

August 2012

# PONCA PUBLIC SCHOOL



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## **WELCOME BACK TO THE 2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR!**

### **The first day of school: Wednesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>.**

#### **Reminder: School is dismissed at 1:30 on the first day of school.**

We welcome all of our students and patrons "back to school" for an expected great school year. With the entire high school completed, the faculty and staff look forward to using the facilities.

I am eager to observe the positive leadership of our high school students to be represented to our entire school community.

On Saturday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, we will have our Dedication and Ribbon Cutting starting at 1:15pm with tours of the new facilities from 2:00 to 4:00. The alumni activities will begin at the Ponca State Park shortly after the tours of the new school. We believe the start of the 2012-2013 school year is a great event that the patrons of the Ponca School District have made possible with their tax dollars. Thank you for giving the students a beautiful school which will encourage a stronger and more comfortable learning environment.

Throughout the school year, please check on your **LUNCH FUND BALANCE**. 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. I realize that your lunch bill is additional expenses for families, 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 paid.

**PLEASE APPLY for Free and Reduced Lunches.** Free and Reduced lunch applications are included in this newsletter. You may qualify which will help your family budget plus help the school district receive additional funding to help our district. The main components of receiving free or reduced priced lunches is 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.**

If you have any questions concerning the application, please call Ms. Reznicek to receive help in filling out the application.

If you qualify for free or reduced 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.

**Remember, NO SCHOOL on LABOR DAY, Monday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

Best wishes for a great school year. Please do not 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!

Sincerely,

Joan M. Reznicek

# PONCA

## Public School District

The Ponca Public Schools Board of Education  
cordially invites you to attend the  
Ribbon Cutting and  
Dedication Ceremony  
of the new  
7th through 12th Grade Complex

Saturday, August 4, 2012  
in the Ponca High School Gymnasium  
1:15 p.m.

Refreshments in the High School Commons  
will immediately follow the ceremony

Tours of the facility will be conducted from  
2:00 until 4:00 p.m.



PONCA PUBLIC SCHOOL • PONCA, NEBRASKA  
FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL • AUGUST 17, 2011  
PHOTO TAKEN IN THE NEW HIGH SCHOOL

**The mission of the Ponca Public School District is to provide all students the best education possible to prepare them to be productive citizens in a diverse society.**

# Notes From Ms. Rinas, High School Principal

**LOOKING FORWARD TO ANOTHER GREAT SCHOOL YEAR!!** If year number two in our new school is like year number one, 2012-2013 will prove to be another great school year for Ponca students and staff. This year we are looking forward to the completion of our building project, being able to learn in our new fine arts and physical education areas, and enjoying that first football game in the new sports complex.

**WHEN YOU STOP IN FOR A VISIT!!** The main entrance to the school is through the south doors of the newly constructed academic area. Upon entering the building visitors are asked to check into the secondary office and then will proceed to the area of the school they wish to visit. All students in grades 3-12 will also enter the school through these doors and either turn right to the elementary area or left to the secondary area. Visitors are reminded that even though there are several doors to our building only few are unlocked during the school day. When entering through the south doors only the door furthest left (west) is unlocked. Once you enter you may only enter the rest of the school through the secondary office door to your left. We ask all guests to sign the log sheet in the secondary office before proceeding to other areas of the building.



**NEW THIS YEAR!!** This year each Ponca School family will receive a "Student/Parent Handbook". The handbook contains information for both secondary and elementary students. The secondary information is at the front of the book on the white pages and the information especially for elementary can be found on the colored pages of the handbook. Please review the information with your student(s). At the back of the book is a signature page for parents and their school aged child(ren). All students must have on file by Tuesday, August 28, 2012, the signed signature pages indicating they received a copy of the "Student/Parent Handbook". A 7-12 student who does not have the signature page on file by August 28, 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!!** "Parent's Back to School Night" for secondary parents is scheduled for Thursday, August 23, 2012. This is a great opportunity to meet your child's teachers and experience what it is now like to go from one end of our school to the other for classes. Each teacher will present a brief summary of the class, grading procedures, and expectations as well as answer questions you may have. Parents of 7-12 students please report to the commons area at 7:00 P.M., pick-up a copy of your child's schedule and get ready to pass to the first period class at 7:09 P.M. Parents will be finished at 8:38 P.M. We look forward to visiting with you on August 23!

**SCHOOL DAY GROWS 15 MINUTES!!** Starting this school year, the school day for students will be 15 minutes longer. The school day will begin at 8:10 and end at 3:20. Fifteen minutes a day will allow us an additional 75 minutes a week of instructional time or a little more than 44 hours for the year. Fifteen minutes a day will mean that all 8 periods in the 7-12 day will now be 50 minutes in length. (In the past the afternoon classes were only 45 minutes long). Fifteen minutes a day will mean more opportunities for school funding. Fifteen minutes a day does not seem like much, but when you add it all up, it means a lot for the education of Ponca students!

**THANK-YOU! THANK-YOU!! THANK-YOU!!!** Thank-you to our district patrons, School Board, staff and students for making August 15, 2012, another historic first day of school and 2012-2013 another exceptional school year! Each of you is valued for your commitment to building a solid educational foundation for our students by providing a quality learning environment and promoting standards of excellence!

## **Ponca High School Schedules Final Class Registration For the 2012 - 2013 School Year**

Final fall registration has been scheduled for students in grades 9-12 the week of July 30 – August 1. 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 30**  
**Juniors:                 Tuesday, July 31**  
**Sophomores:         Wednesday, August 1**

Freshmen students and their parents are urged to attend an informational meeting on Tuesday, July 31, 2012 at 7:00 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 \$91.50 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.

## STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE



### Parents & Guardians

- Does your child have adequate insurance?
- Do you have a deductible or co-pay with your current coverage?
- Protect your child with one of our affordable plans designed to meet your needs.

**Dental Accident Plan Up to \$5,000 for ONLY \$9**  
See Details Inside



**STUDENT ASSURANCE SERVICES**  
INCORPORATED

1-800-328-2739  
www.sas-mn.com



## Graduation Video

If you would like a copy of the 2012 graduation ceremony on CD, please contact Patti Boyle in the Elementary Office. The cost is \$5.00 each.

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 explains what to do if you believe you have been treated unfairly. "In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability.

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

### 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.



## **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.

## **Help Your School as a Volunteer!**

**Becoming a school volunteer can be one of the most rewarding experiences in life. Sharing a special talent, reading a book to a kindergartner, helping an elementary student with reading, assisting the school librarian, helping to put up an interesting bulletin board for the classroom teacher, acting as a crossing guard to help children across a busy street, and helping chaperone on a field trip are all ways that one can serve as a school volunteer. School volunteers enhance the effective use of teachers in the classroom, broaden the educational experience of our students and, generate greater community involvement and good will in our schools.**

**Volunteers are made up of parents, business people, retirees, high school students, and community organization members. People may volunteer regularly, on special occasions, or serve as special resource speakers.**

**If you would like to volunteer your time, abilities, or talents, simply call your principal's office at 755-5700.**

## **ATTENTION 7th-12th Students**

Reminder: When you are purchasing locker supplies you cannot use tape or fun tack in your lockers. Magnets are suggested to hang photos and items in the new lockers. Thank You



**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 2nd, 7:00 p.m.  
WHERE: I.T. Building  
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 18, 2012 at Pizza Hut in South Sioux City, NE.



All students should meet at the school at 3:00 - 5:15 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?*

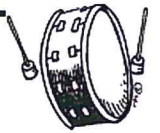
If so, we need you! Ponca School wants to build a "tutor program", especially in the areas of math and science, for our secondary students.

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).**

# 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Display



5<sup>th</sup> grade parents: Midbell Music will be here at 7:00 p.m. on August 21st for your student to view and rent band instruments.

Please call Mr. Keefe at the school with any questions.

Help us keep the Ponca music program strong!!



*Do you need a cause to support? The Ponca School Band Program is always in need of new instruments to update our program. If you wish to support us in the way of a new instrument, please contact Ponca Public School or the Ponca Community Educational Foundation. This can also be a gift that is tax deductible. We appreciate your support.*

## ATTENTION MUSIC BOOSTERS

*(Parents of all junior high and high school students in band and chorus)*

The concession stand work schedule is being set up for the fall athletic events and will be sent out in August. If you have a preference for working a specific event or date, please contact Kari Richards (richards\_kari@hotmail.com) as soon as possible to accommodate your request.

The proceeds from the concession stand sales support the music program and benefit the music students. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and support.



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

LifeTouch Studios will take individual school pictures on Tuesday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at Jackson and Wednesday, August 29<sup>th</sup> at Ponca.



# Elementary News

Welcome to the 2012-2013 school year. On behalf of the elementary staff welcome back!! We are excited to get the 2012-2013 school year rolling. The following paragraphs outline announcements and information that is important to begin a new school year.

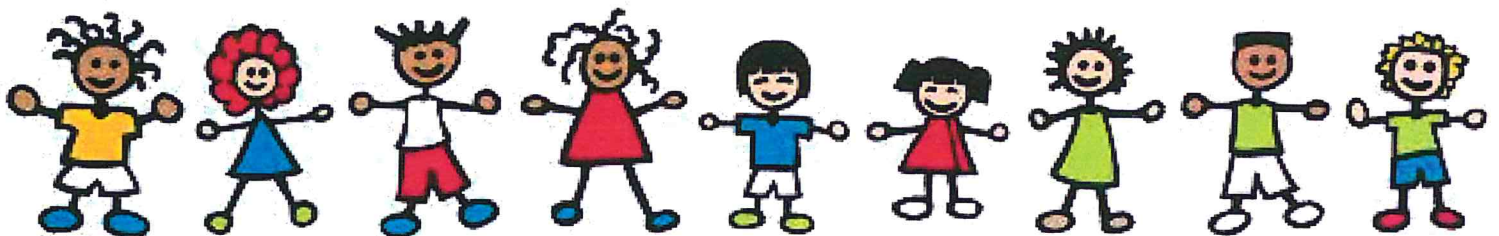
**Dropping off and picking up Elementary Students-**At Ponca elementary students will need to be dropped off on the north side of the building (2nd street) and enter through the north door of the **new** building. The busses will drop off elementary students on the north side of the building in the morning. The shuttle busses going to Jackson will load on the north side of the Ponca Elementary Building in the morning and leave at 8:00am sharp. After school at Ponca, the shuttle busses will drop off students on the north side of the Ponca Elementary Building. The bus route students will transfer to their route bus on the south side of the high school building. Students being pick-up will be dismissed through the north door of the elementary building and picked up on the north side of the elementary building (2nd street). At Jackson, students will enter through the south doors (the playground door) of the building. 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.

