

November 2013

# PONCA PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Information from Joan M. Reznicek, Superintendent of Schools

An article entitled *Homework* was attached to your elementary child's report card recently. I sincerely hope that you took the time to read the article. Homework is an important tool in a student's life as it teaches responsibility, independent work habits, organization, and time management. If problems arise at home concerning the amount of time it takes your child to complete the homework or not understanding the assignment, it may be due to the fact that the student may not be using their time wisely at school. Students are given the opportunity to complete work at school during study time, during recess, and before or after school when teachers are available. As the twelfth tip in the article stated, most children adopt the value of their parents. Show your children that you value learning by doing educational activities such as reading, discussing current events, or going to the library.

## On Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, NO SCHOOL for Grades K - 6.

The teachers will be working on curriculum alignment.

The flu and cold season is upon us at Ponca Public Schools. Please remember to call Sue in the Jackson office, Patti in the Ponca elementary office, or Judy in the high school office by 8:15 a.m. to let the respective office know of your child's absence for the day. Remember, your child must be without a fever for 24 hours before returning to school.

Does your high school student have a WINTER SURVIVAL KIT in their vehicle?

As the winter season begins, school MAY be dismissed due to inclement weather. Listen to the local television stations for information concerning late starts, early dismissals, or complete cancellations. Make sure your correct cell phone number and home phone number are entered into the SchoolReach Emergency Calling System.

On Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m., Ponca Public Schools will host a Veteran's Day Program. The program will honor our past and present heroes who have fought for our freedom. There will be coffee and rolls starting at 9:00 a.m. for the Veterans and Auxiliary members. The program is open to the public, so please come to honor our Veterans.

The Lewis & Clark Conference Vocal Clinic will be held in Winnebago on Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> with a concert at 7:00p.m. Please attend the concert to listen to the Conference Choir.

School will be dismissed early on Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> for the teachers to work on school issues in their Professional Learning Communities. Jackson dismisses at 1:55 and Ponca dismisses at 2:15.

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone!!! Enjoy your family time together.

SECOND SEMESTER STARTS ON MONDAY, JANUARY 6<sup>TH</sup>.



# Notes from the High School

Ms. Rinas, Principal

Ponca students celebrated "Red Ribbon Week" October 21-24. "One School One Goal-Drug Free" was our theme for the week. Students were involved in several activities throughout the week to remind everyone the importance of living a healthy and drug free life. On Tuesday students dressed in red to "Celebrate Red Ribbon Week". During the day students learned the history of Red Ribbon Week. The Student Council sponsored a blood drive and 23 units were donated. On Wednesday our theme was "Drugs Don't Make Cents". Students donated their coins and the collection will go to support our Veterans Day project. "Winners Don't Do Drugs!" was our theme for Thursday. Students wore white in support of our athletic teams. Thursday night we were excited to have the Nebraska State Patrol display at our football game along with "Trooper Buck L. Up" and the seatbelt convincer. Practice a healthy and drug free life!

November is a month full of fine arts activities. Our 9-12 chorus students will be traveling to Winnebago for the Conference Vocal Music Clinic on November 12. The students will work with a clinician during the day and perform in concert in the evening. The public is invited to attend the evening performance. On November 25, Ponca will host the Lewis Division of the Conference One-Act Play Contest. The first play is performed at 9:00 a.m. and the last one at 2:30 p.m. Ponca is scheduled to perform at 1:45 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center. The public is invited to watch any or all of the plays. This is a conference event and admission will be charged \$5.00 for adults and \$4.00 for students. (Ponca Season passes will not work for this event)

## **BRAVO!** Congratulations to Ponca's **BRAVO!** **2013 All-State Chorus Members**

**Lauren Brickett Soprano 2**  
**Lexi Eifert Alto 1**  
**Blake O'Neill Bass 2**

**Kelsea Fethkenher Soprano 2**  
**Kianna Kramper Alto 2**



**Alternate**  
**Zach Heaton Bass 2**



**All-State Chorus will be held in Lincoln, Nebraska on November 21-23**

## **Congratulations to Ponca's junior high band students for being selected for the 2013 Homer Honor Band**

**Sophie Kramper, Alison Brennan, Carin Mellick, Katie Meister, Samantha Zimmerman,  
Claire Hoelsing, Kelsey Fields, Grace Salmen, Logan Kingsbury, Sam Brickett, Zach Nelson,  
Alexa VanDyke, Morgan Janssen, Joel Watchorn, Max Masin, Emma Kneifl, Carter Kingsbury**



