

November 2014

# PONCA PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Information from Joan M. Reznicek, Superintendent of Schools

**On Tuesday, 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. The program is open to the public, so please come to honor our Veterans. Also, welcome and encourage another veteran to attend the Veteran's Day Program if they have not attended in the past.

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 Julie 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.

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 with Ponca Public Schools.** If you have changed your cell phone service and received a new number, please inform the school.

Does your high school student have a **WINTER SURVIVAL KIT** in their vehicle in case he/she may have troubles due to the roads or their car??

The Lewis & Clark Conference Vocal Clinic will be held in Allen on Monday, November 10<sup>th</sup> a concert at 7:00 p.m. Please attend the concert to listen to the Conference Choir.

## **Some reminders:**

Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> - School dismissed early 1:55 Jackson & 2:15 Ponca for PLC's.

Wednesday, November 26<sup>th</sup> - School dismissed at NOON for Thanksgiving Vacation.

Thursday, November 27<sup>th</sup> & Friday, November 28<sup>th</sup> - NO SCHOOL for Thanksgiving Vacation

Monday, December 1<sup>st</sup> - Pre-season Jamboree basketball game at West Point Public High School.

Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> - School dismissed early 1:55 Jackson & 2:15 Ponca for PLC's.

Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup> - End of first semester - early dismissal at 1:10 Jackson & 1:30 Ponca.

December 24<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> - NSAA Moratorium.

## **SECOND SEMESTER STARTS ON MONDAY, JANUARY 5TH**

**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."

*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.*

*This institution is an equal opportunity provider.*



# Notes from the High School

**Ms. Rinas, Principal**

Ponca students celebrated "Red Ribbon Week" October 20-24. "Love GoodHealth—Be 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. Each day we focused on one aspect of good health. On Wednesday the 7-12 students heard Curtis Green's story of being the recipient of an organ donor. Students in grades 10-12 also attended an assembly sponsored by LifeServe of Siouxland on donating blood in preparation for the Ponca School blood drive on October 30, 2014.

The month of November is filled with fine arts activities. Our 9-12 chorus students will be traveling to Allen for the Conference Vocal Music Clinic on November 10. 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 at 7:00 p.m. On November 18, Ponca will be the site of the Lewis Division of the Conference One-Act Play Contest. The public is invited to watch any or all of the plays. Both the vocal music clinic and the one-act play contest are conference events and admission will be charged (\$5.00 for adults and \$4.00 for students).

In 2013, Ponca Public School began the process to become an AdvancED accredited school. AdvancEd is an organization that conducts on-site external reviews of PreK-12 schools and school systems to ensure that all learners realize their full potential. This organization is grounded in more than one hundred years of work in school accreditation and committed to helping schools improve. Our first external review is scheduled for the fall of the 2015. In an effort to improve our school practices, Ponca High School is conducting a Stakeholders Survey. We value your opinion and ask that each parent or guardian in your household takes time to complete this survey by November 10, 2014. You may have received an email from me requesting you to complete this survey. If you have not completed the survey or did not receive the email, please go to: <http://www.advanc-ed.org/survey/public/9189866> to complete it. If you do not have internet access and wish to complete the survey, contact the school and a survey will be mailed to you. Please be assured that your responses to this survey will be anonymous. Your honest opinion is appreciated. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

**Ponca School Parents/Guardians –**

**Be sure to complete the Ponca Public School Stakeholders Survey at <http://www.advanc-ed.org/survey/public/9189866>**

**The survey closes on November 10, 2014**



**Another order will be going out for Ponca Athletic Booster clothing the first part of November!!**

**The Athletic Boosters will have a booth at Ponca's Craft Fair. Also check Ponca's website for updates and order forms.**

**Time to start thinking of Christmas gifts!!!**



# ELEMENTARY NEWS

**Mr. Hayes, Principal**

The first quarter flew by and that means the holiday season is just around the corner! Please encourage your child to work hard as the end of the first semester will be here before you know it. 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. I realize we had a very pleasant fall, but "old man winter" is right around the corner. 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.

We are having a problem with students wanting to stay in from recess because of illness. We understand there are times when students need to stay inside, but please do not abuse this situation. Studies show the fresh air is good for students; it causes them to be more alert and refreshed. If a student is too ill to go out for recess, they might be too ill to be in school. Students are not required to run at recess, they can do a variety of activities that are not strenuous.

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.

