

# PONCA PUBLIC SCHOOL

August 2017

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**WELCOME TO THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR!!!**

**The First Day of School is Thursday, August 17<sup>th</sup>.**

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

## ***Information from Jody L. Phillips, Superintendent of Schools***

I would like to personally welcome all our students, teachers, staff, and families to the 2017-18 school year. We enter this year with great excitement and anticipation! There have been several "behind the scenes" projects completed this summer to help facilitate the start of the school year. All classrooms have been thoroughly cleaned, floors waxed and finished, a new camera system, and security entries on the entrance doors of the Ponca building. In addition, the playground in Jackson has been completed and the building received new carpeting throughout. A very special "Thank You" to the Ponca Public Schools board of education and staff who made all these projects come together!

Below you will find several reminders and information which will help you navigate the first days of school. If you have any questions regarding any of the information, please don't hesitate to call.

What a wonderful time it is to be in the Ponca Public Schools! I am looking forward to working with everyone and continuing the tradition of excellence this district has experienced for many years.

### **SCHOOL TIMES AND PROCEDURES**

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 8:05 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 door.

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

### **LUNCH**

Throughout the school year, please check your **LUNCH FUND BALANCE** in PowerSchool to ensure your child(ren) have adequate funds available. If you have questions regarding your lunch account, please call Patti in Ponca at 402-755-5700 or Sue in Jackson at 402-632-4276. I realize that your lunch bill is an additional expense for your family, but be careful to not allow your bill to get out-of-hand. Please pay your lunch bill on a timely manner, it allows the school district to get our bills paid.

**Please apply for the free or reduce 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 total family members living in the household. Every family should fill out the form to find out if they meet the necessary qualifications. **Please know that all information is kept confidential and only used for the purpose of determining qualification for free or reduced lunch.** There is nothing embarrassing about applying for free or reduced priced lunches. When your child enters their lunch account number on the lunch computer, **there is NO indication of the payment status.**

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

If you have any questions concerning the application, please call me to receive help in filling out the application. If you qualify 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 **Tuesday, August 15<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 is a great opportunity for parents, students, and teachers to meet and greet each other prior to the start of the school year. Students will be able to find their rooms, desks, and lockers. It is strongly encouraged that students 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 4<sup>th</sup>.**

### **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 promptly at **8:00am**.

**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 2017-2018 school year. **During the weeks of July 31<sup>st</sup> –**

**August 4<sup>th</sup> and August 7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>, the bus drivers will be contacting families along their routes to notify of pick-up times.**

**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.**

**Best wishes for a great school year. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions or concerns.**



# Notes from Mr. Lahm, 7-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Principal

- 📣 WELCOME to the start of another school year and another opportunity to learn and to grow. My name is Derek Lahm, and I will be the 7-12<sup>th</sup> grade principal at Ponca. Our mission at Ponca is committed to building a solid educational foundation for all individuals by providing a quality learning environment and promoting standards of excellence. We look forward to working with you as we begin this new school year.
- 📣 ARE YOU READY? The 1<sup>st</sup> day of school for students is Thursday, August 17. School will run from 8:10 to 1:30 on this first day (1:10 at Jackson elementary). 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> students will meet in the east gymnasium for an assembly.
- 📣 STUDENT/PARENT HANDBOOK ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE! "Ponca Public Schools Student/Parent Handbook" will be available to families on the Ponca School website. If you do not have access to the electronic form of the handbook or prefer a paper copy. You or your child may request one from the secondary office. 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 handbook information with your student(s).
- 📣 WE NEED YOUR SIGNATURES! As in the past, we will still require a signature page stating that you have access to the handbook in electronic form or have received a copy of it. A 7-12 student who does not have the signature page on file by Thursday, August 24, 2017, 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 22, 2017. 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.
- 📣 COMPUTER ROLLOUT! We will host our computer rollout on Tuesday, August 15 at 8:00 pm in the east gymnasium. All 7-12 parents and students should plan to meet at 8:00 pm for a REQUIRED meeting and important paperwork. Please bring \$25 for the computer insurance, and 9-12<sup>th</sup> grade students will receive your computer on this night.
- 📣 WE ARE READY TO GET STARTED!! Yes, we are ready for our 2017-2018 school year to get started! We are ready to see all of our awesome Ponca School students back in the hallways, on the playing floor or field, performing in the Fine Arts Center and in the classrooms learning. We look forward to seeing you at school and joining us at school events and activities!

