From the Desk of the School Nurse Sheila Herfel, RN

# VERY IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO PARENTS!!! NEW VACCINE REQUIREMENTS 

FOR THE NEXT SCHOOL YEAR (2011-2012)!
Starting next fall (August 2011), all Nebraska students in grades K-12 are required by law to have 2 doses of varicella (chicken pox) vaccine OR written proof of having had the chicken pox disease.

Please schedule an appointment with your physician or your local immunization clinic as soon as possible to vaccinate your child if they don't meet these requirements. Please send proof of vaccination to the school, as students will not be able to start school in the fall if they don't meet Nebraska state immunization guidelines. If you have any questions, please notify Mrs. Herfel at Ponca Public School.

Goldenrod Hills will be in Ponca on March $8^{\text {th }}$, May $10^{\text {th }}$, and July $12^{\text {th }}$ from 11-2 pm. They will also be in Newcastle on Feb 8 ${ }^{\text {th }}$, April $12^{\text {th }}$, June $14^{\text {th }}$, and August $9^{\text {th }}$ from 11-2 pm. Please call 402-529-3513 for an appointment.

Dakota County Immunization Clinic is held every Thursday from 9:30am11:30am, and 1:30pm-3:45pm. Call 402-987-2164 for an appointment.

Congratulations to the following band students who auditioned and were accepted into Wayne State Honor Band: Aaron Bostwick, Austin Schweers, and Lauren Brickett. These band students worked hard and performed in concert on January 29, 2011.

February 4, is around the corner. Keep this date in mind as it is the middle of our third quarter. Midterm reports will be given to students on February 10, 2010. Be sure to talk with your child about the Midterm Report and encourage him or her to finish the second half of our third quarter working focused on academics and working hard.


It is time for the Ponca School and Dixon County Spelling Bees! On

HEALTH

Economics SOCIOLOGY CALCULUS LITERATURE Grammar ANATOMY PHYSICS World Histon ENGLI competing for the top five places in the Ponca School Spelling Bee. These students will qualify for the oral Spelling Bee by scoring at the top on the 50 word written test. The Ponca Spelling Bee will begin at 2:00 p.m. in the east gym. The top five Spellers from Ponca School will travel to the Dixon County Spelling Bee on February 24, and compete against other students from Dixon County. The Dixon County Spelling Bee will be held at 1:00 p.m. at the Haskell Ag Lab near Concord, NE. The winner of the Dixon County Spelling Bee advances to the Annual Midwest Spelling Bee in Omaha on March 12, 2011 Inform your spellers that they may access the "2011 Spell It" at the website

## PONCA SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM 2011 REGISTRATION FORM

This form is for baseball and softball, and we would like you to fill out the bottom portion and return to: Ponca Summer Recreation, P O Box 465, Ponca, NE 68770 by TUESDAY, February 15, 2011. PLEASE USE ONE REGISTRATION FORM FOR EACH CHILD.

To be eligible, your child must be the following age:
GIRLS: Age 8 by 12/31/10
BOYS: Age 8 by 1-1-11
To help defray expenses, there will be a $\$ 40$ registration fee for a SINGLE CHILD or a $\$ 60$ registration fee PER FAMILY, which must be returned with the registration form(s). Your child will not be registered until this fee is paid. A late registration fee of $\$ 20$ will be charged and the late registration must be returned by MARCH 24, 2011. WE WILL NOT ACCEPT ANY REGISTRATIONS AFTER MARCH 24, 2011/NO EXCEPTIONS! NO REFUNDS WILL BE ISSUED THIS YEAR. Please note T-ball registration will be held at a later date.

Child's Name
GIRLS: AGE AS OF 12-31-10 BOYS: AGE AS OF 1-1-11



## Principal Bob Hayes

It has been a cold, snowy start to second semester, but our students' eagerness to learn has kept us going strong. We had a strong start to the second semester!

We have a lot of tardies and absences to begin the second semester. Please make an effort to make sure students arrive by $8: 15 \mathrm{am}$ in Ponca and $8: 30 \mathrm{am}$ in Jackson. Please monitor absences closely, if a student is ill we understand. Thank-you for your effort and cooperation in advance.

