

# PONCA PUBLIC SCHOOL

August 2015

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Ponca, NE 68770

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## **WELCOME BACK TO THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR**

**The First Day of school is Thursday, August 13<sup>th</sup>.**

**Reminder: School is dismissed at 1:10 @ Jackson and 1:30 @ Ponca on the first day of school.**

We welcome all of our students, teachers, staff, and patrons "back to school" for another great school year. This summer, we have completed a few projects around the school to help "dress up" our new school to make it look even better than last year. At this time of the printing, we hope that the west gymnasium renovation will be completed soon. The improvements will really make the west gymnasium a sharp looking classroom.

The school day will start at 8:10 for Junior High and High School students with dismissal at 3:40. At Ponca Elementary, the students may enter the high school building at 7:55 with the school day starting at 8:10 and dismissing at 3:35. At Jackson Elementary, the students may enter the building through the **south doors** (the playground doors) of the building at 8:15 with the school day beginning at 8:20 and dismissing at 3:20. The shuttle bus leaves from Jackson in the afternoon at 3:20. Jackson students that ride the bus will be dismissed through the south doors and students that walk or are picked-up will be dismissed through the main doors.

**If you have moved into the Ponca School District and need bus transportation for your children, please call the Superintendent's Office at 402-755-5700 to inform us of your transportation needs.**

Throughout the school year, please check your **LUNCH FUND BALANCE** with Patti in Ponca at 402-755-5700 or Sue in Jackson at 402-632-4276. I realize that your lunch bill is additional expenses for your family, yet, do not allow your bill to get out-of-hand. When your lunch bill is paid on a timely manner, it allows the school district to get our bills for purchasing food items paid in a timely manner.

**Please apply for free or reduced priced lunches as the school receives federal and state reimbursement funds for every meal served.** The main components of receiving free or reduced priced lunches are based on family income and the number of family members. Every family should fill out the form to find out if they meet the necessary qualifications. **The school district benefits greatly when more families become eligible. There is nothing embarrassing about applying for free or reduced priced lunches.** When our students enter their lunch account number on the lunch computer, there is no indication of the payment status.

**ALL Free or Reduced priced lunch information is kept strictly CONFIDENTIAL.**

**PLEASE APPLY for Free and Reduced Lunches. Do you know your son or daughter may qualify for a college scholarship just by qualifying for free or reduced lunches?? By qualifying for free or reduced lunches, you will help your family budget *plus* help the school district receive additional funding for our district.** If you have any questions concerning the application, please call Ms. Reznicek to receive help to fill out the application.

Also, by qualifying for free or reduce priced meals, your children may be eligible for Kid's Connection: Nebraska Children's Health Insurance Program. For more information on this program that provides health care coverage for children up to age 19, please call the following number toll free 877-632-5437.

**Elementary Parent Night** – Parent Night for elementary students at Jackson Elementary and Ponca Elementary will be on **Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup>**. The schedule for **Jackson Elementary is from 6:00 to 7:00**, while **Ponca Elementary is 7:00 to 8:00**. This evening will give parents and children the opportunity to meet and greet classroom teachers prior to the start of the school year. Teachers will have the chance to get to know parents informally with less concern about academic concerns. Students will be able to find their rooms, desks, and lockers. Students are greatly encouraged to bring their school supplies with them on this night to be placed in their desk and locker. This will eliminate a lot of confusion on the first day of school and greatly reduce the chance of losing any supplies while on the bus, or before school.

**Remember – NO SCHOOL on LABOR DAY, Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup>.**

Best wishes for a great school year. Please do hesitate to contact the administrators and teachers at Ponca Public Schools if you have any questions or concerns. Let's have a great school year.

## **DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION**

**SHUTTLE BUS TO JACKSON ELEMENTARY** – Ponca Public Schools will again operate shuttle bus routes to Jackson Elementary School for students from the town of Ponca and for rural students who are transported to Ponca by means of a regular bus route. These shuttle busses will leave from Ponca Elementary for Jackson Elementary after the rural route buses have completed their morning route. The shuttle bus is scheduled to leave Ponca for Jackson at **8:00am sharp!**

**SHUTTLE BUSES** will be located on the **SOUTH** side of Ponca High School. Pre-school, Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> grade, and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students who will be attending Jackson Elementary will need to be on the bus by **8:00am**.

The shuttle busses will leave Jackson Elementary at 3:20pm to return students to Ponca in time for their rural route bus departure. Ponca Public Schools will have additional personnel available to help facilitate a smooth transition for students. District personnel will be on the morning and afternoon shuttle routes in order to supervise students.

**JACKSON STUDENTS** – Students within the village of Jackson should meet their bus at Jackson Elementary or the East Park in Jackson. Parents picking up students in Jackson after school can park in the school parking lot in front of the school building. The buses will load on the north side of the building.

**Parking on the east side of North John Street is prohibited.**

**RURAL BUS ROUTES** – Rural students are transported to their attendance center through the District's normal regular route system. In order to comply with bus capacity and riding time constraints, the District is still working to develop these routes and pick-up times for the 2015-2016 school year. **During the week of August 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>, the bus drivers will be contacting families along their routes to notify of pick-up times.** Some routes for the 2015-2016 school year will change from time to time during the school year. It is no guarantee that students will be riding the same bus as last year or that pick-up times will be the same. We ask for your patience as these routes are developed and times become consistent during the start of the school year.

**FAMILIES NEW TO PONCA PUBLIC SCHOOLS** – *Kindergarten parents needing regular route transportation and families who have moved to different addresses are encouraged to call the Superintendent's Office at 402-755-5700 for bus route information and/or approximate morning pick-up and afternoon drop-off times.*

The drop-off point for ALL students riding the bus will be on the **SOUTH** side of the Ponca High School. ALL students will enter the Ponca school building through the **SOUTH** doors of the High School.

**Parents/guardians picking up their child after school from the elementary, need to use the SOUTH doors on the SOUTH side of the High School.**

# Notes from Ms. Rinas, High School Principal

IT MAY BE HOT OUTSIDE—BUT OUR SCHOOL IS COOL! It won't be long and we will be closing the doors to our summer schedule and opening the doors to the 2015-2016 school year. August 13, is our first day of school. We will start our first day at 8:10 a.m. and end at 1:30 p.m. Even though we may be in the hot days of our summer season, the school is cool and we are ready to be learning, growing and having fun.



**STUDENT/PARENT HANDBOOK ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE!** Beginning this school year, the "Ponca Public Schools Student/Parent Handbook" will only be available to families on the Ponca School website unless a family requests a paper copy of the handbook. A family who wishes to have a paper copy may contact the school and a copy will be sent home with a child in the family or a family member may stop by the school offices and pick one up. The handbook contains information for both secondary and elementary students. The secondary information is at the front of the book and the information especially for elementary can be found in the back of the handbook. Please review the information with your student(s).

There were a few changes in the secondary section of the 2015-2016 handbook. Several changes in the "Student Attendance" policy can be found on pages 14-17. On the top of page 19, the definition of tobacco was added and now states: *Tobacco means any tobacco product (including but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, and chewing tobacco), vapor products (such as e-cigarettes), alternative nicotine products, tobacco product look-alikes, and products intended to replicate tobacco products either by appearance or effect.* On page 35, information on "Concussions Return to Learn Protocol" was added. The "Academic Eligibility Dates" on page 60 were updated.