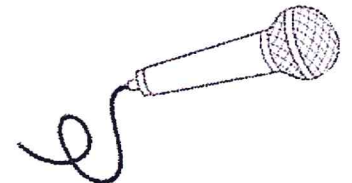
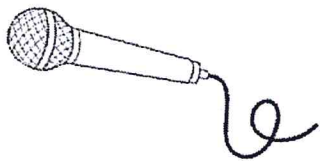
## **ELEMENTARY CALENDAR REMINDERS:**

Early out November 12<sup>th</sup> Jackson 1:55 pm & Ponca 2:15 pm  
Early out November 26<sup>th</sup> Jackson 11:40 am & Ponca 12:00 (No lunches)  
3 thru 6 Christmas Concert, Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm @ Ponca  
Pre-K thru 2<sup>nd</sup> Christmas Concert, Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm @ Ponca

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Ponca Public School is looking for an announcer for girls and boys basketball games.

If interested, please contact  
Bob Hayes @ school.



## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS...**

**The elves are getting ready to bake  
for the P.H.S. Student Council  
Holiday Cake Raffle!!!**



**Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup> @ the  
Boys/Girls Basketball Doubleheader vs. Emerson-Hubbard**





# MUSIC NEWS



## **Congratulations to Ponca's Junior High Band Students for being selected and participating in the 2014 Homer Honor Band!**

Kaitlyn Beach, Katie Meister, Claire Hoelsing, Garrett Anderson,  
Morgan Janssen, and Sami Coffin  
participated in the Homer Junior High Honor Band on Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup>.

### December Basketball Pep Band Schedule

- Dec. 6- Girls Varsity
- Dec. 9- Boys Varsity
- Dec. 13- Girls & Boys Varsity
- Dec. 16- Girls & Boys Varsity
- Dec. 19- Girls & Boys Varsity



## **Lewis and Clark Vocal Conference Clinic**

**Monday, November 10th, 2014**

**Public Performance 7:00 p.m.**

**Allen Consolidated Schools**

PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS:

Allen, Laurel-Concord-Coleridge, Emerson-Hubbard, Homer, Ponca, Wakefield, Walthill, Winnebago

\* 200+ talented musicians join together to create a night of entertaining music.

\* Medals are awarded to the top 24 vocalists.

\* A trophy is given to the school with the most audience members present! (Host school is excluded.)



*BRAVO!*

## **Congratulations to Ponca's 2014 All-State Chorus Members**

*BRAVO!*

**Lexie Eifert Senior Alto I (3-year Recipient)**  
**Kianna Kramper Senior Alto II**

**Alisha Sullivan Senior Alto I**  
**Rachel Bentz Sophomore Alto II**

**Jacob Bennett Sophomore Tenor I**  
**Keoka Zavadil Alto I - Alternate**




Each year, approximately 3000 of the best high school musicians in the state audition for the Nebraska All-State Band, Chorus, Jazz Band and Orchestra which are sponsored by the Nebraska Music Educators Association. Selection as a member of one of these groups is one of the highest musical honors attainable in Nebraska

The chorus will rehearse Wednesday, November 19th, through Friday, November 21st, on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Campus, the host site of the 2014 NMEA Conference Clinic. A final public concert will be held on Friday, November 21st at the Lied Center for the Performing Arts on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus.



# November 2014

Calendar is subject to change. Please refer to Ponca's website calendar for last minute changes.  
www.poncaschool.org