**A concert is open to the public on November 9th, 2013 at 4:30  
in Homer's Main Gym. Cost of admission is \$2.00.**





# ELEMENTARY NEWS

The first quarter flew by and that means the holiday season is just around the corner! Please encourage your children to work hard as the end of the first semester is approaching fast.

We need parental help in insuring that students are completing their homework. We are having trouble with students completing homework assignments or handing in quality work. Homework is a practice of concepts being taught during class time and a review of previously presented concepts. Teachers use daily work and homework to assess whether students have mastered the concepts being taught. Please make it a priority that your student(s) complete their homework and do quality work.

The Ponca Indian Football team is enjoying a banner season and marching on in the playoffs. Because of game times beginning in the early afternoon or long distances to travel, school could have early dismissals or late starts. Please realize the school does not have much control over the playoff schedule. Please check the school website or notes home from school regarding this information. We will do our best to keep you informed of developments.

With the winter season upon us it is important to be ready for school cancellations, late starts, and early dismissals. Please realize Jackson will follow the Ponca schedule concerning dismissals and cancellations. There will **not** be a separate announcement for Jackson Elementary. If Ponca has a two hour late start, classes in Jackson will begin 15 minutes after the start time in Ponca. Example: Two hour late start in Ponca means school in Ponca will begin at 10:10am which means school in Jackson will begin at 10:25am. If there is an early dismissal, Jackson will dismiss 20 minutes **before** Ponca. Example: If Ponca is dismissing at 1:30pm, Jackson will dismiss at 1:10pm.

Another winter weather concern is dressing the students appropriately for winter weather. Please make sure students have a coat, some type of snow pants, gloves, and something to cover their ears. The Ponca/Jackson Elementary will be going outside for recess on most days unless the weather is too severe.

**As you know the flu season will be here soon. We have experienced a few incidents already with students coming to school sick. If your child is ill please keep them at home until their fever has gone away and they're symptoms have subsided. We will do everything in our power to combat the flu. We sanitize our lockers, desks, door handles, drinking fountains, and rest rooms routinely. We insist on hand washing often and protect against sharing items as much as possible. Please help by keeping your child home when they are feeling under the weather.**

## **Reminders:**

Early out on Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> Jackson 1:10 & Ponca 1:30 Football Playoffs

No school for the elementary on Friday, Nov. 1 Elementary Teacher In-service

3 thru 6 Christmas Concert, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm @ Ponca

Pre-K thru 2<sup>nd</sup> Christmas Concert, Friday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm @ Ponca

Happy Thanksgiving,

Mr. Hayes, Principal





Thank you to the Fethkenher family,  
Marion Brown and the Northeast Library  
System for the book donations to our  
school's library!



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## CONGRATULATIONS!

The Nebraska Choral Directors Association is proud to sponsor the 2013 Singing Youth of Nebraska Junior High Honor Choir. This event will be held on January 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> in Holdrege, Nebraska at their performing arts center, "The Tassle". The choir of 120 seventh, eighth and ninth grade students will be selected from across the state through an audition process.

**Congratulations to these 5 students who were selected from Ponca Public Schools!**



**Freshman-Jacob Bennett-Tenor**  
**Eighth Grader-Sophie Kramper-Alto**  
**Eighth Grader-Sam Brickett-Tenor**  
**Eighth Grader-Walter Messerlie-Tenor**  
**Seventh Grader- Colson Watchorn-Bass**



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## Don't Forget to pay your PONCA ATHLETIC BOOSTERS dues!!