As in the past, we will still require a signature page stating that you have received the handbook in electronic or paper form, read and understand it. A 7-12 student who does not have the signature page on file by August 25, will not be eligible to participate in or attend school activities until such time the signed signature page is received in the Principal's Office. Only one signature page per family needs to be returned to the school. If you have children in both the elementary and secondary please have a 7-12 child return the signature page to the high school Principal's Office. If you only have elementary children, please have an elementary child return the signature page to their classroom teacher.

**SECONDARY PARENTS SAVE THIS DATE!** "Back to School Night" for parents of students in grades 7-12 is scheduled for Tuesday, August 18, 2015. Parents are asked to meet in the commons (lunchroom) area at 7:00 p.m. You will be given a copy of your child's schedule and a few instructions. At 7:10 you will pass to your first class. Parents will have 5 minutes in each classroom before moving to the next class. This is a great opportunity to meet your child's teachers and find out a little bit about the classes in which he or she is enrolled. We hope to see you in the halls of PHS on August 18!

**GRADES 7-12 COMMON STUDY HALL TIME CONTINUES!** The common study hall period in the 7-12 schedule will continue this year. However, instead of being 5<sup>th</sup> period it will be 4<sup>th</sup> period. This school year all 7-12 students with a few exceptions will have a 4<sup>th</sup> period study hall. This allows most of our 7-12 students the opportunity to have access to most of our 7-12 teachers when they need help or time to work with a teacher in a particular subject area.

**OUR COOL SCHOOL IS READY FOR OUR COOL STUDENTS!** Yes we are ready for our 2015-2016 school year to begin. Ponca Schools is an exciting and fun place to learn and grow. We welcome you to stop in and visit our cool students and cool school! Hope to see you during our 2015-2016 school year!

# Ponca High School Schedules Final Class Registration For the 2015 - 2016 School Year

Final fall registration has been scheduled for students in grades 9-12 the week of July 27-29. Every 10-12 grader will need to stop by the high school guidance office between 8:00 A.M. and 12:00 (Noon) or 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. on the day which has been set aside for his/her class to check final schedules. If there are conflicts or questions concerning a student's schedule, changes will be made at that time. Registration dates are as follows:

**Seniors: Monday, July 27**

**Juniors: Tuesday, July 28**

**Sophomores: Wednesday, July 29**

**Freshmen students and their parents are urged to attend an informational meeting on Monday, July 27, 2015 at 6:00 P.M. in the Ponca High School Commons. Ms. Rinas and Mrs. Hassler will host this meeting designed to orient 9<sup>th</sup> graders and their parents on high school requirements and class scheduling.**

### **Special Note To Juniors and Seniors:**

Those 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students who plan to register for college credit courses through Northeast Community College (N.E.C.C.), Norfolk, NE, must meet N.E.C.C. program requirements before registering for those classes. Program requirements include:

1. Student must be a junior or senior in high school.
2. Rank in the upper half of his/her class academically, and have a cumulative grade point average of "B" or its equivalent, or have a composite and/or sub-score (depending on the course) of a 20 or higher on the ACT, or equivalent scores on other standardized test such as the PLAN, ASSET, PSAT or SAT.
3. Be chosen carefully and recommended by the high school academic staff.
4. Meet the prerequisites of the course.

Cost for the college credit classes is \$69.00 per credit hour and most classes are three credits.

If students plan to register for N.E.C.C. college credit courses they need to pay class fees the day of final registration as books need to be ordered for the start of classes. Checks or money orders should be paid to the order of Northeast Community College. **No cash will be accepted for class payment.**

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

### **Parent Notification of Teacher Qualifications:**

This notification, provided by the Ponca Public School District, will give parents the following information about their child's classroom teacher (s):

- Whether the teacher has met State qualifications and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction.
- Whether the teacher is teaching under an emergency or provisional teaching certificate.
- The baccalaureate degree major of the teacher.

You may also get information about other graduate certification or degrees held by the teacher, and the field of discipline of the certification or degree. Also, upon request, information can be provided whether their child is being provided services by a paraprofessional and, if so, the qualifications of the paraprofessional. The District will provide the requested information in a timely manner.



## STUDENT COUNCIL TO SELL SCHOOL SUPPLIES!!



Customized Ponca School assignment notebooks will be sold during registration week at PHS and before and after school during the first week of classes.

Be sure to purchase your supplies and support the Student Council! Cost for assignment books will be:

Assignment notebooks \$ 4.00

# ATTENTION STUDENT COUNCIL MEMBERS

WHAT: Organizational Meeting  
WHEN: Thursday, August 6th, 7:00 pm  
WHERE: FCS Room  
AGENDA: Planning School Kick-Off & Preliminary Homecoming ideas

## Buddy Pizza Party!!!!

All 7<sup>th</sup> graders and their high school buddies are invited to a kick off pizza party to celebrate the new school year!! The party is scheduled for Saturday, August 15, 2015 at Little Italy's in Vermillion, South Dakota.

All students should meet at the school at 3:00 p.m. Each student will need to bring \$5.00 to help cover costs of the fun. Be sure to mark your calendars! See you then!!



## COULD THIS BE YOU? We hope so!!!

- ✓ Are you an adult in our community who thinks young people are fun to be around?
- ✓ Do you enjoy math and science classes?
- ✓ Would you have a little time each week that you could share with student(s)?
- ✓ Could you spend time assisting 7-12 grade students with math and science homework by answering their questions?

If so, we need you! Ponca School wants to build a "tutor program", especially in the areas of math and science, for our secondary students. Mentoring young people regarding study habits is important, energizing, and rewarding. A bonus to this volunteer activity is that you would be working in a beautiful environment in our new school!

We would like to start this program as soon as possible after Labor Day.

**We want to hear from you!**

**Thanks for considering this important community service opportunity. (402-755-5702).**

**\*Volunteers must complete background check paper work before beginning.**

## COMING SOON:

John Baylor ACT/SAT Test Prep Course. The John Baylor Program boasts an average 2 point increase in ACT score.

- 12 On-line Sessions
- 45 minutes each session
- Sessions offered before school
- A fun way to prepare for the ACT test.

**ACT**

# ATTENTION PARENTS/GUARDIANS

## CHANGES IN OUR PHONE ALERT SYSTEM

Our phone message system SCHOOLREACH is now being replaced by a system called SCHOOL MESSENGER. Things will work the same...except all messages you receive in the future will come from SCHOOL MESSENGER. If you received a text message from Ponca School Message system and didn't opt in to receive text messages -please text 684-53 and reply YES to receive messages. During the upcoming Open House nights, families will receive a form with the phone numbers that were used by our system last school year. PLEASE review and update ALL your phone numbers. THANKS!!!

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## ELEMENTARY PARENT NIGHT

Elementary Students and Parents of Jackson and Ponca  
will have an opportunity to meet and greet their teachers on....

**Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup>**

**6:00 – 7:00 in Jackson**

**7:00 – 8:00 in Ponca**

This evening will give parents and children the opportunity to meet and greet classroom teachers prior to the start of the school year. Teachers will have the chance to get to know parents informally with less concern about academic concerns. Students will be able to find their rooms, desks, and lockers. Students are greatly encouraged to bring their school supplies with them on this night to be placed in their desk and locker. This will eliminate a lot of confusion on the first day of school and greatly reduce the chance of losing any supplies while on the bus or before school.