## **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.

**ATTENTION  
7-12<sup>th</sup> PARENTS!!**

*Technology Orientation Meeting*

*Tuesday August 15<sup>th</sup>, 8:00p.m.*

*Ponca High School East Gym*

To: Parents, Guardians, and 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Students of Ponca Public Schools

From: Administration and Technology Department, Ponca Public Schools

RE: MANDATORY PARENTS AND 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> GRADE STUDENTS

On Tuesday August 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm, Ponca Public Schools will be presenting to the students and parents the “Chromebook Acceptable Use Policies and Procedures” for the 2017-2018 school year as part of the District’s 1:1 chromebook initiative. **The 9<sup>TH</sup> – 12<sup>TH</sup> grade students will receive their chromebook that evening so they can have them charged and ready to go for the first day of school. The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will receive their chromebook the first day of school.**

This meeting is MANDATORY for parents and students grades 7-12. After the presentation, parents and students will be required to sign the “Ponca High School Student Pledge for Chromebook Use”. **The twenty-five dollar (\$25) checkout fee for each 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade student will need to be paid in order to pickup the chromebook.** If you cannot attend this presentation, please contact the school to schedule another time to watch a video of the presentation and go over the “Chromebook Acceptable Use Policies and Procedures”.

**New families with students in 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade and all 7<sup>th</sup> graders and their parents will have a short meeting following the general meeting to go over the law and technology: What students and parents need to know to avoid problems with technology and social media at school and at home. Presentation will include cyberbullying and sexting.**

We plan to have the presentation, forms signed and pickup your chromebooks and out of the school by 9:00pm.

**PLEASE NOTE**, your child CANNOT receive his or her Chromebook until you have attended the presentation, signed the student pledge, and paid the \$25 checkout fee.

We look forward to seeing you Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm.

**ATTENTION  
7-12<sup>th</sup> PARENTS!!**



# High School Guidance Office

## 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 10th, 7:00 pm  
WHERE: Art 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 19th, 2017 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!!



## Ponca High School Schedules Final Class Registration

For the 2017 - 2018 School Year

Final fall registration has been scheduled for students in grades 9-12 the week of July 31 – August 2nd. 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 31**  
**Juniors: Tuesday, August 1**  
**Sophomores: Wednesday, August 2**

**Freshmen students and their parents are urged to attend an informational meeting on Monday, July 31, at 6:00 P.M. in the Ponca School Commons.**

Mr. Lahm 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.

The Ponca Public School requests your help in locating handicapped children. The school implements the Federal Handicapped Children's Act (PL 94-142) and Nebraska statute, which guarantees a free appropriate educational program for all children between birth and 21 years of age. If you have students or know of any young person who meets these criteria, please contact Superintendent's office.



# PONCA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## 2017-2018 SCHOOL CALENDAR

7 1<sup>st</sup> Day – CC, FB, SB, & VB Practices  
 14-16 Teacher Workdays  
 15 Meet & Greet Night  
 Jackson 6:00 – 7:00PM  
 Ponca 7:00 – 8:00PM  
 17 1<sup>st</sup> DAY OF SCHOOL – Dismiss at 1:10/1:30  
 (11/14 Student/Staff Days)

| AUGUST '17 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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1 - 2 CHRISTMAS BREAK  
 3 NO SCHOOL – TEACHER WORKDAY  
 4 Start of 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester  
 26 NO SCHOOL – MID-WINTER BREAK  
 (19/20 Student/Staff Days)

4 NO SCHOOL – LABOR DAY  
 17 U.S. Constitution Day  
 21 7-12 Parent/Teacher Conferences 2:00 – 8:00  
 Dismiss 1:10/1:30  
 (20/20.5 Student/Staff Days)

| SEPTEMBER '17 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| FEBRUARY '18 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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8 K-12 Parent/Teacher Conferences 2:00 - 8:00  
 Dismiss at 1:10/1:30  
 26 1<sup>st</sup> Day – Spring Practices  
 (20/20.5 Student/Staff Days)