**\$30 Couple /Business**

**\$20 Single**



**Make checks payable to: Ponca Athletic Boosters, 1645 Hwy 12, Jackson, NE 68743**

**New members are always welcome!! If you would like to join the Athletic Boosters, please include your name, address and email with your dues.**

**If you have any questions regarding the Athletic Boosters, please contact Mike Carlson (402) 755-2552 or Cheri Albrecht (402) 632-4645.**



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## Winter Season Athletic Passes



Passes are good for all Ponca home regular season athletic events for the WINTER Season.

**Students = \$30.00**

**Adult = \$40.00**

**Family = \$100.00**

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

## Senior Citizen Passes Available...

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

**Bob Hayes, Athletic Director**

# CONCESSIONS SCHEDULE-DECEMBER, 2013

If you are unable to work:

If you are unable to find a replacement:

Thank you so much in advance!

1. PLEASE .....try to find a replacement.

2. PLEASE CALL.....your contact person.

October 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2013 6:00pm	<u>Varsity Football</u> Phil and Julie Kramper Joe and Barb Hayes Rick and Marcella Schweers Doug and Lynette Bauman Kevin and Amy Crogrove	December 09, 2013 4:00pm	<u>Wrestling: 9th/10th Invite @ Ponca</u> Phil and Julie Kramper-Contact Shawn and Sue Sullivan Judy Beacom Marcia Millard Roger and Becky Bentz Rick and Diane Rush	Ponca
October 29, 2013 6:00pm	<u>Semi-Final Conference Volleyball</u> Scott and Lori Heaton-Contact Jesse and Melissa Moore Chris and Stephanie Richards Wade and Mona Reid Bernie and Lindy Gill	December 10, 2013 4:30pm	<u>Basketball: Girls Reserve @ Home vs. Sergeant Bluff-Luton</u>	Ponca
November 14, 2013 3:30-7:30 pm	<u>JH Invitational Wrestling</u> Doug and Christina Luebe-Contact Jason and Paula Cook (Hannah) Brett and Jenifer Eifert (Lexi) Nick and Kristina Sullivan (Alisha) Laurie Zavadil (Kcoka)	5:30pm	<u>Basketball: Boys Reserve @ Home vs. Sergeant Bluff-Luton</u> Rhonda Criddle-Contact Mishelle and Jeff Fields Cheri Janssen Joe and Jena Zimmerman Troy and Darcy Fethkenher	
November 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2013 8:00-11:00 am	<u>Conference One-Act</u> Phil and Julie Kramper-Contact Eric and Patti Goodier Dave and Julie Harding Deric and Shawna Anderson	December 12, 2013 4:45pm	<u>Basketball: Boys JV @ Home vs. Randolph</u>	Ponca
11:00-3:00	Rhonda Criddle-Contact Wyatt and Lynn Mellick Gene and Susie Day Doyle and Jennifer Van Dyke	4:45pm	<u>Basketball: Girls JV Game @ Home vs Randolph</u>	
December 2, 2013 8:00-11:00 am	<u>District One-Act</u> Sean and Wendy Masin-Contact Bob and Michelle Finnegan Les and Cheri Albrecht	6:15pm	<u>Basketball: Girls Varsity Game @ Home vs. Randolph</u>	
11:00-3:00	Scott and Lori Heaton-Contact Brian and Candice Hansen Justin and Jamie Hamar Mark and Melanie Charlson	8:00pm	<u>Basketball: Boys Varsity @ Home vs. Randolph</u> Sean and Wendy Masin-Contact Todd and Tina Brennan Mark and Misty Baush Ryan and Gina Touney Dennis and Tina Rickett	
December 05, 2013 4:45pm	<u>Basketball: Boys JV @ Home vs. Hartington</u>	December 14, 2013 1:00pm	<u>Basketball: Girls JV Game @ Home vs. Dakota Valley</u>	Ponca
4:45pm	<u>Basketball: Girls JV Game @ Home vs. Hartington</u>	3:00pm	<u>Basketball: Girls Varsity Game @ Home vs. Dakota Valley</u> Scott and Lori -Contact Bill and Sheryl Persinger Tim and Jodie Lamprecht Candice and Brian Hansen Jim and Jessica Kastning	
6:15pm	<u>Basketball: Girls Varsity Game @ Home vs. Hartington</u>	December 21, 2013 9:00am	<u>Basketball: Jr. Hi. Invite @ Home Boys</u> Doug and Christina Luebe-Contact Lana Casey Barey Anderson Stacie Kingsbury Reed and Amy McGill Tim and Sarah Heiner	Ponca
8:00pm	<u>Basketball: Boys Varsity @ Home vs. Hartington</u> Doug and Christina Luebe-Contact David and Heather Logue Deanna and Chris Bennett Thersa and Matt Brockhaus Tracy and Angela Anderson			



