#### Ponca Public Schools

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# November Newsletter 2008



#### From the desk of:

#### William F. Thompson, Superintendent

**School on Wednesday, November 26<sup>th</sup>** – Ponca Schools will hold classes on Wednesday, November 26<sup>th</sup>. This date was originally scheduled as a "No School" day as part of the Thanksgiving Vacation. As a result of classes being dismissed for a day earlier this school year, Wednesday, the 26<sup>th</sup>, will be considered as a make-up for that day.

Classes will be dismissed at 1:30pm on the 26<sup>th</sup>. School buses will run their regular routes.

**Winter Weather – School Cancellation –** It is important at this time of the year to be reminded about winter weather and the need to stay informed about possible school closings, delays, or early dismissals. There are many factors to be considered before making this decision. First, and foremost, is the safety of students, faculty, staff, and parents.

Prior to 6:00am, a decision will be made whether to cancel school, or to start late for the day. Information is entered online. The relevant information for our school district is released from there to area radio and television stations. This information will also be available to our school district patrons online. You can access this by going to the school district's website <a href="https://www.poncaschool.org">www.poncaschool.org</a>, click on the "SnowCap - Closings/Delays" button on the left side of the front page. This will let you see what decision has been made for Ponca Schools.

There are occasions when the weather patterns and forecasts are clearly obvious that a decision can be made the night before. When this happens, the online process will begin to air the announcement on the 10 o'clock news. However, this may not always be possible. Should the decision be made to start school late, this will always be a **two (2) hour late start.** Classes will start in Jackson and Ponca two (2) hours later than their normal starting time. Buses will run their regular routes, but will be two (2) hours later than normal.

Occasionally, weather conditions will deteriorate during the school day to a point where early dismissal is necessary. We will try to avoid early dismissal if possible because contacting parents is difficult. Parents may, during inclement weather, pick up your child/children at your own discretion. Please make arrangements for the care of your child in case an early dismissal is necessary. In case of the early dismissal, all activity practices will be cancelled.

Following are some helpful hints as parents prepare:

- Know your bus route. Know who is picked up or dropped off before and after your stop. Contact other bus patrons on your route for information regarding the location of the bus.
- If you are going to be gone from home and the weather looks questionable, make arrangements for your child to have a neighbor or someone to meet your child, especially younger children.
- Please do not call the school or administration to find out if school is cancelled. Please listen, watch or check online for announcements.
- Parents have the right to make the decision whether to send their children to school when the weather is questionable. If a parent decides that the child will stay home, school work missed will be required to be made up. The child will not be charged with an unexcused absence.

This article will also appear on the front page of the district's website at www.poncaschool.org.

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.

## Update from Ms. Rinas......

Ponca School celebrated Red Ribbon Week October 20-24. The overall theme for the week was "A Drug Free ATTITUDE = A life of GRATITUDE! Each day of the week also had its own special theme. "Jump Away From Drugs!" was Monday's theme. Students in grades 3-6 participated in Jump Rope for Heart. On Tuesday "Being Drug Free is No Sweat!" was our theme. Students dressed in sweats and were treated with Hot Tamales at lunch. Wednesday everyone dressed in camouflage to "Join the FIGHT against DRUGS!" Students in grades 7-12 attended an assembly on character and attitude presented by one of our favorite groups CCDC (Community Character Development Coalition). Red hats were the fashion statement on Thursday. Students decorated red hats with a drug free message in support of our theme "Being Drug Free is Red Hot!" The winners of our red hat contest were 1st place Kim Stowe, 2<sup>nd</sup> Savannah Rager, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Ryder Book. Honorable mention were Luke Ketter, Zach Heaton, Madison Kinnear, and Hannah Cook. The student council also sponsored a blood drive on our red hot Thursday. Our Red Ribbon celebration ended on Friday with the theme "Stay In The Game. . . Be Drug Free!" Everyone dressed in blue and white game day attire. The elementary students attended an assembly with the Dixon County Law Enforcement and their drug dogs. Throughout the week students were involved in drug free and healthy living lessons in their classrooms.

Congratulations is extended to Aaron Bostwick and Brittney Heaton. Aaron was selected for the All State Honor Choir. Brittany was selected as an alternate. They will attend All State November 20 and 21.