18 End of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter  
 25 & 26 K – 6 Parent/Teacher Conferences 5:00-8:00  
 27 NO SCHOOL – FALL BREAK  
 (21/22 Student/Staff Days)

| OCTOBER '17 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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8 End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter  
 9 NO SCHOOL – WINTER BREAK  
 29 Dismiss at 1:10/1:30  
 30 NO SCHOOL – EASTER BREAK  
 (20/20 Student/Staff Days)

13 1<sup>st</sup> Day - Winter Practices  
 22 Early Dismissal 1:00  
 23-24 NO SCHOOL – THANKSGIVING BREAK  
 (20/20 Student/Staff Days)

| NOVEMBER '17 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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2 NO SCHOOL – EASTER BREAK  
 (20/20 Student/Staff Days)

21 End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr/1<sup>st</sup> Sem.  
 21 Dismiss at 1:10/1:30  
 23-27 NSAA Moratorium  
 22-31 NO SCHOOL – CHRISTMAS BREAK  
 (15/15 Student/Staff Days)  
 (87/91.5 Student/Staff Days)

| DECEMBER '17 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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11 GRADUATION – Dismiss at 1:10/1:30  
 23 LAST DAY -- 5 days added to calendar for snow days. If snow days are not used, the last day of school will be earlier  
 (12/13 Student/Staff Days)  
 (91/93.5 Student/Staff Days)  
 (178/185 Student/Staff Days)

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| <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 – 1 HOUR LATE START</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.\*\*\*



# ELEMENTARY OPEN HOUSE

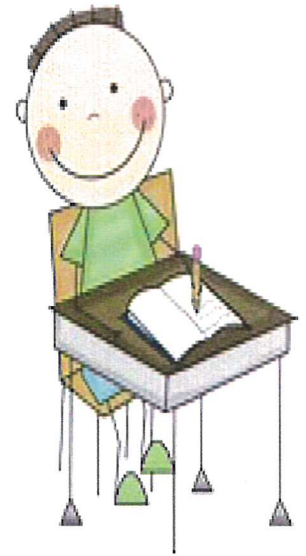
Elementary Students and Parents of Jackson and Ponca will have an opportunity to meet and greet their teachers on....

**Tuesday, August 15<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.



## “BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT”

for parents of students in grades 7-12 is scheduled for....

**Tuesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Parents are asked to meet in the**

**school commons (lunchroom) area at 7:00 p.m.**

Parents 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 navigating the halls!



## 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.**



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



On Saturday, August 5, 2017,  
the Ponca High School Student Council  
will be sponsoring tours of Ponca School in honor of  
Alumni Reunion Weekend.  
The tours are scheduled from 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.



Please meet in the lobby of the school. 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  
**7<sup>th</sup> graders** must have a physical, tetanus booster

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.



## Does your child need health coverage? ¿Necesita su hijo(a) cobertura médica?

Call: Toll free/Línea gratuita: 1-855-632-7633  
<http://www.ACCESSNebraska.ne.gov>

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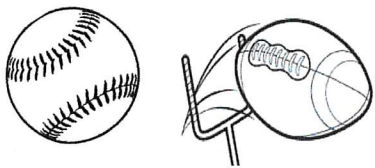
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Health Care Coverage for Nebraska Children  
Cobertura para el cuidado médico de los niños de Nebraska

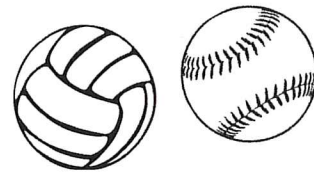


# Athletic Director Information

- **REMINDER: THE MEMBERSHIP FOBS** will expire on September 1<sup>st</sup>. If you wish to continue using the weight room and the west gym you must renew your membership.
- **PRESS BOX AND LOFT:** Fans may begin bidding on seating in the press box or the loft above the concession stand for the first home game August 25<sup>th</sup>. The press box will seat 10 fans and the loft approximately 20 fans. Bids can be dropped off at the school in a sealed envelope addressed to Bob Hayes or e-mailed to Bob Hayes @ bobhayes@poncaschool.org. Bidding will cease at 12:00 noon August 25<sup>th</sup>. Bidding will be posted on the school web page, the name of the top bid will be kept confidential. You may increase your bid at anytime! The winner will be notified Thursday afternoon August 25<sup>th</sup>.
- **Sports Complex Playground:** The playground equipment at the sports complex belongs to the City of Ponca and is not regulated by the school. During athletic contests at the sports complex the school is not liable and will not be supervising the equipment. Children using the equipment will be at their own risk and the school will not be responsible for any accidents that may occur.
- **Elementary Fundraiser:** The elementary is doing fundraising events during the school year in an effort to raise funds to help defray cost of field trips, etc. One of the fundraising events is called "**Buy a Yard Line**". You can buy a yard line at the table before the first home game on August 25<sup>th</sup> for \$25 dollars. If the line of scrimmage at halftime or the end of the game is on your yard line you win \$50 dollars.