## P.H.S. Student Council Sponsors Alumni Tours

On Saturday, August 1, 2015, the Ponca High School Student Council will be sponsoring tours of Ponca School in honor of Alumni Reunion Weekend. The tours are scheduled from 1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. Full tours or partial tours are available. (Tours will also include a peek at the renovations of the 1974 gym.)

Refreshments will be provided by St. Joseph's Altar Society. Please meet in the lobby of the school. Tour guests should enter Ponca School using Door #1. Ponca High School alumni, family members and community guests enjoy the reunion weekend! GO BIG BLUE!

# Will Your Child Be Able To Start School This Fall??



**Kindergarteners** must have a physical, eye exam, and kindergarten shots (including the 2 doses of varicella) prior to the first day of school.

**7<sup>th</sup> graders** must have a physical, tetanus booster and 2 doses of varicella or written proof of the disease, prior to the first day of school.

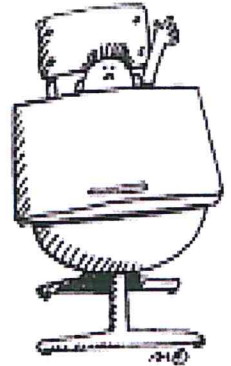
**If your child does not meet the state required items listed above, they will be sent home the first day of school.** They will not be able to return to school until we receive the state required items. Please schedule your appointments as soon as possible.

## LEGAL SCHOOL AGE

Every child who, on or before the 1<sup>st</sup> day of August in any year, shall have attained the age of five years and who has not attained the age of 21 years shall be deemed to be of legal school age.

Enrollment in kindergarten is available to children who live within the Ponca Public School district boundaries and who are five (5) years of age or will be five (5) years of age by August 1<sup>st</sup> of the year of their enrollment.

The only exception to this rule is in the case of an incoming transfer student who has been enrolled in a kindergarten program in another school district during the present school year and has not reached five (5) years of age by October 15.



## **ATTENTION ALL PARENTS:**

**PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE, if there has been any change in your address or phone numbers over the summer.**

### Student Accident Insurance

[www.sas-mn.com](http://www.sas-mn.com)

#### Parents & Guardians

- *Does your child have adequate insurance?*
- *Do you have a deductible or co-pay with your current coverage?*
- *Multiple Coverage Options and Rates*

Forms available in business office at Ponca.

1-800-328-2739



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# PONCA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## 2015-2016 SCHOOL CALENDAR

10-12 Teacher Workdays  
 10 1<sup>st</sup> Day FB Practice  
 12 Meet & Greet Night  
     Jackson 6:00 – 7:00PM  
     Ponca 7:00 – 8:00PM  
 13 1<sup>st</sup> DAY OF SCHOOL –  
     Dismiss at 1:10/1:30  
 17 1<sup>st</sup> Day VB Practice  
 (13/16 Student/Staff Days)

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1-4 CHRISTMAS BREAK  
 5 NO SCHOOL –  
     TEACHER WORKDAY  
 6 Start of 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester  
 22 Professional Development  
 29 NO SCHOOL –  
     MID-WINTER BREAK  
 (16/18 Student/Staff Days)

7 NO SCHOOL – LABOR DAY  
 17 U.S. Constitution Day  
 24 7-12 Parent/Teacher  
     Conferences 2:00 – 8:00  
     Dismiss 1:10/1:30  
 28 Professional Development  
 (20/21.5 Student/Staff Days)

SEPTEMBER '15						
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11 K-12 Parent/Teacher  
     Conferences 2:00 - 8:00  
     Dismiss at 1:10/1:30  
 17 Professional Development  
     Dismiss at 1:55/2:15  
 29 1<sup>st</sup> Day – Spring Practices  
 (21/21.5 Student/Staff Days)

7 Professional Development  
     Dismiss at 1:55/2:15  
 14 End of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter  
 22 K – 6 Parent/Teacher  
     Conferences 2:00 – 8:00  
     Dismiss 1:10/1:30  
 26 NO SCHOOL – FALL BREAK  
 (21/21 Student/Staff Days)

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4 End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter  
 11 NO SCHOOL –  
     WINTER BREAK  
 16 Professional Development  
     Dismiss at 1:55/2:15  
 24 Dismiss at 1:10/1:30  
 25-28 NO SCHOOL –  
     EASTER BREAK  
 (20/20 Student/Staff Days)

4 Professional Development  
     Dismiss at 1:55/2:15  
 16 1<sup>st</sup> Day - Winter Practices  
 25-27 NO SCHOOL –  
     THANKSGIVING BREAK  
 (18/18 Student/Staff Days)

NOVEMBER '15						
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13 Professional Development  
     Dismiss at 1:55/2:15  
 (21/21 Student/Staff Days)

9 Professional Development  
     Dismiss at 1:55/2:15  
 22 End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr/1<sup>st</sup> Sem.  
 22 Dismiss at 1:10/1:30  
 23-27 NSAA Moratorium  
 23-31 NO SCHOOL –  
     CHRISTMAS BREAK  
 (16/16 Student/Staff Days)  
 (88/92.5 Student/Staff Days)

DECEMBER '15						
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6 Graduation –  
     Dismiss at 1:10/1:30  
 24 LAST DAY -- 5 days added  
     to calendar for snow days. If  
     snow days are not used, the  
     last day of school will be earlier  
 (12/12 Student/Staff Days)  
 (90/92.5 Student/Staff Days)  
 (178/185 Student/Staff Days)

<b>EARLY DISMISSAL DAYS</b>
<b>STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS – NO SCHOOL</b>
<b>NO SCHOOL – NO STUDENTS OR STAFF</b>
<b>PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES 2:00 – 8:00 – DISMISSAL AT 1:10(J)/1:30(P)</b>
<b>STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT – DISMISSAL AT 1:55(J)/2:15(P)</b>

\*\*\* All early dismissals will be at 1:10 for Jackson & 1:30 for Ponca unless otherwise noted on the School Calendar or in the Newsletter. \*\*\*