**Elementary Parent Night** – Parent Night for elementary students at Jackson Elementary and Ponca Elementary will be on **Tuesday, August 14th**. The schedule for **Jackson Elementary is from 6:00 to 7:30**, while **Ponca Elementary is 7:00 to 8:30**. 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. **The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade teachers will have a special session at 7:30 for parents and students. This session will outline expectations, grading, and course work.**

**Elementary Student Handbook** - Each family will receive a copy of the elementary student handbook at parent night. The handbook contains the procedures, rules, and regulations that pertain to the elementary students. It is a synopsis of the rules that pertain to elementary students. It does not replace the student section of the Board policy handbook. Please take time to read the handbook with your child to become familiar with Ponca/ Jackson rules and procedures. Parents will be asked to sign a signature page at the back of the handbook and return it to school verifying they have read the handbook.

Welcome back!!!

Mr. Bob Hayes, Elementary Principal



# ELEMENTARY PARENT NIGHT

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



**Tuesday, August 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**6:00 – 7:30 in Jackson**  
**7:00 – 8:30 in Ponca**

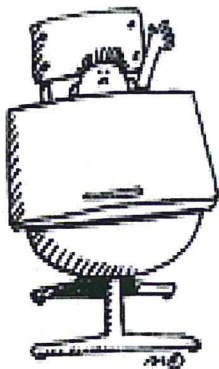
The 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade teachers will have a special session at 7:30 for parents and students. This session will outline expectations, grading, and course work.

Students are encouraged to bring all their school supplies with them on this night to be placed in their desk or locker.

## ATTENTION ALL PARENTS:

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

### 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.

**Ponca Elementary  
Class Assignments 2012-2013**

<b>Third Grade Mr. Simington</b>	<b>Class of 2022</b>	<b>Third Grade Ms. Wierda</b>	<b>Fourth Grade Mrs. Fields</b>	<b>Class of 2021</b>	<b>Fourth Grade Mr. Stroud</b>
Berg, Emma Buckles, Jarrett Chicoine, Brynn Cook, Aidan Fernau, Zach Fontenot, Jana Harding, Kennedy Hoelsing, Lucas Janssen, Austen Kastning, Chase Martin, Markus McGill, Addison Peterson, Jaci Pick, Faith Rooney, Grace Rush, George Stroud, Jackson Swick, Alyssa Taylor, Sam Twohig, Lucas		Anderson, Gracey Bacon, Madelin Bellows, Caiden Bromander, Conner Denker, Jarrett Dorcey, Grant Goodier, Ethan Hammer, McKenna Hayes, Matthew Johnson, Makaya Korth, Taylor Lentz, Matthew Logue, Matthew Lyle, Catrina McLaughlin, Lindsay Niemeier, Mary Persinger, Eli Rogers, Gage Schram, Mackenzie Watchorn, Eli	Arrasmith, Tyler Bennett, Hunter Brummond, Braelie Chase, Tommy Graves, Jocelynn James, Garrett Kneifl, Makenzie Kreegar, Anika Krusemark, Evelyn Pick, Hunter Reid, Josie Schindler, Clara Schram, Caden Statema, Jacob		Antonio, Cassandra Arbuthnot, Ayla Beach, Sarah Bennett, Bryar Crosgrove, Alyssa Eifert, Tristin Fields, Kaden Fontenot, Ava Gallardo, Natalie Gill, Lauryn Graves, Dylan Mellick, Brandon Mitchell, Joshua Salmen, Jacob
11 = Boys 9 =Girls/20		12 = Boys 8 =Girls /20	7 = Boys 7 =Girls /14		7 =Boys 7 =Girls /14
<b>Fifth Grade Mrs. Carnell</b>	<b>Class of 2020</b>	<b>Fifth Grade Mrs. Stewart</b>	<b>Sixth Grade Mrs. Miller</b>	<b>Class of 2019</b>	<b>Sixth Grade Mrs. Schindler</b>
Bauman, Nathan DeRoin, Alivia Gill, Breanna Jensen, Katelyn Keller, Meg Kingsbury, Carter Masin, Paul McCoy, Bailey McGill, Maggie Petersen, Teyden Purucker, Shawn Ruhner, Nate Solomon, Brooke Solomon, Hailey Stroud, Mia Sullivan, Alec Touney, Dalton		Beckner, Carson Bodlak, Blake Day, Kaci Dorcey, Grace Harding, Sarah Kneifl ,Brandon Kratke, Dana Lamprecht, Jordan Leeker, Brayden McClure, Joshua Nelson, Makayla Nelson, Morgan Peterson, Jordan Voss, Brock Voss, Gracie Watchorn, Evan Wigg, Daityn	Anderson, Evan Anderson, Joel Bacon, Brooklyn Bellows, Hailey Eifert, Olivia Ellis, Chris Fethkenher, Kortney Hughes, Sydney Janssen, Morgan Kreegar, Noma Kruegar, Kelby Meister, Katie Merical, Adam Pokorny, Wyatt Reid, Jayde Swick, Morgan Tangeman, Graci Watchorn, Colson Zimmerman, Hailey		Anderson, Garrett Baker, Dane Beach, Kaitlyn Daly, Andrew Fethkenher, Madelyn Hamar, Kelsey Hoelsing, Claire Huls, Tosha Kastning, Katy Lamprecht, Taylor Logue, Michael Martin, Cody McGill, Gage Mitchell, Toby Richards, Cole Rush, Logan Salmen, Grace Stroud, Michael Webb, Emma
8 =Boys 9 =Girls / 17		8=Boys 9 =Girls / 17	8=Boys 11 =Girls / 19		9=Boys 10 =Girls / 19