Watch your student's backpacks and the Ponca website.  
Another order will be going out for the Ponca Athletic  
Booster clothing the first part of November!!

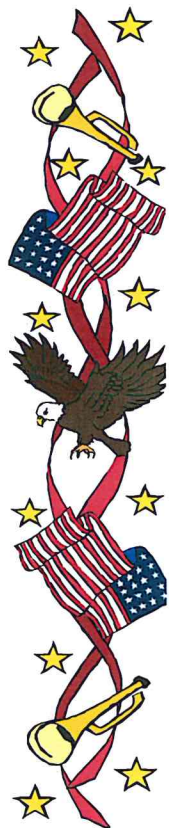
Time to start thinking of Christmas gifts!!!



# VETERAN'S DAY PROGRAM

**Ponca Public School will present a Veteran's Day Program, in the gym at 10:00 A.M. on November 11, 2013. The public is invited to attend this program along with the Ponca, Jackson, and area Veterans/Auxiliary Women, and the 3-12 students/staff at Ponca School to help recognize the service and commitment of our Veterans, Auxiliary Women and active military men and women.**

**Plans are being made for PreK-2<sup>nd</sup> grade students at Jackson Elementary to recognize Veteran's Day during the week of November 11-15.**



**10 tips**  
Nutrition  
Education Series

## be food safe

**10 tips** to reduce the risk of foodborne illness



**be food safe**  
A critical part of healthy eating is keeping foods safe. Individuals in their own homes can reduce contaminants and keep food safe to eat by following safe food handling practices. Four basic food safety principles work together to reduce the risk of foodborne illness—Clean, Separate, Cook, and Chill. These four principles are the cornerstones of Fight BAC<sup>®</sup>, a national public education campaign to promote food safety to consumers and educate them on how to handle and prepare food safely.

### CLEAN

#### 1 wash hands with soap and water

Wet hands with clean running water and apply soap. Use warm water if it is available. Rub hands together to make a lather and scrub all parts of the hand for 20 seconds. Rinse hands thoroughly and dry using a clean paper towel. If possible, use a paper towel to turn off the faucet.

#### 2 sanitize surfaces

Surfaces should be washed with hot, soapy water. A solution of 1 tablespoon of unscented, liquid chlorine bleach per gallon of water can be used to sanitize surfaces.

#### 3 clean sweep refrigerated foods once a week

At least once a week, throw out refrigerated foods that should no longer be eaten. Cooked leftovers should be discarded after 4 days; raw poultry and ground meats, 1 to 2 days.

#### 4 keep appliances clean

Clean the inside and the outside of appliances. Pay particular attention to buttons and handles where cross-contamination to hands can occur.

#### 5 rinse produce

Rinse fresh vegetables and fruits under running water just before eating, cutting, or cooking. Even if you plan to peel or cut the produce before eating, it is important to thoroughly rinse it first to prevent microbes from transferring from the outside to the inside of the produce.



### SEPARATE

#### 6 separate foods when shopping

Place raw seafood, meat, and poultry in plastic bags. Store them below ready-to-eat foods in your refrigerator.

#### 7 separate foods when preparing and serving

Always use a clean cutting board for fresh produce and a separate one for raw seafood, meat, and poultry. Never place cooked food back on the same plate or cutting board that previously held raw food.

### COOK AND CHILL

#### 8 use a food thermometer when cooking

A food thermometer should be used to ensure that food is safely cooked and that cooked food is held at safe temperatures until eaten.