**Ponca Elementary  
Class Assignments 2015-2016**

<b>Third Grade <u>Mr. Simington</u></b>	<b>Class of 2025</b>	<b>Third Grade <u>Ms. Templeman</u></b>	<b>Fourth Grade <u>Mrs. Fields</u></b>	<b>Class of 2024</b>	<b>Fourth Grade <u>Mr. Stroud</u></b>	
Trystan Bevelhymmer Preston Davis Austin Dendinger Ellesyn Hrouda Bradley Lentz Aeva Logue Cohen Paden Andrew Pinkelman Bryce Pokorny Treston Pulley Connor Schamp Addison Stewart William Stroud Dannika Touney Emma Uthof Holden Velez Brailyn Yellowbank		Blaeden Brummond Isabella Eifert Ashten Finseth Isabell Gallardo Tucker McGill Brayden Morton EllaRay Nelson Natalie Perkins Eryn Riedel Zain Stark Cade Statema Lexi Swick Heydon Velez Ava Voss Jace Wahls Dalton Wentzel	Miguel Balvantin Bella Brummond Brady Carnell Charles Egdorf Ethan Eifert Myles Fethkenher Taylor Fleury Grace Hansen Alix Hughes Nolan Janssen Dylan Kastning Zoe Kastning Jaden Kay Lily Korth Hunter Peterson Cody Rohan		Ben Bodlak Andrew Brinkmann Kieffer Bruening Abigail Fernau Trinity Greer Kaylie Heiner Peighton James Dalton Lamprecht Brooklynn Lowe Isabella Mellick Oliver Persinger Jaden Pulley Guy Severeide Grant Sprakel Brody Taylor Luke Zimmerman	
10 = Boys 7=Girls /17		8= Boys 8=Girls /16		10 =Boys 6 =Girls /16	10 =Boys 6 =Girls /16	
<b>Fifth Grade <u>Mrs. Carnell</u></b>	<b>Class of 2023</b>	<b>Fifth Grade <u>Mrs. Stewart</u></b>	<b>Sixth Grade <u>Mrs. Schindler</u></b>	<b>Class of 2022</b>	<b>Sixth Grade <u>Mr. Webb</u></b>	
Nate Coffman Lorelai DeRoin Gracen Evans Jaydn Grause Abbie Hrouda Cole Jackson Evan Keller Kyler Mahler Julia McKinney Bailey Paden Marianna Romero-Geisinger Weston Solomon Merissa Twohig		Jackson Addison Trevor Arrasmith Julien Buckles Claire Burrell Kemper Carlson Jarrett Denker Samantha Ehlers Briena Gallardo Ashlyn Kingsbury Ellie McAfee Ally Schamp Anthony Sigaty-Jager	Dalton Anderson Emma Berg Conner Bromander Jarrett Buckles Aidan Cook Grant Dorcey Zach Fernau Donte Fierro McKenna Hammer Marissa Hansen Jo Jo Harding AJ Janssen Matthew Lentz Matt Logue Addie McGill Mary Niemeier Evan Perkins Eli Persinger Grace Rooney George Rush Sam Taylor Faith Wentzel		Gracey Anderson Madelin Bacon Caiden Bellows Austin Brennan Brynn Chicoine Joseph Coffin Jana Fontenot Landon Fox Ethan Goodier Matthew Hayes Lucas Hoelsing Chase Kastning Taylor Korth Catrina Lyle Ryan Miller Jaci Peterson Gage Rogers Mackenzie Schram Jackson Stroud Alyssa Swick Lucas Twohig	
7 =Boys 6 =Girls / 13		5=Boys 7=Girls / 12		14=Boys 8=Girls / 22	13=Boys 8 =Girls / 21	
				77 = Boys	56 = Girls	133 Total

**JACKSON ELEMENTARY  
2015/2016**

<b>Preschool Mon/Wed Mrs. Mennenga</b>	<b>Preschool Tue/Thu Mrs. Mennenga</b>	<b>Kindergarten Mrs. Curry</b>	<b>Kindergarten Mrs. Todd</b>
Ashlin Bacon Jaci Beacom Klaudia Bruening Eli Clarkson Brooks Delperdang Nevaeh Newton Silas Persinger Mason Rastede Hannah Reuter Jacob Schindler Brianna Sprakel Easton VonSeggern Gaige Waterbury	JurNee Bailey Dreyson Cummins Gunner Fowler Abrahm Krusemark Kole Krusemark Kensley Merical Molly Olander Drew Rohan Avery Schamp Teygan Schram Brooks Stark Delaney Stark Rhodes Taylor Jaeda Templeman Gavin Uthof	Edyn Brummond Brooks Kephart Mackinze Millard Laken Pfister Karlee Rohan Brennan Statema JT Stroud Sofia Voss Brayden Waterbury Owen Wortmann	Ava Brown Kyan Byrne Caden Cleveland Pierce Ehlers Arthur Lamprecht Carter Lowe Alexa McGhee Alejandra Quezada Bronsan Schweers Cipton Stewart Riley Swisher
7 boys/6 girls	9 boys/6 girls	4 boys/5 girls	8 boys/3 girls
<b>13</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>11</b>

<b>1st Grade Mrs. Hill</b>	<b>1st Grade Miss Hoffman</b>	<b>2nd Grade Mrs. Sprakel</b>	<b>2nd Grade Mr. Starkweather</b>
Emma Addison Joslyn Bacon Cole Bostwick Lucas Dendinger Lilly Egdorf Emma Grell Carmen Hoffman Gunnar James Jordan Kay Brooklynn King Giselle Leggett Emily Lubberstedt Jerod Nelson Tim Ney Matthew Schindler Summer Smith Anna Stroud Jaelen Templeman Landon Uthof	Carlee Beckner Ava Brennan Kora Bruening Zakiya Conrad Dustin Dittmer Aidan Eifert Broderick Hogan Houstin Holloway Jocelyn Kastning Elsie Keller Parker Morton Joshua Nelson Mike Ney Gannon Pfister Ashtyn Pick Hugo Romero, Jr. Cooper Stewart Emma Twohig	Addison Bostwick Gage Fowler Alexander Galvez Patrick (Semple-)Garvin Jaeden Hughes Nolan Jent Mia Krusemark Joey Lyle Avery McAfee Garrett Millard Isaac Nelson Josey Pinkelman Ashton Riley Grant Sievers Kaylee Sprakel Olivia Taylor Kebeb Zimmerman	Kaleah Adams Sophia Cleveland Zyan Conrad Liam DeRoin Emerson Ehlers Jordyn Fleury Olivia Hassler Cora Jackson BrieAnn Mellick Caden Merical Hala Ouderkirk Chance Perkins Mickenon Peterson Kolton Rogers Lane Rohan Kendall Solomon
8 boys/11 girls	10 boys/8 girls	10 boys/7 girls	8 boys/8 girls
<b>19</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>16</b>

28 Pre-K Students  
90 Students Kindergarten through 2nd Grade  
118 Students Pre-K through 2nd Grade

*Note: Other items brought to school will be returned home.*

**2015 - 2016  
Ponca Public School  
K-6 Supplies**

*Note: Teachers may request other items to be brought later.*

***Students at Jackson should also bring: Two containers (35 count or larger) of Clorox (antibacterial) wipes.***

**KINDERGARTEN: Curry/Todd**

- |                                    |   |                                     |
|------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| 2 box of 24 count crayons          | 1 bottles of 4oz school glue (no gel glue ) | 8 glue sticks                       |
| 1 boxes of Kleenex                 | 12 pencils (#2) – please do not label       | 1 pair of P.E. shoes – please label |
| 1 pair of scissors – please label  | 1 box of washable markers                   | 1 paint shirt (please label)        |
| 1 back pack – please label         | 1 resting mat – please label -Curry only    | 1 box colored pencils               |
| 1 extra outfit in case of accident | 1 small pillow/blanket –Todd only           |                                     |
| 1 school box (6" x 9")             | 1 box Ziploc bags sandwich size             |                                     |
| 2 large erasers                    | 1 package of paper plates                   |                                     |