## Fall 2017 Season Athletic Passes



Passes are good for all Ponca home regular season athletic events for the FALL 2017 Season.

|          |          |       |         |
|----------|----------|-------|---------|
| Students | \$55.00  | Adult | \$65.00 |
| Family   | \$120.00 |       |         |

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

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.



### Parents and Students:

If you have not yet purchased or rented an instrument, we will be having an instrument rental night on Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup> in the Fine Arts Theater at 7:00 PM. Representatives from Midbell Music will be on-site to assist you with purchases and rentals. Please bring check and credit card info and your driver's license.

All students need their instrument in class by August 28th. If you have any questions, please contact me at 402-755-5700 or jessicasteckly@poncaschool.org. I hope to see you there!  
Jessica Steckly, Band Director



# Ponca Elementary Class Assignments 2017-2018

| <b>Third Grade</b><br><b><u>Mr. Simington</u></b>  | Class of<br>2027 | <b>Third Grade</b><br><b><u>Ms. Templeman</u></b>  | <b>Fourth Grade</b><br><b><u>Mrs. Fields</u></b>  | Class of<br>2026 | <b>Fourth Grade</b><br><b><u>Mr. Stroud</u></b>   |
|--|------------------|--|---|------------------|---|
| Emma Addison<br>Ava Brennan<br>Lucas Dendinger<br>Lilly Egdorf<br>Aidan Eifert<br>Aveyana Jackson<br>Jocelyn Kastning<br>Jerod Nelson<br>Mike Ney<br>Gannon Pfister<br>Ashtyn Pick<br>Kaleb Simon-Cook<br>Aiden Simons<br>Cooper Stewart<br>Anna Stroud<br>Jaelen Templeman<br>Emma Twohig<br>Landon Uthof                   |                  | Joslyn Bacon<br>Carlee Beckner<br>Kora Bruening<br>Zakiya Conrad<br>Dustin Dittmer<br>Carmen Hoffman<br>Broderick Hogan<br>Ayden Jackson<br>Gunnar James<br>Jordan Kay<br>Elsie Keller<br>Brooklynn King<br>Parker Morton<br>Josh Nelson<br>Tim Ney<br>Dario Orduno, Jr.<br>Delainey Phillips                  | Zyan Conrad<br>Liam DeRoin<br>Emerson Ehlers<br>Jordyn Fleury<br>Gage Fowler<br>Alexander Galvez<br>Cora Jackson<br>Avery McAfee<br>BrieAnn Mellick<br>Garrett Millard<br>Isaac Nelson<br>Mickenon Peterson<br>Josey Pinkelman<br>Olivia Taylor<br>Tayler Tibbetts  |                  | Addison Bostwick<br>Sophia Cleveland<br>Jaeden Hughes<br>Jaymien Jackson<br>Mia Krusemark<br>Joey Lyle<br>Caden Merical<br>Hala Ouderkirk<br>Chance Perkins<br>Ashton Riley<br>Lane Rohan<br>Nolan Schweers<br>Patrick Semple-Garvin<br>Grant Sievers<br>Kendall Solomon<br>Kaylee Sprakel                      |
| 9= Boys 9=Girls /18  |                  | 9 = Boys 8 =Girls /17  | 8=Boys 7 =Girls /15   |                  | 8=Boys 8=Girls /16  |
| <b>Fifth Grade</b><br><b><u>Mrs. Carnell</u></b>   | Class of<br>2025 | <b>Fifth Grade</b><br><b><u>Mrs. Stewart</u></b>   | <b>Sixth Grade</b><br><b><u>Mr. Pfister</u></b>   | Class of<br>2024 | <b>Sixth Grade</b><br><b><u>Mr. Webb</u></b>  |
| Trystan Bevelhymer<br>Preston Davis<br>Austin Dendinger<br>Ashten Finseth<br>Jase Giersdorf<br>Zachary Luze<br>Cohen Paden<br>Natalie Perkins<br>Andrew Pinkleman<br>Bryce Pokorny<br>Treston Pulley<br>William Stroud<br>Lexi Swick<br>Dannika Touney<br>Emma Uthof<br>Heydon Velez<br>Dalton Wentzel<br>Brailyn Yellowbank |                  | Blaeden Brummond<br>Isabella Eifert<br>Isabell Gallardo<br>Ellesyn Hrouda<br>Bradley Lentz<br>Aeva Logue<br>Tucker McGill<br>Brayden Morton<br>EllaRay Nelson<br>Chance Petrick<br>Keelan Phillips<br>Connor Schamp<br>Zain Stark<br>Cade Statema<br>Addison Stewart<br>Holden Velez<br>Ava Voss<br>Jace Wahls | Rosie Avila-Billanueva<br>Miguel Balvantin<br>Ben Bodlak<br>Jarrett Denker<br>Charley Egdorf<br>Abby Fernau<br>Christian Giersdorf<br>Keeton Grosvenor<br>Grace Hansen<br>Alix Hughes<br>Peighton James<br>Nolan Janssen<br>Isabella Mellick<br>Hunter Peterson<br>Sarah Sanchez<br>Grant Sprakel<br>Brody Taylor |                  | Andrew Brinkmann<br>Kieffer Bruening<br>Bella Brummond<br>Brady Carnell<br>Ethan Eifert<br>Myles Fethkenher<br>Taylor Fleury<br>Trinity Greer<br>Kaylie Heiner<br>Dylan Kastning<br>Zoe Kastning<br>Jaden Kay<br>Lily Korth<br>Dalton Lamprecht<br>Brooklyn Lowe<br>Jaden Pulley<br>Cody Rohan<br>Guy Severeide |
| 11 =Boys 7 =Girls / 18   |                  | 10 =Boys 8 =Girls / 18   | 10=Boys 7 =Girls / 17   |                  | 11=Boys 7 =Girls / 18   |
|  |                  |  | 76 = Boys   | 61 = Girls       | 137 Total   |