70= Boys      70 = Girls  
**140 Total**

**JACKSON ELEMENTARY  
2012/2013**

<b>Preschool Mon/Wed Mrs. Schram</b>	<b>Preschool Tue/Thu Miss Hoffman</b>	<b>Kindergarten Mrs. Curry</b>	<b>Kindergarten Mrs. Todd</b>
Lucas Dendinger Liam DeRoin Jordyn Fleury Gage Fowler Cora Jackson Nolan Jent Garrett Millard Isaac Nelson Kennady Reyes Kendall Solomon Kaylee Sprakel	Patrick Garvin Mickenon Hohenstein Jaeden Hughes Mia Krusemark Joey Lyle Avery McAfee Caden Merical Gannon Pfister Kolton Rogers Lane Rohan Nicole Strong Jaelen Templeman Tayler Tibbetts	Blaeden Brummond Isabell Gallardo Brailyn Hogan Josilyn Martin Tucker McGill EllaRay Nelson Bryce Pokorny Cade Statema Addison Stewart Emma Uthof Ava Voss Kebeb Zimmerman	Preston Davis Austin Dendinger Isabella Eifert Bradley Lentz Jo Saltzman Connor Schamp Zain Stark Alexa Swick Robert Teegarden Dannika Touney Heydon Velez Holden Velez
6 boys/5 girls	8 boys/5 girls	5 boys/7 girls	9 boys/3 girls
<b>11</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>

<b>1st Grade Mrs. Hill</b>	<b>1st Grade Mrs. Swetnam</b>	<b>2nd Grade Mrs. Sprakel</b>	<b>2nd Grade Mr. Starkweather</b>
Miguel Balvantin Ben Bodlak Andrew Brinkmann Ethan Eifert Taylor Fleury Kaylie Heiner Alix Hughes Dylan Kastning Zoe Kastning Brooklynn Lowe Katy Mitchell Tia Pick Cody Rohan Grant Sprakel Brody Taylor Noah Watchorn	Bella Brummond Brady Carnell Charles Egdorf Abigail Fernau Grace Hansen Dayten Hogancamp Peighton James Nolan Janssen Jaden Kay Lily Korth Dalton Lamprecht Isabella Mellick Brayden Morton Andrew Pinkelman Guy Severeide Aidan Slaughter Luke Zimmerman	Sydney Baker Julien Buckles Claire Burrell Kemper Carlson Anthony Espinoza Briena Gallardo Blake Hogancamp Evan Keller Ashlyn Kingsbury Marianna Romero Alyssa Schamp Ryan Slaughter Weston Solomon Katie Jo Utech	Trevor Arrasmith Nate Coffman Lorelai DeRoin Gracen Evans Jayden Grause Cole Jackson Kyler Mahler Ellie McAfee Julia McKinney Tierney Peterson Alexondra Rohde Merissa Twohig Brooklyn Voss
9 boys/7 girls	10 boys/7 girls	7 boys/7 girls	5 boys/8 girls
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>13</b>

24 Pre-K Students  
84 Students Kindergarten through 2nd Grade  
108 Students Pre-K through 2nd Grade

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

# 2012 - 2013 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 boxes of 24 count crayons                 | 2 bottles of school glue (no gel glue)    | 4 glue sticks                          |
| 1 box of Kleenex                            | 12 pencils (#2) – please do not label     | 1 plastic plain pocket folder          |
| 1 pair of scissors – please label           | 2 boxes of washable markers               | 1 pair of P.E. shoes – please label    |
| 1 back pack – please label                  | 1 resting mat – please label              | 1 paint shirt                          |
| 1 extra outfit in case of accident          |   | 1 package of white paper plates        |
| 1 school box (the smaller size) – Todd only | 1 box Ziploc bags gallon size – Todd only | 200 count 3 oz Dixie cups – Curry only |

## FIRST GRADE: Hill/Swetnam

- |  |                                      |                                 |
|--|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Facial tissue – 200 count                      | Old shirt for art                    | 2 – 24 count colors (no larger) |
| 12 pencils & 2 large erasers                   | 2 Elmer's School Glue – 4 oz (white) | 8 Glue sticks                   |
| Scissors (Fiskars are best)                    | 2 Folders                            | School supply box (6 x 9)       |
| Colored pencils (12 count)                     | 2 spiral notebooks /70 pg wide-ruled | Markers (basic colors)          |
| Swetnam: 25 cheap paper plates (not Styrofoam) |                                      |                                 |

## SECOND GRADE: Starkweather/Sprakel

(Put names on all items)

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| Crayons-24 count (no larger)                      | Colored pencils (12 count)                                  |
| 1 package of red ink pens                         | Washable markers (12 count)                                 |
| 1 large Kleenex box                               | Scissors (Fiskars are best)                                 |
| 1 bottle white glue                               | 8-10 Mechanical Pencils with extra lead                     |
| 3 PLASTIC pocket file folders (blue, yellow, red) | 1 BLUE and 1 any color wide ruled spiral notebook (70 page) |
| 3 dry erase markers (blue)                        | 3 large erasers   |
| 4 glue sticks                                     | 1 old clean dark sock (for eraser)                          |
| 1 wooden ruler (inches/centimeter)                | 1 yellow highlighter  |
| 1 pencil box                                      | 1 package of paper plates                                   |

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

## THIRD GRADE: Simington/Wierda

(Put names on all items)

- |   |                              |
|---|------------------------------|
| 1 spiral wide ruled notebook /120 pg.                   | 3 pocket folders             |
| 2 spiral wide ruled notebooks /70 pg.                   | Glue Stick                   |
| Eraser (large)  | 1 Black or blue pen          |
| Markers (basic colors)                                  | Crayons – 24 ct.             |
| 2 boxes facial tissue – 200 count                       | Wood ruler (inches/cent.)    |
| Scissors (Fiskars)                                      | Pencil Box (6 x 9) no larger |
| Colored Pencils (basic colors)                          |                              |
| Lined index cards 3x5 (100–not spiral bound–white only) |                              |
| (NO trapper keepers or 3 ring binders)                  |                              |
| 4 - #2 pencils (not mechanical)                         |                              |