**FIRST GRADE: Hill/Hoffman**

- |                                       |                                      |                                 |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 2 Facial tissue – 200 count           | Old shirt for art                    | 2 – 24 count colors (no larger) |
| 12 pencils & 2 large erasers          | 1 Elmer's School Glue – 4 oz (white) | 8 Glue sticks                   |
| Scissors (Fiskars are best)           | School supply box (6 x 9)            |                                 |
| 1 pkg. Ziplock bags any size          | 1 spiral notebooks /70 pg wide-ruled | Markers (basic colors)          |
| 25 cheap paper plates (not Styrofoam) | 1 Ruler No Flexible Rulers           |                                 |

**SECOND GRADE: Starkweather/Sprakel**

(Put names on all items)

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| 2 boxes Crayons-24 count                | Colored pencils                        |
| 1 package of red ink pens               | Scissors (Fiskars)                     |
| 2 large Kleenex boxes                   | 1 Folder                               |
| 1 bottle white glue                     | 1 spiral notebook                      |
| 2 pkgs. of pencils (mechanical or lead) | 8 glue sticks                          |
| 2 dry erase markers                     | 1 box Ziploc bags Gallon/Sandwich size |
| 1 old clean, dark sock (for eraser)     | 2 pkgs. cap erasers / large erasers    |
| 1 wooden ruler (inches/centimeter)      | 1 pencil box                           |

***Students at Ponca should also bring: One container (35 count or larger) of Clorox (antibacterial) wipes.***

**THIRD GRADE: Simington/Templeman**

(Put names on all items)

- |                                       |                               |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Eraser (large)                        | 1 Black or blue pen           |
| Markers (basic colors)                | Crayons – 24 ct.              |
| 2 boxes facial tissue – 200 count     | Wood ruler (inches/cm)        |
| Scissors (Fiskars)                    | Pencil Box (6 x 9) no larger  |
| Colored Pencils (basic colors)        | 1 Clorox Disinfectant Wipes   |
| Lined index cards 3x5                 | 1 box Ziploc bag (quart size) |
| 12 - #2 pencils                       | 2 pocket folders              |
| 3 glue sticks                         |                               |
| 1 spiral wide ruled notebook /120 pg. |                               |
| (*No 3 ring binders or trappers*)     |                               |

**FOURTH GRADE: Fields/Stroud**

- |  |                                  |
|--|----------------------------------|
| 3 college rule notebooks/70 pg                               | 1 pocket folder                  |
| Markers (basic colors)                                       | 2 blue or black ink pens         |
| 1 red pen  | 1 wooden ruler (inches/cm.)      |
| 1 - 4 oz glue bottle   | 1 scissors                       |
| Colored pencils (basic colors)                               | 1 box Facial tissue – 200 count  |
| 1 large eraser   | 2 yellow highlighters            |
| 1 old sock – dark color                                      | 4 dry erase markers (blue/black) |
| 1 box crayons – 24 count                                     | No Hand Sanitizer                |
| Water bottle or cup (with lid)                               |                                  |
| #2 pencils   |                                  |
| 1 plastic shoe box to hold supplies (with lid) 12" x 7" x 4" |                                  |

**FIFTH & SIXTH GRADE: Carnell/Stewart/Schindler/Webb**

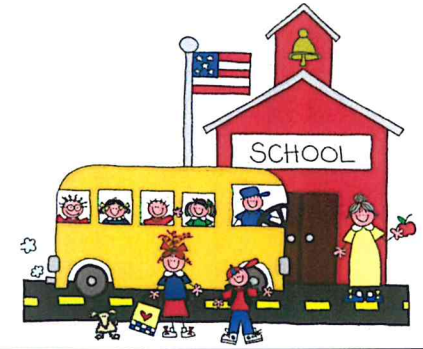
- |   |  |                        |
|---|--|------------------------|
| 4 ( <b>JUMBO</b> size) book covers        | 2 Facial tissue – 200 count                            | 1 large eraser         |
| 3 composition notebooks                   | Markers (basic colors)                                 | 1 Scissors             |
| 1 medium glue bottle                      | 4 notebooks - college ruled/ 70 pg.                    | 2 pens (red)           |
| 2 glue sticks (large) more as needed      | 2 pocket folders (3 hole punched)                      | 3 pens (black or blue) |
| #2 pencils (mechanical pencils o.k.)      | 1 pkg. wide ruled loose leaf paper                     | 3 Highlighters         |
| Colored pencils – large packet            | 1 – 2" three ring binder or trapper keeper (hardcover) |                        |
| 1 large pencil box or zipper pencil pouch | 1 hand sanitizer                                       |                        |

***Reminder: ALL students must have gym shoes that can be left at school for P.E. use only.***



# Jackson Elementary

## August 2015



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 Meet & Greet 6 - 7 pm <b>BACK TO SCHOOL</b>	13 <i>EARLY DISMISS 1:10</i> Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Green Beans Watermelon	14 Hot Dog on a Bun Baked Beans Carrots & Ranch Dip Peaches	15
16	17 Cheeseburger French Fries Corn Beets Banana	18 Spaghetti with Meat Sauce Lettuce & Tomatoes Sweet Peppers Orange Slices	19 Chicken Fajita Tater Tots Lettuce & Tomatoes Strawberries	20 Roast Pork Dinner Roll Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Cooked Carrots Mixed Fruit	21 Omelet Blueberry Muffin Beans & Bacon Peaches	22
23	24 Walking Taco Lettuce & Tomato Corn Breadstick Orange Slices	25 Shredded BBQ Sandwich Scalloped Potatoes Mandarin Oranges	26 Mac & Cheese Peas Lima Beans Breadstick Strawberries	27 Turkey & Cheese Rollup Carrots & Ranch Dip Coleslaw Cantaloupe	28 Pizza Carrots & Ranch Dip Broccoli & Cauliflower Watermelon	29
30	31 Dog on a Log Baked Beans Corn Banana	Aug. 12 - Meet & Greet Jackson 6-7pm, Ponca 7-8pm Aug. 13 - First Day of School Early Dismiss Jackson 1:10, Ponca 1:30				

**Milk Served with Meal. Meals Subject to Change**

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# Ponca 3<sup>rd</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Lunch Menu

## August 2015

10 Teacher Work Day	11 Teacher Work Day	12 Teacher Work Day	13 Stromboli Corn Fruit and Veggie Bar	14 Chicken Fajita Rice Krispie Bar Fruit and Veggie Bar
17 Chicken Patty Mashed Potatoes Gravy Roll Fruit and Veggie Bar	18 Turkey Sandwich Mac-n-Cheese Fruit and Veggie Bar	19 Beef Taco Refried Beans Fruit and Veggie Bar	20 Popcorn Chicken Scalloped Potatoes Roll Fruit and Veggie Bar	21 Cheese Pizza Chips Fruit and Veggie Bar
24 Super Nachos Ice Cream Fruit and Veggie Bar	25 Pork Fritter Mashed Potatoes Gravy Roll Fruit and Veggie Bar	26 Mandarin Chicken Rice Carrots Roll Fruit and Veggie Bar	27 BBQ Pork Sandwich Baked Beans Fruit and Veggie Bar	28 Burrito Chips and Cheese Fruit and Veggie Bar
31 Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Gravy Roll Fruit and Veggie Bar	<p><b>Milk Served with Meal. Meals Subject to Change</b></p> <p>USDA IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER AND EMPLOYER.</p>			

## Hot Lunch Accounts

Lunch accounts are set up as individual accounts.