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

## August 2017

|  |  |  |   |  |
|--|--|--|---|--|
| 14<br>Teacher<br>Work Day  | 15<br>Teacher<br>Work Day  | 16<br>Teacher<br>Work Day  | 17<br>Pepperoni Pizza<br>Chips<br><br>Fruit and Veggie Bar        | 18<br>Chicken Fries<br>Au Gratin Potatoes<br><br>Fruit and Veggie Bar  |
| 21<br>Chicken and Noodles<br>Peas<br>Roll<br>Fruit and Veggie Bar      | 22<br>Pork Fritter<br>Mashed Potatoes w/<br>Gravy Roll<br>Fruit and Veggie Bar | 23<br>Corn Dog<br>Baked Beans<br><br>Fruit and Veggie Bar        | 24<br>Turkey Wrap<br>Rice Krispie Bar<br><br>Fruit and Veggie Bar | 25<br>Hamburger<br>French Fries<br><br>Fruit and Veggie Bar  |
| 28<br>Chicken Nuggets<br>Macaroni & Cheese<br><br>Fruit and Veggie Bar | 29<br>Mandarin Chicken<br>Rice<br>Roll<br>Fruit and Veggie Bar                 | 30<br>Quesadilla<br>Corn<br>Scooby Snack<br>Fruit and Veggie Bar | 31<br>BBQ Pork<br>Smiley Fries<br><br>Fruit and Veggie Bar        | <b>USDA IS AN EQUAL<br/>OPPORTUNITY<br/>PROVIDER AND<br/>EMPLOYER.<br/>Milk Served with Meal.<br/>Meals Subject to<br/>Change.</b> |

## 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 YOU 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 2017-2018

### 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   |

## School Lunch





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Ponca Public School  
P O Box 568  
Ponca, Nebraska 68770

Non-Profit Organization  
U.S. Postage Paid  
Permit #1  
Ponca, NE 68770

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

**Free and Reduced  
Hot Lunch  
Application Enclosed**

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**AUGUST 2017**



## **SCHOOL VOLUNTEER?? 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.**