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Jr. High Dance 7:00-10:00 p.m.
2	3 Volleyball Sub-Districts @ Laurel Game 1 @ 5:00 Game 1 - Crofton vs. Hartington CC Game 2 - Ponca vs. Hartington-Newcastle Game 3 - Winners of 1 & 2	4 Jr. High Wrestling Crofton Invite 3:00 p.m.	5	6	7 Volleyball District Finals Time/Location TBA	8 Jr. High Wrestling Wayne Invite 10:00 a.m.  Ponca Craft Fair
9	10 Vocal Music Clinic @ Allen Public Concert 7:00 p.m.	11 Veteran's Day Program 10:00 a.m. Coffee @ 9:00 a.m. Ponca Public School  Fall Activities Awards Night 7:00 Ponca Fine Arts	12 <b>EARLY DISMISSAL</b> Professional Development Jackson Dismissal @ 1:55 Ponca Dismissal @ 2:15  Conference Quiz Bowl @ WSC  Music Booster Meeting 6:00 Ponca School	13 Jr. High Wrestling Ponca Invite 4:00 p.m.	14 <div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 2px;">State Volleyball 11/13-11/15</div>	15 Jr. High Wrestling Winside Invite 9:00 a.m.
16	17 Jr. High Wrestling Randolph Invite 4:00 p.m.  Board Meeting 7:30 p.m. @ Ponca  Winter Sports Practice Begins	18 Conference One Act Play Contest @ Ponca	19 Post Prom Meeting 6:00 @ Ponca School  <div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 2px;">Nebraska All State Music @ Lincoln 11/19-11/21</div>	20	21	22 Jr. High Wrestling Howells/Dodge Invite 10:00 a.m.
23	24 One Act Public Performance Fine Arts Building 7:00 p.m.	25 Jr. High Wrestling Elgin Invite 3:00 p.m.  High School Boys & Girls Basketball Scrimmage @ 6:30 Parent's Meeting will follow	26 <b>EARLY DISMISSAL</b> Thanksgiving Break Jackson Dismissal @ 11:40 Ponca Dismissal @ 12:00 <b>NO LUNCH SERVED</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL—Thanksgiving Break</b>		29
30	1 District One Act Play Contest @ Wisner  Varsity Basketball Jamboree vs. West Point-Beemer @ West Point Public 6:00 girls 8:00 boys	2 Jr. High Wrestling Battle Creek Invite 3:30 p.m.	3 PCEF Meeting 4:00 @ Ponca School	4 Christmas Concert <b>Grades 3-6</b> 7:00 p.m. @ Ponca	5 Girls and Boys BB @ Hartington Girls JV @ 4:00 Boys JV 5:00 Varsity Girls @ 6:15 Varsity Boys @ 8:00	6 Girls Basketball @ Home vs. Lawton-Bronson JV @ 3:00 Varsity @ 4:30  Wrestling @ Howells-Dodge 9:30 a.m.



# November 2014 - Ponca Menu

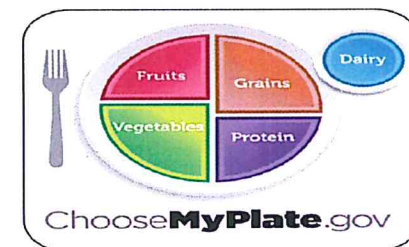
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Milk Served with Meal  
Meals Subject to Change

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
3 Tater Tot Casserole Green Beans Roll Fruit and Veggie Bar	4 Hamburger on a Bun French Fries Fruit and Veggie Bar	5 Super Nachos Apple Crisp Fruit and Veggie Bar	6 Chicken and Noodles Peas Roll Fruit and Veggie Bar	7 Mini Corn Dogs Tri Taters Fruit and Veggie Bar
10 Pizza Burger Baked Beans Fruit and Veggie Bar	11 Pork Fritter Mashed Potatoes Gravy Roll Fruit and Veggie Bar	12 Hot Dog Day!! Chips and Cheese Fruit and Veggie Bar 	13 Tomato Soup Grilled Cheese Sandwich Fruit and Veggie Bar	14 French Toast Sticks Sausage Juice Fruit and Veggie Bar
17 Chicken Nuggets Tater Tots Roll Fruit and Veggie Bar	18 Beef Taco Refried Beans Fruit and Veggie Bar	19 Chicken Patty Mashed Potatoes Gravy Roll Fruit and Veggie Bar	20 BBQ Rib Patty Scalloped Potatoes Carrots Roll Fruit and Veggie Bar	21 Spaghetti Cheesy Bread Sticks Corn Fruit and Veggie Bar
24 Turkey Wrap Macaroni and Cheese Fruit and Veggie Bar	25 Cheese Pizza Chips Ice Cream Cups Fruit and Veggie Bar	26 EARLY DISMISSAL Thanksgiving Break Jackson Dismissal @ 11:40 Ponca Dismissal @ 12:00 NO LUNCH	27 NO SCHOOL 	28 NO SCHOOL





## Make Healthy Choices at Lunch!





# Jackson Elementary November 2014

Nov 2 - Daylight Saving Time Ends  
 Nov 12 - Early Dismiss J 11:55 P 2:15  
 Nov 26 - Early Dismiss J 11:40 P 12:00  
 Nov 27 - Happy Thanksgiving  
 Nov 28 - No School