Families are encouraged to review the free and reduced application that is enclosed in this newsletter.

### DID YOU KNOW WE CAN PAY ONLINE!!!!!!

Ponca Public School District is happy to be partnered with E-Funds For Schools so that parents have the ability to pay online.

First time users need to register their information. You will need to ask your child what their lunch number is so you can get them registered. You do not need a family ID only the student (lunch) number. If you have problems, you can contact Mrs. Kristie Hayes at [kristiehayes@poncachool.org](mailto:kristiehayes@poncachool.org).

*Just a reminder: You are able to log on PowerSchool and check your child's lunch account balance at any time. If you have lost your parent ID and password, please call the school, and we can easily give it to you again.*

## Ponca School Lunch Prices 2015-2016

### Student Full Lunch

PreK-2.....	\$2.50
3-6.....	\$2.75
7-12.....	\$3.00
Milk (K-12).....	\$.40

### Student Seconds

Main dish.....	\$ 1.25
Ice Cream.....	\$ 1.25
Fries, etc .....	\$.50
Cookies, cake.....	\$.50

### Adults

Singles Meal/Salad.....	\$4.00
Single Serving.....	\$ 1.75
Single Milk .....	\$.40

Please note a few price changes on "extras".

# School Supplies

## Jr. High/High School 2015-2016

<b>7TH GRADE</b>				
-Red pen	-Blue or Black pens	-Pencil	-Highlighter	-Colored Pencils
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>English</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Green 2 pocket folder</li> <li>-Green college-ruled notebook</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Science</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-2 pocket folder</li> <li>-College-ruled notebooks</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Math</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Blue 2 pocket folder</li> <li>-Blue college-ruled notebook</li> <li>-Pencils</li> <li>-Compass</li> <li>-Protractor</li> <li>-Note cards for making flash cards</li> <li>-Graph paper</li> </ul>		
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Social Studies</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Black 2 pocket folder</li> <li>-Black single subject college-ruled notebook (Brandt's classroom)</li> <li>-Black 5 subject college-ruled notebook (Poulosky's classroom)</li> <li>-Single subject notebook (Poulosky's classroom)</li> <li>-1" 3 ring binder, any color is acceptable</li> </ul>		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Study Skills</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Large binder (trapper keeper/it is helpful, if it zips)</li> <li>-Yellow 2 pocket folder</li> <li>-Yellow college-ruled notebook</li> </ul> <p>In Study Skills, students will focus on organizational skills immediately. This is a great tool to be a successful student.</p>		
<b>8TH GRADE</b>				
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>English</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Yellow 2 pocket folder</li> <li>-Yellow college-rule notebook</li> <li>-Red pen</li> <li>-Blue/Black pen</li> <li>-Pencils</li> </ul>		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Math</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-2 pocket folder WITH Matching notebook</li> <li>-Pencils</li> <li>-Compass</li> <li>-Protractor</li> <li>-Note cards for making flash cards</li> <li>-Graph paper</li> </ul>		
<b>High School Science Classes</b>				
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Earth Science</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Colored pencils</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Biology / Human Anatomy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-12 colored pencils or fine tip markers</li> <li>-3x5 index cards</li> </ul>		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Chemistry</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-3 ring binder</li> <li>-Calculator</li> <li>-Red college ruled notebook (Labs)</li> </ul>	
		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Physics</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Scientific calculator</li> </ul>		
<b>High School English Classes</b>				
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>English 10 &amp; 11</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">1 package 3x5 lined note cards</p>		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Speech 10</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">One - 1 ½ inch binder w/ dividers</p>		
<b>High School Math Classes</b>				
<p>Math students in grades 9-12 are asked to bring a two-line scientific calculator capable of fraction conversion to class. Calculators that have two lines of display are recommended. This allows students to see what they entered and to edit their work, if necessary, without reentering duplicate information. A two-line scientific calculator of this type will be used in all junior and senior high math classes except Pre-Calculus. At times, students will not be allowed to use them such as when learning how to add, subtract, multiply and divide. Two-line scientific calculators can be purchased for about \$15.00. In Pre-Calculus, students will be allowed to check out and be responsible for a graphing calculator.</p>				

# Ponca Public School

Ponca Public School / 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade  
505 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Box 568  
Ponca, NE 68770  
(402)755-5700 (402)755-5773 (Fax)  
Michelle Rinas, High School Principal

[www.poncaschool.org](http://www.poncaschool.org)  
Joan Reznicek, Superintendent

Jackson Elementary / Preschool – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade  
223 North John Street, Box 67  
Jackson, NE 68743  
(402)632-4276 (402)632-5014 (Fax)  
Robert Hayes, Elementary Principal

August 2015

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. Ponca Public Schools offer healthy meals every school day. Lunch costs are PreK-2 = \$2.50/ Grades 3-6=\$2.75/Grades 7-12=\$3.00. **Your children may qualify for free or reduced price meals.** Reduced price is \$.40 for lunch. If your child(ren) qualified for free or reduced price meals at the end of last school year, you must submit a new application by **September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015** in order to avoid an interruption in meal benefits.

This packet includes an application for free or reduced price meal benefits and a set of detailed instructions. Below are some common questions and answers to help you with the application process.

## 1. WHO CAN GET FREE OR REDUCED PRICE MEALS?

- All children in households receiving benefits from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) are eligible for free meals.
- Foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court are eligible for free meals.
- Children participating in their school's Head Start program are eligible for free meals.
- Children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant are eligible for free meals.
- Children may receive free or reduced price meals if your household's income is within the limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines. Your children may qualify for free or reduced price meals if your household income falls at or below the limits on this chart.

2. HOW DO I KNOW IF MY CHILDREN QUALIFY AS HOMELESS, MIGRANT, OR RUNAWAY? Do the members of your household lack a permanent address? Are you staying together in a shelter, hotel, or other temporary housing arrangement? Does your family relocate on a seasonal basis? Are any children living with you who have chosen to leave their prior family or household? If you believe children in your household meet these descriptions and haven't been told your children will get free meals, please call or e-mail **Supt. Joan Reznicek, Ponca Public Schools, PO Box 568, Ponca, NE 68770. Phone: (402) 755-5700 Email: [jreznice@esu1.org](mailto:jreznice@esu1.org)**

3. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT AN APPLICATION FOR EACH CHILD? No. *Use one Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application for all students in your household.* We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. Return the completed application to: **Supt. Joan Reznicek, Ponca Public Schools, PO Box 568, Ponca, NE 68770. Phone: (402) 755-5700 Email: [jreznice@esu1.org](mailto:jreznice@esu1.org).**

4. SHOULD I FILL OUT AN APPLICATION IF I RECEIVED A LETTER THIS SCHOOL YEAR SAYING MY CHILDREN ARE ALREADY APPROVED FOR FREE MEALS? No, but please read the letter you got carefully and follow the instructions. If any children in your household were missing from your eligibility notification, contact **Supt. Joan Reznicek, Ponca Public Schools Phone: (402) 755-5700 Email: [jreznice@esu1.org](mailto:jreznice@esu1.org) immediately.**

5. MY CHILD'S APPLICATION WAS APPROVED LAST YEAR. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT A NEW ONE? Yes. Your child's application is only good for that school year and for the first few days of this school year. You must send in a new application unless the school told you that your child is eligible for the new school year.