# Save your Box Tops!!!

Box Tops offers three easy ways to earn cash for our school through everyday activities such as buying groceries, shopping online and purchasing books.

**Clip** — Clip Box Top coupons from hundreds of participating products and send them to school. Box Tops coupons are worth 10¢ each when our school redeems them from Box Tops for Education.

**Shop** — Shop at your favorite online stores through the Box Tops Marketplace<sup>™</sup> (btfe.com/marketplace). Up to 8% of each qualifying purchase is automatically donated to our school. There is no additional cost to your purchase and many exclusive deals and discounts can be found!

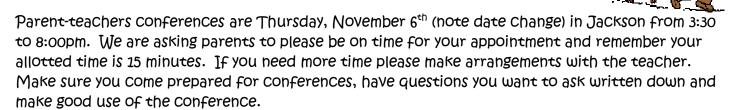
**Buy books** — Purchase books online at Barnes & Noble through the Box Tops Reading Room<sup>sм</sup>. Our school will receive 6% of your new book purchases and 3% of all other online purchases.

One of the easiest ways you can help is to sign up to support our school at **btfe.com**. You will learn about new and easy ways to help our school earn the extra cash it needs.

# Jackson Elementary

Notes from the Principal's office.....

The first quarter flew by and that means the holiday season is coming up very quickly. It is an exciting time of year.



We are continually trying to make Jackson Elementary a safe school for students to attend. We are constantly evaluating ourselves and making improvements. To make sure students are safe we are asking parents not to enter the building at the end of the school day. Please wait for your students outside or in the parking lot. I know this is an inconvenience for some parents, but for safety reasons it is necessary.

With the winter season upon us it is important to be ready for school cancellations, late starts, and early dismissals. Please realize we will follow the Ponca schedule concerning dismissals and cancellations. There will **not** be a separate announcement for Jackson Elementary.

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

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

Happy Thanksgiving,

Mr. Hayes



Thank you to Emily Brewer and the Duane and Patti Boyle for their donations to the Ponca Public School library.





## **Seniors to Begin Application/Scholarship Writing Unit**

This semester all the seniors at PHS will partake in a scholarship/job application writing unit in their English classes. As part of their coursework, the students will be developing their writing skills while working on class requirements. A series of 11 application/scholarship questions were developed through the English department and the guidance office. The seniors will be expected to complete two rough drafts and a final copy for class evaluation. Not only will the students earn a grade for their written work; they will also be able to use their final drafts as a starting block for job and scholarship applications, which they will soon be completing. Be sure to ask your senior about this project!

Mark Your Calendar....

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For the P.H.S. Student Council Holiday Cake Raffle!!!



Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>

The Boys/Girls Basketball

Doubleheader vs. Laurel



### Senior Citizen Passes Available...

Passes are available in the Business Office for those <u>patrons of the district</u> who are over 65. The passes are good for any activities at the school.



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

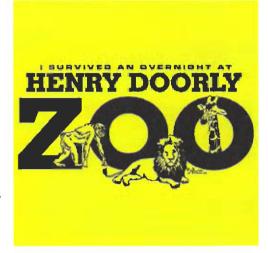
Appeal procedures beyond the local level need to be addressed to the following office:
Office for Civil Rights
8930 Ward Parkway, Suite 2037
Kansas City, MO 64114
(816) 268-0550
FAX (816) 823-1404; TDD (800) 437-0833

# We Survived!!

The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders set off from Ponca on Oct 16<sup>th</sup> with 61 students, 5 teachers, 2 bus drivers, and 23 chaperones for Omaha for an overnight stay at the Henry Doorly Zoo. Packing for 92 people proposed it challenges, but by 11:00 we had coolers, sleeping bags, and the food all packed. The caravan, made up of 5 parent vehicles filled with chaperones and supplies, and 2 buses filled with eager 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders departing from Ponca.