## FOURTH GRADE: Fields/Stroud

- |                                   |                                  |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 4 college rule notebooks/70 pg    | 2 pocket folders (1 solid color) |
| #2 pencils (not mechanical)       | 1 trapper keeper/hardcover       |
| 2 blue or black ink pen           | 1 red pen                        |
| 1 wooden ruler (inches/cm.)       | 1 - 4 oz glue bottle             |
| 1 scissors                        | Colored pencils (basic colors)   |
| 3 boxes Facial tissue – 200 count | Pencil box (6x9)                 |
| 3x5 note cards (1 pkg)            | 1 old sock – dark color          |
| 4 dry erase marker (blue/black)   | 1 box crayons – 24 count         |
| Markers (basic colors)            | 1 large eraser                   |
|                                   | No Hand Sanitizer                |

## FIFTH & SIXTH GRADE: Carnell/Stewart/Miller/Schindler

- |                                      |  |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| 5 book covers 9 (JUMBO size)         | 1 Facial tissue – 200 count                            |
| 1 pkg 4 x 6 ruled note cards         | Markers (basic colors)                                 |
| 1 medium glue bottle                 | 2 notebooks - college ruled/ 70 pg.                    |
| 3 glue sticks (large) more as needed | 2 pocket folders                                       |
| #2 pencils (mechanical pencils o.k.) | 4 pkg wide ruled loose leaf paper                      |
| 1 ruler (inches/centimeter)          | 1 – 2” three ring binder or trapper keeper (hardcover) |
| 1 large eraser                       | 2 pens (red)   |
| 1 Scissors                           | 3 pens (black or blue)                                 |
| Colored pencils – large packet       | 2 Highlighters   |

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

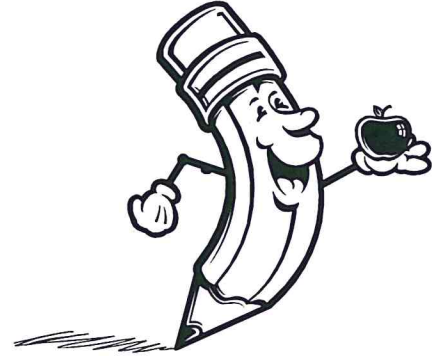
# School Supplies

## Jr. High/High School

To help with organization skills, we are asking that each 7<sup>th</sup> grade student have the following items ready for the first day of classes. **Notebooks** should be **college-ruled**.

### 7<sup>th</sup> graders will need:

- English
  - Green 2 pocket folder
  - Green notebook
- Science
  - Red 2 pocket folder
  - Red notebook
- Math
  - Blue 2 pocket folder
  - Blue notebook
  - Pencils
- Social Studies
  - Black 2 pocket folder
  - Black 5 subject notebook
  - 1" 3 ring binder, any color is acceptable
- Study Skills
  - Large binder (trapper keeper – it is helpful if it zips) In Study Skills, students will focus on organizational skills immediately. This is a great tool to be a successful student.
- Red pens
- Blue or Black ink pens
- Pencils
- Highlighter
- Scientific Calculator (2 line display recommended)
- Colored Pencils



### 8<sup>th</sup> graders will need:

- English
  - Yellow 2 pocket folder
  - Yellow notebook
  - Red pens
  - Blue/Black pens
  - Pencils

## **TWO-LINE SCIENTIFIC CALCULATORS NEEDED** **FOR 7-12 GRADERS**

Math Students in grades 7-12 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.



# **DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION**



**SHUTTLE BUS TO JACKSON ELEMENTARY** – Ponca Public Schools will again operate a special shuttle bus route 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. This shuttle bus 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!**

**BUS #04B and #09** – will serve as the shuttle busses and will be located on the **NORTH** side of Ponca Elementary. 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 busses by **8:00am**.

**The shuttle bus 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. **Jackson Elementary will be the only pick-up and drop-off point in Jackson.**

**RURAL BUS ROUTES** – Rural students are transported to their attendance center through the District's normal regular route system. The District has seen an increase in the number of students who need bus service. 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 2012-2013 school year. **During the week of July 30<sup>th</sup> – August 3<sup>rd</sup>, the bus drivers will be contacting families along their routes to notify of pick-up times.** Some routes for the 2012-2013 school year will change from 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 elementary students riding the bus will be on the NORTH side of the Ponca Elementary School. All Elementary students will enter the Ponca Elementary building through the NORTH doors of the High School.**

**Parents/guardians picking up their child after school from the elementary, need to use the WEST doors on the NORTH side of the elementary building.**

**Junior High and High School students riding the bus will be dropped off on the SOUTH side of the High School. All Ponca Jr. High and High School students will enter Ponca High School through the SOUTH doors of the High School.**

## PONCA SCHOOL BUS RIDER RULES



Any activity, which worries or distracts the driver is objectionable and may endanger the lives of the students. Besides the safety factor, transportation equipment is expensive. Students are expected to cooperate in the maintenance and preservation of district owned transportation vehicles. In order to operate a safe, efficient and economical transportation system, it is absolutely necessary that all passengers observe the following rules:

### **General Conduct Rules:**

1. Students are under the authority and charge of the bus driver at all times. Students must obey the driver promptly and courteously.
2. Students shall be courteous to the driver, to fellow students, and to passers-by.
3. Students must be on time for the bus both morning and afternoon. The bus cannot wait beyond its regular schedule for those who are tardy.
4. Students should never play or loiter on the roadway when waiting for the bus.
5. Students shall cross the road in accordance with instructions from the driver.
6. Students should enter and leave the bus at school loading sites and at highway bus stops in an orderly fashion and in accordance with instructions.
7. Each student should go directly to his or her seat upon entering the bus.
8. Books and other property should be properly stored out of the way and the aisle should be clear at all times.
9. Students should refrain from crowding or pushing other students while on the bus.
10. Students shall not extend their hands, arms, or head through the bus windows.
11. Students shall remain seated while the bus is in motion.
12. No horseplay, roughhousing, and throwing of objects in the bus or out through the windows is permitted.
13. Students should keep their feet off the seats and sharp objects off the upholstery. Any student responsible for damage to a bus will pay for the damage.
14. Students should keep the bus clean. Trash buckets are placed on each bus for refuse and other throw away articles.
15. In order for the bus driver to allow a student(s) off the bus at places other than the regular bus stop at/near home, proper communication or authorization from parents is required.

### **Riding Privileges Revoked Immediately:**




1. No smoking, tobacco, or alcohol use on the bus at any time.
2. Profanity will not be tolerated. Any profanity or obscene gestures used on the bus, or directed towards the driver, will result in immediate suspension of bus riding privileges. This will be strictly enforced.
3. Physical attacks, threats, intimidation or bullying of other students on the bus will result in suspended privileges.
4. Other misconduct, as deemed inappropriate by school administration, will be reviewed as necessary.

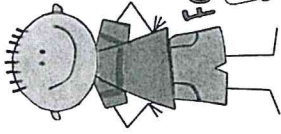
In the past parent cooperation has been exemplary and we trust it will continue. Students who cannot behave while riding the bus and whose actions distract the driver from his/her job of safely transporting students, will have riding privileges suspended or revoked. We sincerely hope you will help us make our school buses safer for both students and drivers. We would appreciate all parents taking a few minutes to review these few rules, and to go over them with your child.

**If your child will not be riding the bus, as a courtesy to the bus driver and the school district please call your bus driver.**

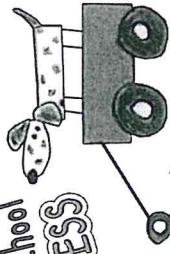


# Events 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>JULY 30</b> <b>SR. CLASS</b> <b>REGISTRATION</b> 8-12 & 1-4	<b>JULY 31</b> <b>JR. CLASS REG.</b> 8-12 & 1-4 <i>FR. Parent Mtg.</i> 7:00 p.m.	<b>1</b> <b>SOPHOMORE</b> <b>CLASS REG.</b> 8-12 & 1-4	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 1st Day of FB Practice	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 1st Day of VB Practice  Teacher In-Service	<b>14</b> Teacher In-Service  Meet & Greet Night (J) 6:00-7:30 (P) 7:00-8:30	<b>15</b> <b>FIRST DAY</b> <b>OF SCHOOL</b>  DISMISS AT 1:30	<b>16</b> 	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>  Buddy Pizza Party 3:00-5:15 p.m.
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 	<b>21</b> 5th Grade Band Display by Midbell	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> "Back to School" Night for 7-12 Parents 7 p.m.	<b>24</b> FB @ Home w/ Battle Creek 7:00	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Jackson Picture Day	<b>29</b> Ponca Picture Day	<b>30</b> 	<b>31</b> FB—Bye Week	<b>1</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> NO SCHOOL LABOR DAY	<b>4</b> VB @ Randolph C-B-A 5:30	<b>5</b> Elem. Student Co. Training/Install. 3:30-5:30	<b>6</b> VB @ Home With Bancroft-Rosalie C-B-A 5:30	<b>7</b> FB @ Crofton 7:00	<b>8</b> VB -C Team @ Randolph 8:30 a.m.  9/10 FB @ So Sioux City 10:00 a.m.



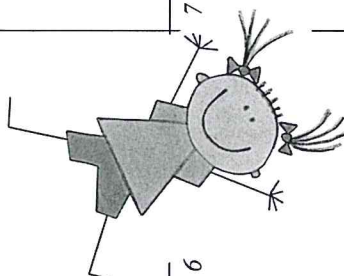
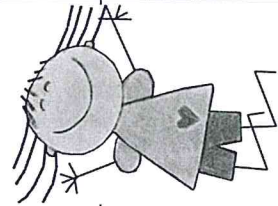
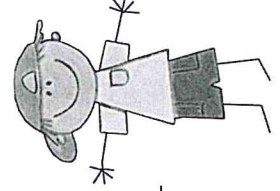
Favorite things about school  
LUNCH AND RECESS



Jackson Elementary

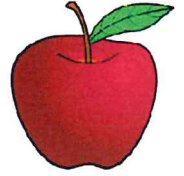
August 2012

Learning is fun!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5	6 	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 <b>BACK TO SCHOOL</b> Chicken Strips Mashed Potatoes With Gravy Roll with Butter Watermelon	16 Hot Dog on a bun Curly Fries Peaches	17 Pizza Carrots & Ranch Dip Jello w/Fruit	18 
19 	20 Cheeseburger French Fries Banana	21 Spaghetti with Meat Sauce Leftuce Bread Stick Orange Slices	22 McRib Sandwich Tri-Tater Peaches	23 Chicken & Rice Green Beans Applesauce Bread & Butter	24 French Toast Sausage Peaches Orange Juice	25
26	27 Walking Taco Leftuce & Tomatoes Cheddar Cheese Pineapple	28 Corn Dog Baked Beans Apple	29 Mac & Cheese Pears Watermelon	30 Turkey Roast Mashed Potatoes With Gravy Corn Roll & Butter	31 Loosemeat Sandwich Corn Potato Chips Pineapple	