Parents please make sure your child has a way home after school. We have situations where students are not picked up until after 4:00pm. The teachers have other responsibilities when school is dismissed, they cannot be responsible for sitting with your child. Please call ahead or make other arrangements if you cannot be here at 3:10 or 3:30. Parents are not allowed in the building after school to pick up their child. Please wait outside until the students are dismissed.

Please mark your calendar for March $17^{\text {th }}$. This is the date designated for the second semester parent-teachers conferences. Conferences begin at 2:00pm and conclude at 8:00pm. School will be dismissed at 1:10 in Jackson and 1:30 in Ponca.

Pre-school open house will be April $26^{\text {th }}$ at Jackson Elementary. More information will be in the March newsletter.

The date for kindergarten round-up has been set for April $29^{\text {th }}$. More details on kindergarten round-up will be in the March newsletter.

Reminder, the dead line for open enrollment students is Monday, March $15^{\text {th }}$.
Monday, Feb. $21^{\text {st }}$ is the next Ponca School Board Meeting. It will meet at 7:30pm in the Ponca Elementary Media Center. The public is invited.

## February 2011 Preschool

|  | $1$ <br> Angelfish | $2$ <br> Starfish | $3$ <br> Angelfish | 4 <br> Starfish |
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| $7$ <br> Starfish | $8$ <br> Angelfish | $\begin{aligned} & 9 \\ & \text { Starfish } \end{aligned}$ | $10$ <br> Angelfish | 11 <br> No PreSchool Assessment Day |
| $14$ <br> Starfish Valentine's Party | 15 <br> Angelfish Valentine's Party | $16$ <br> Starfish | $17$ <br> Angelfish | $18$ <br> Angelfish |
| $21$ <br> No School! | $22$ <br> Angelfish | $23$ <br> Starfish | $24$ <br> Angelfish | $25$ <br> Starfish |
| $28 \text { Starfish }$ |  |  |  |  |

* Starfish =M, W,F Class

Angelfish $=$ T,Th,F Class


PreSchool Dates to Remember
Feb 14. - Starfish Valentine's Party
Feb. 15-Angelfish Valentine's Party
Feb 11. - NO PRESCHOOL- Assessment Day
Feb. 21-NO SCHOOL

# Notes from the Guidame Office... 

## Next A.C.T. Testing Date....

Packet Registration Deadline $=$ March 4, 2011
Testing Date = April 9, 2011


Parents: Are you looking for great summer academic camps for your kids in grades 8-11?

Check out the:
"Big Red Summer Academic Camps" @ the following website: www.bigredcamps.unl.edu

Deadline for the Ponca Community Educational Community Educational
Foundation Scholarships is:

Tuesday, March 15, 2011 4:00 p.m.

SENIORS

Students that will be representing Ponca at Lewis and Clark Conference Monor Band

Dustin Brewer
Korah Kramper
Kelsi Holgate
Christiana O'Neill

Lauren Conrad
Colin Brandt
Allie Albrecht
Zach Heaton

Aaron Bostwick
Austin Schweers
Krystal Richards
Patrick Watchorn

Jake Anderson Alycia Pick Samra Eiler Katie Anderson

High School Students who auditioned and were accepted into Wayne State College Honor Band to be held on Jan. 3oth.
 Great job on a huge honor!

Lauren Brickett



Have your child Spot The Block at fast-food restaurants. Many fast-food restaurants offer a number of types and sizes of foods, and using the Nutrition Facts Label at fast-food restaurants is a great way to show kids the importance of their dietary choices.

Your child can check out the nutrition information on some restaurants' Websites before going there to eat. This is a great chance to have your kids discover nutntion facts about the foods they like and decide what to order in advance. Remind them to consider the caionies and choose nutrients wisely while selecting their foods.
Ifip Check Out the Nutrition information Have your child find the rustrition information at the restaurant, and if it's not posted, he or she can ask to see it. Obtaining the nutritional information about the restaurant's food is the first step towards making informed choices about what to ordier.
www.fida.gov/spottheblock


Help Youn Ildts
Get their fond facts first

## Iff Compare Different Foods and Meal Sizes

 Have your kids Spot The Block to see the differences in nutrients between various items. Compare different ways foods are prepared, tike grilled chicken vs. fried chicken. baked potatoes vs. French fries . . . and compare small vs. large portions. Remember that a super-sized item will contain a higher amount of nutrients than a standard-sized item, because the serving size is larger!
## -If) Substitute One Item

Ask your child to compare different food items using the Nutrition Facts Label. He or she can see which foods are bower in nutrients to get less of. Challenge your child to replace one high-fat or high-calorie item he or she would have ordered with one that has lower calories or fat. Or, encourage your child to choose a food with lower sodium content.


