 3:00 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">JH Track @ Dakota Valley 4:00 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">4th Grade Field Trip to Lincoln</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Post Prom Meeting @ Ponca 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">EARLY DISMISSAL Easter Break Jackson Dismiss @ 1:10 Ponca Dismiss @ 1:30</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Varsity Golf Laurel Invite 10:00</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Varsity Track Homer Invite 12:00</p>	<p style="font-size: 1.5em; color: black;">NO SCHOOL</p> <p style="color: black;">Easter Break</p>		
20	<p style="font-size: 1.5em; color: black;">NO SCHOOL</p> <p style="color: black;">Easter Break</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Jr, High Track @ Hartington, CC 1:00</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> <p style="margin: 0;">SENIOR TRIP</p> </div>	<p style="text-align: center;">Varsity Track Laurel-Concord-Coleridge 2:00 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ponca JV & Varsity Golf Invite 11:30</p>	23	<p style="text-align: center;">Varsity Golf 9:00 a.m. @ Lutheran High Northeast</p> <p style="text-align: center;">JH Track @ South Sioux City 1:00 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2nd Grade Field Trip to LeMars</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ponca JV Track Meet 4:00 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PONCA CLEAN UP DAY</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">District Music Contest @ Hartington Public</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PreK-2nd Grade Spring Concert 7:00 pm @ Ponca</p>	26	
27	<p style="text-align: center;">JR High Track @ Crofton 12:00 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Music Booster Meeting Outlaw Pizza 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Varsity Golf @ Hartington 9:00 a.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Varsity Track Ponca Invite @ 3:00 p.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">JV & Varsity Golf Dual vs. Laurel @ Ponca 3:30</p>	1	<p style="text-align: center;">Honors Program 7:00 p.m. Fine Arts</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">FBLA Field Trip</p>	3
						<p style="text-align: center;">Conference Track @ Winnebago 9:00 a.m.</p>	