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



## August 2012

<p><b>Milk Served with Every Meal</b></p>		<p><b>15</b> Super Nachos Lettuce Peaches Ice Cream</p>	<p><b>16</b> Chicken Patty Mashed Potato/Gravy Green Beans Pears Roll</p>	<p><b>17</b> Goulash Corn Pineapple Garlic Sticks</p>
<p><b>20</b> Chicken Potato Casserole Peas Fruit Cocktail Roll</p>	<p><b>21</b> Pork Fritter Mashed Potato/Gravy Green Beans Cinnamon Applesauce</p>	<p><b>22</b> Chicken Fajita Lettuce / Cheese Potato Rounds Peaches</p>	<p><b>23</b> Tavern Cheesy Potato Corn Apple</p>	<p><b>24</b> Scalloped Potato/Ham Peas Pears Roll</p>
<p><b>27</b> Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Potato/Gravy Green Beans Fruit Cocktail Roll</p>	<p><b>28</b> Ham Sandwich Macaroni &amp; Cheese Corn Raspberry Applesauce</p>	<p><b>29</b> Beef Taco Lettuce Chips Peaches</p>	<p><b>30</b> Shredded Pork Sandwich Tri Taters Baked Beans Pineapple</p>	<p><b>31</b> Chicken &amp; Noodles Peas Fruit and Jell-o Roll</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.

*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 2012-2013

#### Students Full Lunch

PreK-6.....	\$2.50
7-12.....	\$2.75
Milk (K-12).....	\$ .30

#### Students Seconds

Main dish.....	\$ 1.00
Fries, etc .....	\$ .50
Cookies, cake.....	\$ .50
Ice Cream.....	\$ 1.00

#### Adults

Singles Meal/Salad.....	\$3.75
Single Serving.....	\$ 1.25
Single Milk .....	\$ .30

# PONCA PUBLIC SCHOOL | 2012-2013 CALENDAR

JULY 2012						
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**July 4<sup>th</sup>:** Independence Day

JANUARY 2013						
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**Jan. 1-2:** No School Winter Break

**Jan. 3:** No School Teacher In-Service

**Jan 4:** Start 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter

AUGUST 2012						
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**Aug. 13 -14:** Teacher In-Service Days

**Aug.14:** Meet & Greet Night – Jackson 6:00 – 7:30 Ponca 7:00 – 8:30

**Aug. 15:** First Day of School 1:30 Dismissal

FEBRUARY 2013						
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**Feb. 4:** No School Mid-Winter Break

SEPTEMBER 2012						
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**Sept. 3:** No School Labor Day

MARCH 2013						
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**Mar. 4:** No School Teacher In-Service

**Mar. 7:** End 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter (43)

**Mar. 8:** No School

**Mar. 14:** K -12 Parent/Teacher Conferences 2:00 – 8:00 1:30 Dismissal

**Mar 28:** 1:30 Dismissal

**Mar. 29:** No School – Good Friday

OCTOBER 2012						
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**Oct. 4:** 7-12 Parent/Teacher Conf. 2:00-8:00 1:30 Dismissal

**Oct. 12:** End 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter. (42)

**Oct.15:** K-6 Parent/Teacher Conf. 2:00-8:00 1:30 Dismissal

**Oct. 19:** Fall Break – No School

APRIL 2013						
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**April 1:** Spring Break

NOVEMBER 2012						
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**Nov. 9:** No School Teacher In-Service

**Nov. 21:** 12:00 Dismissal

**Nov. 22-23:** No School Thanksgiving Vacation

MAY 2013						
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**May 10:** Graduation 1:00 Dismissal

**May 23:** Last Day (47) 5 additional days are added into the school calendar for snow days. If snow days are not used, the last day of school will be earlier.

DECEMBER 2012						
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**Dec. 21:** 2:10 Dismissal

**Dec. 21:** End 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter (46)

**Dec 21:** End 1<sup>st</sup> Semester (88 Days)

**Dec. 22 – 31:** No School Winter Break

JUNE 2013						
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**May 24:** Teacher In-Service

First Quarter: 42 Days  
Second Quarter: 46 Days  
Third Quarter: 43 Days  
Fourth Quarter: 47 Days

# Join the Athletic Boosters

Help make a difference in an athlete's life.



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: Ponca Athletic Boosters, P.O. Box 142, Ponca, NE 68770

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**Free and Reduced  
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Application Enclosed**

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**PONCA PUBLIC SCHOOL**

**AUGUST 2012**



# 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, 2012

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. Ponca Public School offers healthy meals every school day. Lunch costs are \$2.50/\$2.75. Your children may qualify for free meals or for 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 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012**, in order to avoid an interruption in meal benefits.

Frequently asked questions and answers:

**1. Do I need to fill out an application for each child?**

No. Complete the application to apply for free or reduced-price meals. *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 School, P O Box 568, Ponca, NE 68770

**2. Who can get free meals?**

All children in households receiving benefits from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) or Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) can get free meals regardless of your income. Also, your children can get free meals if your household's gross income is within the free limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines.

**3. Can foster children get free meals?**

Yes, foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court are eligible for free meals. Any foster child in the household is eligible for free meals regardless of income.

**4. Can homeless, runaway and migrant children get free meals?**

Yes, children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway or migrant qualify for free meals. If you haven't been told your children will get free meals, please call 402-755-5700 to see if they qualify.