# Hu|Vee news•news•news 

Hy-Vee, Inc., 5820 Westown Parkway, West Des Moines, IA 50266
Contact: Doris Schaefer Marketing Coordinator Phone: (712) 274-1036•Cell: (712)389-1510•E-mail: 1614marketing@hy-vee.com

## Local schools, students are winners in Hy-Vee contest

Sioux City, IA - Four schools in the Siouxland area are the proud owners of new SMART Board ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ interactive whiteboards, thanks to a Smiles For Education contest sponsored by Hy-Vee.

More than 200 schools throughout the Midwest received the innovative technology tools this year through Hy-Vee's SMART Points promotion, which ran from September 1 through November 30. During the promotional period, shoppers who purchased Procter \& Gamble and Sara Lee products at Hy-Vee earned points that could be designated to the schools of their choice. These 4 schools achieved the highest average points scores in their regions to earn the $\$ 1,500$ SMART Boards. In addition, the student at each winning school with the most points designated on his or her behalf received a MacBook computer.

Hy-Vee store officials visited each school to present the SMART Boards and MacBook computers. "When schools and businesses work together to provide learning opportunities for students, everyone in the community wins," said Tom Daschel of the Hamilton Hy-Vee. "We want to thank two of our great supplier partners, Procter \& Gamble and Sara Lee, and all our customers for making this donation possible."

Kristie Hayes school technologist for both Ponca and Jackson Elementary Schools said "Ponca Elementary and Jackson Elementary Schools were excited to learn that they are two of the schools selected to receive SMART Boards. These SMART Boards will be the first for both schools and we
are anxious to implement their use. On behalf of the school district, I would like to thank Hy-Vee and their staff for being supportive of education."

Hy-Vee's Smiles For Education program, launched in 2005 as part of the company's $75^{\text {th }}$ anniversary celebration, has proven to be one of Hy-Vee's most popular community outreach efforts. Now in its sixth year, the program has awarded more than $\$ 3$ million worth of SMART Boards, computers and cash prizes to hundreds of schools throughout Hy-Vee's eight-state operating area.
"Smiles For Education is a fun way for Hy-Vee and our customers to provide a boost to local schools," said Jon Wendel, senior vice president of marketing for HyVee, Inc. "Having the latest technology available in the classroom helps teachers create a more stimulating learning environment for their students."

The SMART Board interactive whiteboard functions as an oversized touchsensitive computer display. Using a special pen, a finger or virtually any object, users can control computer applications, write notes, pull up charts and images, erase or rearrange objects on screen, search the Internet, play videos and save work. The board comes with special SMART Notebook software that enables users to create customized lessons, presentations and learning activities and save them for future use.

Following are the winning schools from the Siouxland area

Ponca Elementary School
Jackson Elementary School
Irving Elementary School
St. Pauls Lutheran School

## HuVee Receipts

HyVee managers presented Ponca School District students with a $\$ 500.00$ check on Tuesday, January $18^{\text {th }}$. Ponca School District receives $\$ 1$ for every $\$ 100$ in receipts that are turned into the school. The following criteria must be followed:

- Receipts must be from the Sioux City or South Sioux City Hy-Vee stores or the Hy-Vee Drugstore on Pierce St.
- Receipts for this school year must be dated August 1, 2010 - May 9, 2011
- Includes, groceries, prescriptions, floral, photo department, catering and more. (Does not include fuel, stamps, money orders, Western Union, lottery, or gift cards)

This is a wonderful opportunity to help support the education of Ponca Public School District students.


Front Row Left to Right: Evan Keller, Addison McGill, Andrew Lamprecht, Abby Schweers. Second Row: Anika Kreegar, Ryan Bentz, and Sophie Kramper.