6. I GET WIC. CAN MY CHILDREN GET FREE MEALS? Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced price meals. Please send in an application.

7. WILL THE INFORMATION I GIVE BE CHECKED? Yes. We may also ask you to send written proof of the household income you report.

8. IF I DON'T QUALIFY NOW, MAY I APPLY LATER? Yes, you may apply at any time during the school year. For example, children with a parent or guardian who becomes unemployed may become eligible for free and reduced price meals if the household income drops below the income limit.

9. WHAT IF I DISAGREE WITH THE SCHOOL'S DECISION ABOUT MY APPLICATION? You should talk to school officials. You also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to: **Doug Rickett, Board President, 87774 Hwy 12, Ponca, NE 68770 (402) 755-4114**
10. MAY I APPLY IF SOMEONE IN MY HOUSEHOLD IS NOT A U.S. CITIZEN? Yes. You, your children, or other household members do not have to be U.S. citizens to apply for free or reduced price meals.
11. WHAT IF MY INCOME IS NOT ALWAYS THE SAME? List the amount that you normally receive. For example, if you normally make \$1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only made \$900, put down that you made \$1000 per month. If you normally get overtime, include it, but do not include it if you only work overtime sometimes. If you have lost a job or had your hours or wages reduced, use your current income.
12. WHAT IF SOME HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS HAVE NO INCOME TO REPORT? Household members may not receive some types of income we ask you to report on the application, or may not receive income at all. Whenever this happens, please write a 0 in the field. However, if any income fields are left empty or blank, those will also be counted as zeroes. Please be careful when leaving income fields blank, as we will assume you meant to do so.
13. WE ARE IN THE MILITARY. DO WE REPORT OUR INCOME DIFFERENTLY? Your basic pay and cash bonuses must be reported as income. If you get any cash value allowances for off-base housing, food, or clothing, or receive Family Subsistence Supplemental Allowance payments, it must also be included as income. However, if your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income. Any additional combat pay resulting from deployment is also excluded from income.
14. WHAT IF THERE ISN'T ENOUGH SPACE ON THE APPLICATION FOR MY FAMILY? List any additional household members on a separate piece of paper, and attach it to your application. If you would like to receive a second application, please contact **Supt. Joan Reznicek, Ponca Public Schools, Phone: (402) 755-5700 Email: [jreznice@esu1.org](mailto:jreznice@esu1.org).**
15. MY FAMILY NEEDS MORE HELP. ARE THERE OTHER PROGRAMS WE MIGHT APPLY FOR? To find out how to apply for SNAP or other assistance benefits, please go online to [ACCESSNebraska.ne.gov](http://ACCESSNebraska.ne.gov) or call 1-800-383-4278.

If you have other questions or need help, call (402) 755-5700.

Sincerely,

  
Joan Reznicek, Superintendent

## NUTRITION SERVICES MESSAGE

### For future college planning.....

If you are eligible for free or reduced price lunch, you should know that your son or daughter may also be eligible for federal financial aid to attend college. To know for sure, families of graduating seniors must complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). See your son/daughter's counselor for more information.

### For future college planning.....

It's not too early to start planning for college. College is possible for everyone and there is financial aid available, if you plan ahead. See your son/daughter's counselor for more information or visit [www.knowhow2gonebraska.org](http://www.knowhow2gonebraska.org).



<b>Part 1: Children in School</b>			
List names of all children, including foster children, in school. If all children listed are foster, skip to Part 4 to sign the form. (First, Middle Initial, Last Name)	Check box below if a foster child.	Name of School Child Attends	Grade
	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	<input type="checkbox"/>		

**Part 2: SNAP, TANF or FDPIR Benefits**

Enter **MASTER CASE NUMBER** if household qualifies for SNAP, TANF or FDPIR:   
 (Social Security numbers, Medicaid numbers and EBT numbers are not accepted.) Skip to Part 4

**Part 3: Total Household Gross Income - You must tell us how much and how often.**

1. Household Names List <b>everyone</b> in the household, the income each person earns in whole dollars & how often. Blank or "0" in the income field indicates no income. A foster child's personal use income must be listed.	2. Gross Income and How Often it was Received					
	Earnings from Work before deductions		Public Assistance, Child Support, Alimony		Pensions, Retirement and All Other Income	
	Income	How often	Income	How often	Income	How often

**Part 4: Signature and Social Security Number (Adult Must Sign)**

An adult household member must sign the application. If Part 3 is completed, the adult signing the form must list the last four digits of their Social Security Number or mark the "I do not have a Social Security Number" box (See Use of Information Statement on page 2).  
*"I certify (promise) that all information on this application is true and that all income is reported. I understand that this information is given in connection with the receipt of Federal funds and that school officials may verify (check) the information. I am aware that if I purposely give false information, my children may lose meal benefits and I may be prosecuted under applicable State and Federal laws."*

Sign here: \_\_\_\_\_ Print name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address (if available): \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Social Security Number (last 4 digits): XXX – XXX- \_\_\_\_\_  I do not have a Social Security Number

**Part 5: Children's Ethnic and Racial Identities (Optional)**

**Mark one Ethnic Identity:** -- and -- **Mark one or more Racial Identities:**

Hispanic or Latino                       Asian                       Black or African American                       Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander  
 Not Hispanic or Latino                       White                       American Indian or Alaskan Native

**Do Not Fill Out This Part - For School Use Only**

Annual Income Conversion:    Weekly X 52;                      Every 2 weeks X 26;                      Twice a month X 24;                      Monthly X 12

Total Household Size: \_\_\_\_\_ Free  Date Withdrawn from School: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total Income: \_\_\_\_\_ per \_\_\_\_\_ Reduced   
 Year  Month  2 X Mo.  Every 2 Wks  Week Denied  Reason for denial:  
 Income too high                       Incomplete Application

Categorically Eligible:    SNAP/TANF/FDPIR   
    Foster Child

Signature of Determining Official: \_\_\_\_\_ Date approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of Confirming Official: \_\_\_\_\_ Date confirmed: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (verification only)

## Computing Income for Self-Employed Individuals

Individuals who are self-employed or engaged in farming may experience variations in cash flow and cannot easily report a monthly income. These individuals may use their 2014 U.S. Individual Income Tax Return Form 1040 to report self-employment income for the free and reduced price meal application. The income to be recorded is income derived from the business venture less operating costs incurred in the generation of that income. Deductions for personal expenses, such as interest on home mortgages, medical expenses and other similar non-business items are not allowed in reducing gross business income.

USDA announced that **losses** (negative numbers) on the lines listed below can be used to determine the **total** income for this attachment. If the total income is a negative number, it must then be recorded as zero on the application in the category labeled "All Other Income".

Zero income resulting from the use of Form 1040 does not require follow-up.

Please note: Line 7 cannot be reported as current income. Income from wages or salaries must be reported on the application for the most recent month.

Line 22 (total income) and line 37 (adjusted gross income) may not be used for purposes of applying for free and reduced-price meals.

The required information for determining the allowable income from self-employment is to be taken from the **2014 U.S. Individual Income Tax Return Form 1040**.