**5. Who can get reduced price meals?**

Your children can get low cost meals if your household income is within the reduced price limits on the Federal Eligibility Income Chart shown with this application.

**6. Should I fill out an application if I received a letter this school year saying my children are approved for free meals?**

Please read the letter you got carefully and follow the instructions. Call the school at 402-755-5700, if you have questions.

**7. My child's application was approved last year for meal benefits. Do I need to fill out another 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.

**8. I receive WIC. Can my child(ren) get free meals?**

Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced price meals. Please fill out an application.

**9. Will the information I give be checked?**

Yes, we may ask you to send written proof.

**10. 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 or reduced price meals if the household income drops below the income limit.

**11. 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: Richard Dohma, Board President, 1003 Hwy 12, Ponca, NE 68770.

**12. May I apply if someone in my household is not a U.S. citizen?**

Yes. You or your child(ren) do not have to be U.S. citizens to qualify for free or reduced price meals.

**13. Who should I include as members of my household?**

You must include all people living in your household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives or friends) who share income and expenses. You must include yourself and all children living with you. If you live with other people who are economically independent (for example, people who you do not support, who do not share income with you or your children and who pay a pro-rated share of expenses), do not include them.

**14. 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 make \$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.

**15. We are in the military. Do we include our housing allowance as income?**

If you get an off-base housing allowance, it must be included as income. However, if your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income.

**16. My spouse is deployed to a combat zone. Is his combat pay counted as income?**

No, if the combat pay is received in addition to his basic pay because of his deployment and it wasn't received before he was deployed, combat pay is not included as income. Contact your school for more information.

**17. My family needs more help. Are there other programs we might apply for?**

To find out how to apply for SNAP or other economic assistance benefits, please go online at [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.

*Si necesita ayuda, por favor llame al teléfono: 402-755-5700.*

*Si vous voudriez d'aide, contactez nous au numero: 402-755-5700.*

Sincerely,

  
Joan Reznicek, Superintendent

**Part 1: Children in School**

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"/>		
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**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 everyone in household and the income each earns & how often OR check the box at the right if they have no income. A foster child's personal use income must be listed.	2. Gross Income and How Often it was Received								3. Check if NO income
	Earnings from Work before deductions		Welfare, Child Support, Alimony		Pensions, Retirement, Social Security, SSI, VA Benefits, Disability		All Other Income (Self Employment)		
	Income	How often	Income	How often	Income	How often	Income	How often	
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**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 Privacy Act Statement on page 2)  
*I certify (promise) that all information on this application is true and that all income is reported. I understand that the school will get Federal funds based on the information I give. I understand that school officials may verify (check) the information. I understand that if I purposely give false information, my children may lose meal benefits and I may be prosecuted.*

Sign here: \_\_\_\_\_ Print name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Social Security Number (last 4 digits): XXX – XX – \_\_\_\_ – \_\_\_\_  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:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latino	<input type="checkbox"/> Asian	<input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American	<input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
<input type="checkbox"/> Not Hispanic or Latino	<input type="checkbox"/> White	<input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaska 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

Total Income \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per \_\_\_\_\_ Reduced

Year  Month  2 X Mo.  Every 2 Wks  Week Date Withdrawn from School: \_\_\_\_\_

Categorically Eligible: SNAP/TANF/FDPIR  Denied  Reason for Denial: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Foster Child  Income too high  Incomplete App.

Signature of Determining Official \_\_\_\_\_ Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of Confirming Official (Verification only) \_\_\_\_\_ Date Confirmed: \_\_\_\_\_



### 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 2011 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 has 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 **2011 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 is to be reported on the application under "All Other Income".

Instructions for Completing the Free & Reduced Priced School Meals Family Application

If your household receives benefits from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance to 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. 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. For other income, list the amount each person received for the month from welfare, child support, alimony, pensions, retirement, Social Security, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Veteran's benefits (VA benefits) and disability benefits. Under *All Other Income*, list Worker's Compensation, unemployment or strike benefits, regular contributions from people who do not live in your household and any other income. For individuals who are self-employed, report income after expenses from business, farm or rental property. **Do not include income** from SNAP, FDPIR, WIC, Federal education benefits and foster payments received by the family from the placing agency. If you are in the Military Privatization Housing Initiative or receive combat pay, do not include these allowances as income.  
**Column 3–Check if NO income:** If the person does not have any income, check this box.
- 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.  
**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. 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. For other income, list the amount each person received for the month from welfare, child support, alimony, pensions, retirement, Social Security, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Veteran's benefits (VA benefits) and disability benefits. Under *All Other Income*, list Worker's Compensation, unemployment or strike benefits, regular contributions from people who do not live in your household and any other income. For individuals who are self-employed, report income after expenses from business, farm or rental property. **Do not include income** from SNAP, FDPIR, WIC, Federal education benefits and foster payments received by the family from the placing agency. If you are in the Military Privatization Housing Initiative or receive combat pay, do not include these allowances as income.  
**Column 3–Check if NO income:** If the person does not have any income, check this box.
- 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.

FEDERAL INCOME CHART for School Year 2012-13					
Household size	Yearly	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	20,665	1,723	862	795	398
2	27,991	2,333	1,167	1,077	539
3	35,317	2,944	1,472	1,359	680
4	42,643	3,554	1,777	1,641	821
5	49,969	4,165	2,083	1,922	961
6	57,295	4,775	2,388	2,204	1,102
7	64,621	5,386	2,693	2,486	1,243
8	71,947	5,996	2,998	2,768	1,384
Each additional person:	7,326	611	306	282	141

**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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