#### 9 cook food to safe internal temperatures

One effective way to prevent illness is to check the internal temperature of seafood, meat, poultry, and egg dishes. Cook all raw beef, pork, lamb, and veal steaks, chops, and roasts to a safe minimum internal temperature of 145 °F. For safety and quality, allow meat to rest for at least 3 minutes before carving or eating. Cook all raw ground beef, pork, lamb, and veal to an internal temperature of 160 °F. Cook all poultry, including ground turkey and chicken, to an internal temperature of 165 °F ([www.isitdoneyet.gov](http://www.isitdoneyet.gov)).

#### 10 keep foods at safe temperatures

Hold cold foods at 40 °F or below. Keep hot foods at 140 °F or above. Foods are no longer safe to eat when they have been in the danger zone between 40-140 °F for more than 2 hours (1 hour if the temperature was above 90 °F).



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.

**Non-Discrimination Statement:** 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.

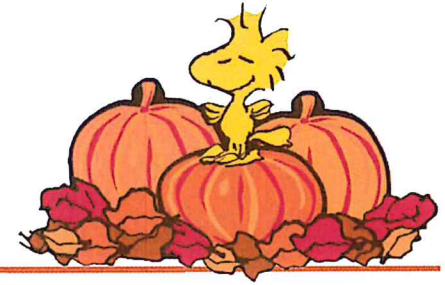
To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call toll free (866) 632-9992 (voice). Individuals who are hearing impaired or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service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



# November 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Grades 7-12 = In Session PK—6 = No School Elementary Curriculum Day  Conference Volleyball Tourney TBA  Fall Activities Picture Day	2  Junior High Dance 7:00 p.m.—10:00 p.m.  Ponca Recreation Adult Volleyball Tournament
3	4  Volleyball Sub-Districts TBA	5  Volleyball Sub-Districts TBA  Jr. High Wrestling @ Crofton 3:00 pm	6  Music Booster Meeting 6:00 pm @ Outlaw Pizza  State Football 2nd Round	7	8  Volleyball District Finals	9  Ponca Craft Fair 9:00 am– 3:00 pm  JH Honor Band @ Homer 9:00—5:00 pm Public Performance 4:30 pm
10	11  Veteran's Day Program 9:00 Coffee 10:00 Community Program 	12  High School Vocal Conference Clinic @ Winnebago Public Performance 7-:00 pm  State Football Quarterfinals	13  Quiz Bowl  Post Prom Meeting 6:00 p.m.  <b>EARLY DISMISSAL</b> Professional Development Jackson Dismissal @ 1:55 Ponca Dismissal @ 2:15	14  Jr. High Wrestling Ponca Invite 4:00 pm	15  State Volleyball 11/14-11/16	16  Jr. High Wrestling @ Winside 9:00 am
17	18  School Board Meeting 7:30 p.m. @ Ponca  Jr. High Wrestling @ Randolph Invite 4:00 pm  Winter Sports Practice Begins	19  State Football Semifinals	20	21  High School Wrestling Parent's Meeting @ 6:30 pm Wrestling Room	22  All State Music @ Lincoln 11/21—11/23	23  Jr. High Wrestling Howells/Dodge Invite 10:00 am
24	25  Conference One-Act @ Ponca	26  Jr. High Wrestling @ Elgin 3:00 pm  High School Boys & Girls Basketball Scrimmage @ 6:30 Parent's Meeting will follow  State Football Finals	27  <b>EARLY DISMISSAL</b> Thanksgiving Break Jackson Dismissal @ 11:40 Ponca Dismissal @ 12:00 <b>NO LUNCH SERVED</b>	28  <b>NO SCHOOL—Thanksgiving Break</b> 	29	30  Varsity Basketball Jamboree @ West Point GACC 12:00 girls 2:00 boys