We would like to thank the following for the book donations to our library:

## Upcoming Assembly

Ponca and Jackson Schools will be honored with a visit from Lisa Laird and her puppets on March $8^{\text {th }}$ and $9^{\text {th }}$ thanks to a Youth for Excellence Grant from The Nebraska Library Commission through Ponca Carnegie Library. Lisa will present her program A Pocketful of Fun at an assembly at both schools and then will visit each elementary classroom to help students make their own puppets.
"We had Lisa and her Pockets Full of Fun ... at the Sioux Central School in Sioux Rapids, lowa. I cannot say enough about Lisa. She is professional and prompt, her stage and
 backdrop are wonderful. And her puppets are the most fun of any I have ever seen. Her magic was excellent. The children were preschool through 5th grade and they were the absolutely the best behaved I have ever seen them. Lisa made them part of the show and interacted with them from the very start. She met them at the door with a puppet. From then on they were under her spell. Her magic had us all enthralled and everyone in the crowd felt they were part of the magic and creativity. I heard from so many of the teachers and the children how much they loved her and the program". Martha Landsness - Sioux Rapids Memorial Library

## ATTENTION JR. AND SR. PARENTS



If You are a parent of a Junior or Senior student, please attend this meeting to help finalize the After Prom party arrangements AND MAKE THIS A FUN NIGHT FOR THE KIDS!!

## Ponca Wrestling Club



## Practices will be begin February $3^{\text {rd }}$

 6:30-7:30 at the Community Center

## Practices will be held on Monday and Thursdays

District Wrestling - Ponca will wrestle in the C-2 District Tournament on February 11 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ and $12^{\text {th }}$. Wrestling starts at 3:00 p.m. on Friday and 10:00 a.m. Saturday at the Battle Creek Fieldhouse.


March 17-19, 2011
Midtown Holiday Inn Grand Island, Nebraska

Sponsored by Nebraska Department of Education, Office of Special Education \& ESU 16
Are you a Nebraska parent of a child with special needs? Does your child have an IFSP or an IEP?

Then this conference is for you!
NO REGISTRATION FEE
Lodging and most meals provided


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## CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Thursday, March 17
Registration (4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.) Dinner
Welcome
Discussion Group

## Friday, March 18

Breakfast
The IFSP/IEP Process
Building Positive Parent-School Partnerships Lunch
The Grieving Cycle
Discussion Group
Dinner (on your own)
Evening free to socialize, network and relax

## Saturday, March 19

## Breakfast

Concurrent Sessions

- Assistive Technology
- Estate Planning for Special Need Trusts
- For Men Only
- The Mediation Process
- Siblings
- Social Skills
- Transition
- You are Your Child's Best Advocate

Lunch
Discussion Group
Pearls of Wisdom
Closing and Evaluations (3:30 p.m.)

The Ponca Public School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, marital status, disability, or age in admission or access to, or treatment of employment in its programs and activities. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding complaints, grievance procedures, or the application of these policies of nondiscrimination:
Ponca Public Schools - Superintendent of Schools 505 3rd Street Ponca, NE 68770 (402) 755-5700
Appeal procedures beyond the local level need to be addressed to the following office: Office for Civil Rights 8930 Ward Parkway, Suite 2037, Kansas City, MO 64114 (816) 268-0550 FAX (816) 823-1404; TDD (800) 437-0833

The Ponca Public School requests your help in locating handicapped children. The school implements the Federal Handicapped Childrens' 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.

## The Ponca Community Educational Foundation (PCEF) announces it's 2011 Funding Opportunities for Ponca Graduates and Patrons of the District.

One of the purposes of the PCEF is to promote and support educational opportunities for the students of the Ponca Public School District. The main avenue of support has always been funding scholarships to Ponca High School graduating seniors.

Because of recent growth from the generous support of its members, the PCEF is excited to sponsor additional funding opportunities. Listed below is a brief description of those opportunities. After reading these descriptions be sure to encourage a P.H.S. connected student, parent, or community member to apply for these resources.

Guideline information, cover sheets, and applications for each program may be obtained by contacting the high school guidance office at Ponca Public School. Additionally, the information and forms may be found on the school website: www.poncaschool.org. (Click on Foundation icon; then click on GrantScholarship Opportunities).

## Completed applications and supporting documentation must be returned to Fran Hassler, PCEF Scholarship Selection Committee Chairperson by Tuesday, March 15, 2011, 4:00 P.M., in person or via email at: fhassler@esu1.org (Please note: Due date deadlines will not be adjusted in the event of technology difficulties.)