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 Hot Dog on a Bun Baked Beans Apricots	4 Walking Taco Lettuce & Tomato Corn Cheese Stick	5 Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes With Gravy Grapes	6 Mac & Cheese Beets Apple	7 Pizza Carrots & Cucumbers With Ranch Dip Pineapple	8
9	10 Cheeseburger Green Beans Lettuce & Tomatoes Pears	11 Beef & Noodles Beans Bread & Butter Mandarin Oranges	12 <b>EARLY DISMISS</b> Sausage & Egg Biscuit Tater Tots Peaches	13 Dog on a Log Sweet Potato Fries Mixed Fruit	14 Chicken Noodle Soup Carrots & Cucumbers With Ranch Dip Banana	15
16	17 Cheese Omelet Tri-Tater Banana Muffin Orange Slices	18 Corn Dog Cooked Carrots Peas Applesauce	19 Tomato Soup Grilled Cheese Lettuce & Tomatoes Apple	20 Pizza Lima Beans Carrots & Ranch Dip Pears	21 Chicken Fried Rice Green Beans Pineapple	22
23	24 Sliced Turkey Breast Mashed Potatoes With Gravy Corn Bread Cranberry Juice	25 Mac & Cheese Peas Mixed Fruit Ice Cream	26 NO LUNCH EARLY DISMISSAL 11:40 at Jackson	27  Happy Thanksgiving	28 NO SCHOOL	29
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# *E-Funds For Schools*

## *(Pay For Lunches Online)*



The Ponca School District is pleased to introduce a new program call *e-Funds for Schools*. This program offers various options for parents/guardians who *choose* to make payments on-line for lunches. You have the ability to make lunch payments electronically withdrawn from your checking account or charged to your debit or credit card. The *e-Funds For Schools* service is offered to you by a third party service provider and they charge for processing your payment(s), similar to other on-line banking services. The district does not request or keep records of family checking or credit card account information.

The "*e-Funds For Schools*" electronic payment service is provided to the school by a third party service provider. The service provider has a nominal fee for their service. **There is a \$1.00 transaction convenience fee for each electronic checking payment that you make regardless of how many accounts you are paying money towards.** The system carries a Non-Sufficient Funds (NSF) charge if the payment is "bad".

**For payments made by credit or debit card, there is a convenience fee of \$2.45 per each \$100 increment in the transaction.** When you set up your account, please review your options carefully.

You are in full control of your account and can make a payment at any time that is convenient for you. **No payments will be allowed without your knowledge and authorization through this secure payment system.** By providing your home and/or work email address, an email notification informing you of the student's name, purpose of the payment, and the amount of the item will be sent to you each time that a payment is to be processed. The "*e-Funds For School*" site is secure and uses industry standard data encryption.

### Getting Started

Go to the school website [www.poncaschool.org](http://www.poncaschool.org) and click on the **E-Funds link** on the right side of the website. You will be taken to the e-Funds for Schools website. You will click on the link under "**New Users**" to create an account. Enter your account information. Please keep a copy of this information as the school will not have access to any of this information.

When creating a password it must be **7 characters long** there must be **at least 1 upper case letter, at least 1 lower case letter** and **at least 1 number**.

Once your account is created click "**Sign Up**". Click in the Student Number box and enter the student(s) lunch number (your child will know this number). Next, click "**Add**" After you have finished adding students or if you are making payments for yourself (teacher or staff member), click "**Continue to Account Overview**".

Verify the appropriate student numbers have been added. Then, select *Continue to Account Overview*.

**Teachers and staff this web page will not appear if you are registering only for yourself and you have no children attending our school.**

The main page menu displays Payment Information, Advisory Services, Account Settings, Pending Payments and Schedule Pre-Authorized Payments. The initial time you setup a new payment you are required to enter your bank or credit card information. First select **Payment Options** from the Main menu. Next select the **type of payment account** and enter your account information. Then select **SAVE**.

To schedule a payment, select **Payment Options**, and **Make a Payment** from the drop down menu. Next, enter the amount of your payment, select the **calendar** to choose the date of the payment then click **ADD**. If you have multiple children select the tab for each child to schedule a payment. Each child will have a tab with their name. Then click the **continue button**. **Verify**, a final time, your payment choices and agree to pay the convenience fee, select **Submit**.

If you have questions you may contact Mrs. Kristie Hayes at (402)755-5700 or E-Mail: [khayes@poncaschool.org](mailto:khayes@poncaschool.org)



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## PONCA PUBLIC SCHOOL

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## NOVEMBER 2014



# VETERAN'S DAY PROGRAM

**Ponca Public School will present a  
Veteran's Day Program, in the gym at 10:00 a.m.  
on Tuesday, November 11, 2014.**

**The public is invited to attend this program along with  
the Ponca, Jackson, and area Veterans/Auxiliary Women.  
The 3-12 students/staff at Ponca School will also be in  
attendance 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 10-14.**