Line 12, Business Income (or loss) \_\_\_\_\_

Line 13, Capital Gain (or loss) \_\_\_\_\_

Line 14, Other Gains (or losses) \_\_\_\_\_

Line 17, Rental Real Estate, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Line 18, Farm Income (or loss) \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** If any members of the household have income from wages or salary, the gross income from last month must be reported on the application form.

This attachment is used only to report income from self-employment and/or farming.

Total of above lines: \_\_\_\_\_ **equals annual self-employed income\***

**If the total of the above lines is a negative number, it must be changed to zero before it is transferred to the application.**

\* This figure can be reported on the application under "Earnings from Work" or "All Other Income."

## Instructions for Completing the Free & Reduced Price School Meals Family Application

**If your household receives benefits from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), follow these instructions:**

- Part 1:** List each child's name, the school they attend and their grade.  
**Part 2:** Enter household's Master Case Number if the household qualifies for SNAP, TANF or FDPIR.  
**Part 3:** Skip this part.  
**Part 4:** Sign the form. The last four digits of a Social Security Number do not need to be reported.  
**Part 5:** Answer this question if you choose to.

**If you are applying for a FOSTER CHILD, follow these instructions:**

**If all children in the household are foster children:**

- Part 1:** List all foster children, the school they attend and their grade. Check the box indicating the child is a foster child.  
**Part 2:** Skip this part.  
**Part 3:** Skip this part.  
**Part 4:** Sign the form. The last four digits of a Social Security Number do not need to be reported.  
**Part 5:** Answer this question if you choose to.

**If some of the children in the household are foster children:**

- Part 1:** List all children, including foster children, the school they attend and their grade. Check the box if the child is a foster child.  
**Part 2:** If the household does not have a Master Case Number, skip this part.  
**Part 3:** Follow these instructions to report total household income from last month.  
**Column 1 – Household Names:** List the first and last name of **each** person living in your household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives or friends) who share income and expenses. Attach another sheet of paper if necessary.  
**Column 2 - Gross Income and How Often it was Received:** For each household member, list each type of income received for the month. You must also report how often the money is received – weekly, every other week, twice a month, or monthly.  
**Earnings from Work:** For earnings, be sure to list the **gross income**, not the take-home pay. **Gross income is the amount earned before taxes and other deductions.** You should be able to find it on your pay stub or your boss can tell you. List salary, wages, cash bonuses and strike benefits. For individuals who are self-employed, report income after expenses from business, farm or rental property. If you are in the military, list basic pay, cash bonuses, allowances for off-base housing, food and clothing. Do not include combat pay, Family Subsistence Supplemental Allowance (FSSA) payments or privatized housing allowances. Finally, **do not include income** from SNAP, FDPIR, WIC, Federal education benefits and foster payments received by the family from the placing agency.  
**Public Assistance/Child Support/Alimony:** list unemployment benefits, worker's compensation, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), cash assistance from state or local government, Veteran's benefits (VA benefits), child support payments and alimony payments.  
**Pensions/Retirement/All Other Income:** list Social Security payments (including railroad retirement and black lung benefits), private pensions or disability, income from trusts or estates, annuities, investment income, earned interest, rental income and *regular* cash payments received from outside the household. If you have no income, write "0" or leave the income field blank. If you do this, you are certifying there is no income to report.  
**Part 4:** An adult household member must sign the form and list the last four digits of their Social Security Number OR mark the box if he/she doesn't have one.  
**Part 5:** Answer this question if you choose to.

**For ALL OTHER HOUSEHOLDS, including WIC households, follow these instructions:**

- Part 1:** List all children, including foster children, the school they attend and their grade. Check the box if the child is a foster child.  
**Part 2:** If the household does not have a Master Case Number, skip this part.  
**Part 3:** Follow these instructions to report total household income from last month.  
**Column 1 – Household Names:** List the first and last name of **each** person living in your household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives or friends) who share income and expenses. Attach another sheet of paper if necessary.  
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**Part 4:** An adult household member must sign the form and list the last four digits of their Social Security Number OR mark the box if he/she doesn't have one.  
**Part 5:** Answer this question if you choose to.

**Your children may qualify for free or reduced price meals if your household income falls at or below the limits on this chart.**

<b>FEDERAL INCOME CHART</b> for School Year 2015-16					
Household size	Yearly	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	21,775	1,815	908	838	419
2	29,471	2,456	1,228	1,134	567
3	37,167	3,098	1,549	1,430	715
4	44,863	3,739	1,870	1,726	863
5	52,559	4,380	2,190	2,022	1,011
6	60,255	5,022	2,511	2,318	1,159
7	67,951	5,663	2,832	2,614	1,307
8	75,647	6,304	3,152	2,910	1,455
Each additional person:	7,696	642	321	296	148

**Use of Information Statement:** This explains how we will use the information you give us.

The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act requires the information on this application. You do not have to give the information, but if you do not, we cannot approve your child for free or reduced price meals. You must include the last four digits of the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application. The last four digits of the social security number are not required when you apply on behalf of a foster child or you list a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) case number or other FDPIR identifier for your child or when you indicate that the adult household member signing the application does not have a social security number. We will use your information to determine if your child is eligible for free or reduced price meals and for administration and enforcement of the lunch and breakfast programs. We MAY share your eligibility information with education, health and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews and law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules.

**Non-Discrimination Statement:** This explains what to do if you believe you have been treated unfairly.

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Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339 or (800) 845-6136 (Spanish).

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As stated above, all protected bases do not apply to all programs. The first six protected bases of race, color, national origin, age, disability and sex are the six protected bases for all applicants and recipients of the Child Nutrition Programs.

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TO SCHOOL**

# August 2015



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	27 Senior Class Registration 8:00 am-Noon/1:00-4:00  Freshman Parent/Student Meeting 6:00 High School Commons	28  Junior Class Registration 8:00 am-Noon/1:00-4:00	29  Sophomore Class Registration 8:00 am-Noon/1:00-4:00	30	31	1
2	3	4	5	6 Student Council Grades 7-12 Organizational Meeting 7:00 p.m.	7	8
9	10 Start of High School Football Practice  <i>Teacher Work Day</i>	11  <i>Teacher Work Day</i>	12 <b>ELEMENTARY OPEN HOUSE</b> Jackson Time 6:00-7:00 pm Ponca Time 7:00-8:00 pm  <i>Teacher Work Day</i>	13 <b>FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL</b> Early Dismissal Ponca 8:10 a.m.-1:30 Jackson 8:20 a.m.-1:10	14	15  Buddy Pizza Party 3:00 p.m.
16	17 Start of High School Volleyball Practice  Hearing Screenings	18 <b>PARENT'S NIGHT for Grades 7-12</b> 7:00 pm High School Commons Area	19	20  5th Grade Instrument Display Fine Arts 7:00 p.m.	21  High School Football Scrimmage 7:00 p.m.	22
23	24	25  High School Volleyball Scrimmage 6:00 p.m.	26	27  Football @ Lutheran High 6:30 p.m.	28	29
30	31	1	2  Elementary Student Council Installation	3  Volleyball Homer Invite Homer / Ponca / Emerson-Hubbard First game starts at 5:15 p.m.	4  Football - Home vs. Crofton 7:00 p.m.	5

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