Funding categories presently include:

1. Awards for P.H.S. Graduating Seniors
2. Awards for P.H.S. Alumni
3. Awards for Certified Staff Members at Ponca Public School
4. Awards for Non-Certified Staff at Ponca Public School

Should an individual, family or business wish to contribute to the PCEF, please contact Foundation President Stanley Leigh, Ponca, NE, \#402-755-2837. Thank you.

Funding Opportunities Article
(updated: 1-24-2011)

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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|  |  | 1 <br> Girls' BB Conf. Tourn <br> @ Winnebago <br> WR Conf. Quad. @ Winside 5:30 | 2 <br> Music Booster Mtg @ Outlaw Pizza 6 p.m. | 3 <br> Boys' BB Conf. Tourn <br> @ Bloomfield <br> HOST CONF. BB TOURN @ 6:00 | 4 <br> Girls' BB Conf. Tourn @ Bloomfield | ${ }^{5}$ WR @ Wakefield 9:00 JH G \& B BB @ Hart. 9 JV BB @ Irene SD Tourn T/B/A <br> Boys' BB Conf. Tourn (a) Ponca |
| 6 | 7 <br> G \& B BB Conf. <br> Championship @ Laurel 6:00 \& 8:00 | 8 <br> Girls' BB vs. Pender at home JV 6:00, V 8:00 Parents' Night | $9$ | 10 <br> 4th Grade to Orpheum Concert 9:30 a.m. <br> Girls' BB @ Homer JV 6:15, V 8:00 | 11 $\begin{gathered} \text { Boys' BB @ Homer } \\ \text { Res. 5:00 } \\ \text { JV 6:15, V 8:00 } \end{gathered}$ <br> District Wrestling T | 12 ACT TEST DATE <br> Boys' BB @ <br> Wakefield <br> JV 6:00, V 7:45 <br> 9/10 GBB @ Emerson 9 am <br> nament @ Battle Creek |
| 13 | 14 <br> After Prom Mtg. 7:00 pm <br> Girls' BB Subdistri | 15 <br> Spring Pictures @ <br> Jackson <br> © @ West Point Public | 16 | 17 Ponca School Spelling Bee @ 2:00 in East Gym Girls' BB Subdistricts @ West Point Public <br> State Wrestling | 18 <br> Boys' BB @ Creighton JV 6:00, V 7:45 | 19 <br> Sing Across Nebr. JH Festival <br> Boys BB Reserve @ Wakonda Tourn T/B/A <br> est Center |
| 20 |  | 22 <br> ITBS Materials Handed Out <br> @ West Point Public | 23 | 24 <br> Boys' BB Subdistricts @ West Point Public <br> Dixon County Spelling Bee 1:00 | 25 <br> Girls' BB <br> District Finals <br> WSC Honor Choir <br> 6-8 Band Field Trip to Vermillion | 26 <br> Decorate 1-3 <br> Sweetheart Coronation 8 <br> Sweetheart Dance 9-12 |
| 27 | 28 <br> ITBS Testing All Week Grades 2-6 <br> Boys' BB Distr. Final Start Spring Practice |  |  |  |  |  |



J ackson Elementary February 2011



# --- OPEN ENROLLMENT INFORMATION --- 

NOTICE TO PARENTS OF PONCA SCHOOL PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT STUDENTS WHO MAY BE CONSIDERING ENROLLMENT OPTIONS<br>FOR THE 2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR

Parents or guardians considering the use of the enrollment options program to enroll their child/ren in another public school district in the state of Nebraska should be aware of the following date:

March 15, 2011 - Deadline for filing enrollment option application for the 2011-2012 school year unless a waiver of dates is granted.

Limitation - The enrollment option shall be available only once to each student prior to graduation unless:
(a) the student relocates in a different resident school district,
(b) the option school district merges with another district.

Eligibility - Eligibility will be considered for transfer students who have transferred from one school to another when there is not a change of domicile by the parents. Those students who have their transfer papers signed and filed on or before March 15 shall be eligible immediately in the fall. Those students who do not have their transfer applications signed and filed on or before March 15 shall be ineligible for 90 school days.

Transportation - The parents of the optioned student shall be responsible for required transportation to the option district.

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Ponca, Nebraska 68770
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