# Jackson Elementary November 2013



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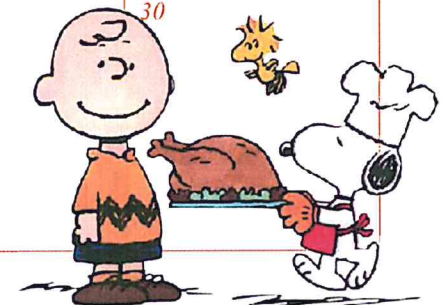
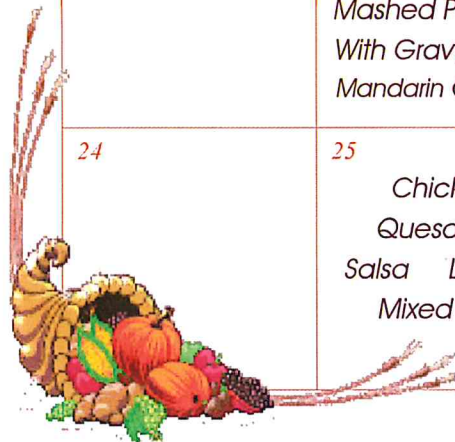
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Sat

Nov. 1st - No School Nov. 13th - Early Dismiss (Jackson at 1:55, Ponca at 2:15)		Nov. 27th - Early Dismiss (Jackson 11:40, Ponca 12:00) Nov. 28 & 29 - No School Happy Thanksgiving!		1 NO SCHOOL	2
3	4 Cheeseburger Quarter Fries Pineapple	5 Mac & Cheese Beets Peas Apple	6 Spaghetti with Meat Balls Lettuce & Tomato Banana	7 Chicken Noodle Soup Cooked Carrots P.B. & J. Applesauce	8 Pizza Lima Beans Mandarin Oranges
10	11 Hot Dog Baked Beans Carrots & Ranch Dip Mixed Fruit	12 Pancakes Sausage Tater Tots Orange Slices	13 Walking Taco Lettuce & Tomato Cheese Bread Stick Pineapple	14 Mandarin Chicken Sweet Potato Bake Roll Pears Fortune Cookie	15 Potato Soup Green Beans Celery with P.B. Roll Fruit
17	18 Chicken Patty Mashed Potatoes With Gravy Corn Mandarin Oranges	19 Chili Sweet Peppers Carrots with Ranch Dip Cinnamon Twist Apple	20 Mac & Cheese Lima Beans Strawberries	21 Goulash Cooked Carrots Roll Banana	22 Crispitos Lettuce & Tomato Orange Slices
24	25 Chicken Quesadilla Salsa Lettuce Mixed Fruit	26 Roast Beef Mashed Potatoes With Gravy Green Beans Roll Dried Cranberry Salad	27 NO LUNCH SERVED EARLY DISMISSAL JACKSON 11:40 PONCA 12:00	28 	29 NO SCHOOL





# November 2013

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 Pork Fritter Mashed Potatoes/Gravy Roll Fruit and Veggie Bar
4 Chicken Fajita Chili/Cheese Refried Beans Fruit and Veggie Bar	5 Spaghetti/Meat Sauce Corn Garlic Sticks Fruit and Veggie Bar	6 Hamburger / Bun Fries Fruit and Veggie Bar	7 Egg and Ham Taco Tri-Taters Fruit and Veggie Bar	8 Deli Turkey Sandwich Baked Beans Fruit and Veggie
11 Chili / Crackers Cinnamon Roll Fruit and Veggie Bar	12 Pizza Chips Fruit and Veggie Bar	13 Chicken Tenders Sweet Potato Fries Roll Fruit and Veggie Bar	14 Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes/Gravy Roll Fruit and Veggie Bar	15 Tater Tot Casserole Green Beans Roll Fruit and Veggie Bar
18 Beef Taco Potato Rounds Fruit and Veggie	19 Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Roll Fruit and Veggie Bar	20 Crispito Chili/Cheese Krispy Bar Fruit and Veggie Bar	21 Hot Dog / Bun Chips and Cheese Fruit and Veggie Bar	22 Tavern Baked Beans Fruit and Veggie
25 Chicken Noodle Soup Jell-o Banana Bars	26 Mini Corn Dogs Potato Cubes Fruit and Veggie Bar	27 <b>EARLY DISMISSAL</b> <b>Thanksgiving Break</b> <b>Jackson Dismissal @ 11:40</b> <b>Ponca Dismissal @ 12:00</b> <b>NO LUNCH</b>	28 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	29 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>