The caravan arrived at the zoo to find the weather perfect, 65 degrees and sunny. Immediately after arrival groups of students along with their chaperones toured various exhibits at the zoo. Halfway through the afternoon the zoo personnel put on a zoo career assembly. The 3D movie about sea monsters followed. The movie was great

there were a number of students and adults that had never had the opportunity to see a 3D movie. The students were also able to enjoy a free pop and popcorn at the movie. After the movie, the zoo closed and Ponca and a school from Kansas had the entire zoo to ourselves. After unloading it was time to meet our overnight leaders from the zoo. The students learned about different animals at the zoo, touched many furs, and played educational zoo trivia games. Following the games the students and chaperones got the opportunity for an evening hike through zoo exhibits. It was a wonderful experience as students got to see the nocturnal animals come out and learn many facts about the zoo itself. The hike finished around 10:00, which meant it was time to eat pizza and lay 90 plus sleeping bags in a room just behind the rainforest. Lights out was at midnight. Students then had an early morning as we were up at 6:00 to eat, pack the buses, and prepare for our 7:00 a.m. in the morning hike. The trip ended at 10:00 as we pulled away from the zoo.



What an experience of a lifetime. This was the first time for many students to stay overnight as well as attend the zoo! There were many highlights that the students wanted to share so make sure you read the Nebraska Journal Leader. Students will be writing their own article and there will be pictures as well. Also more information about the trip can be found on the school website.

Also we want to say a special thanks to Blue Cross and Blue Shield for paying for the students admittance fee to the zoo, and the zoo donor who paid for our admittance to the IMAX Theater. Also we would like to thank all those parents, businesses, teachers, and other donors who helped make this trip possible. We had an overwhelming response. Students had no cost for the trip - donations covered everything. Students even received a free t-shirt saying "We survived an overnight at the Henry Doorly Zoo, so they could remember the trip. We could not have done this without you! It takes a lot of help to make a trip like this possible as well as successful. Also, a thanks goes out to all the chaperones who took off work and braved staying overnight with 61 fifth and sixth graders.

So I guess you can say that we SURVIVED AN OVERNIGHT AT THE HENRY DOORLY ZOO!!!



# Your school receives \$1 for every \$100 in receipts

#### ANY receipt from these Hy-Vee Stores:

Hamilton, Southern Hills Mall, Gordon Dr., South Sioux City & Sioux City Hy-Vee Drugstore

HyVee.

(Sorry, HyVee will not accept gas receipts.)

# **CONGRATULATIONS!**

The highest honor that a high school vocal student can achieve is being accepted to the Nebraska All State choir. 500 singers are selected from throughout the State of Nebraska to participate in the All State Choir, which rehearses and performs November 20-22 at the Lied Center in Lincoln, for the Nebraska Music Educators Convention. Ponca High School is pleased to have one student selected to the 2008 Nebraska All-State Choir, and one student named as an alternate....

## Aaron Bostwick---Bass 1 Brittany Heaton---Alto 1 Alternate



## Music Booster Concession Stand Schedule (Revised) 2008-2009

#### Please call your contact person, if you have a conflict.

Date & Contact Person	Sport & Opponent	Parent Workers		
Dec. 4-	Les & Cheri Albrecht			
Sandy Jensen 632-4588	Wrestling- Ponca Quad	Duane & Patti Boyle		
-		Todd & JoAnn Book		
Dec. 6-		Brad & Carol Conrad		
Wendy Masin 755-2212	Boys BBall vs. Crofton	Chris & Ann Rooney		
		Derek & Staci Holgate		
Dec. 8-	9 <sup>th</sup> /10 Wresting	Joe & Deb O'Neill		
Lori Heaton 755-4202		Brian & Angie Fernau		
		Blane & Karen Brummond		
Dec. 16-		Chris & Deanna Bennett		
Julie Kramper 632-4748	G Bball vs. Laurel	Brad & Lynelle Krohn		
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Dec. 18-		Mary Rager		
Sandy Jensen 632-4588	G Bball vs. Crofton	Deb Gibbs		
,		George & Amy Watchorn		
Dec. 19-		Max & Lana Oswald		
Wendy Masin 755-2212	B Bball vs. Emerson	Steven & Christy Schweers		
		Dan & Lori Krause		
Dec. 23-		Dean & Kelly Lieber		
Lori Heaton 755-4202	B&G Bball vs. Coleridge	William & Sheryl Persinger		
	- are - arm yer consider	Max & Lana Oswald		
Jan. 8-		Chad & Lynn Eifert		
Julie Kramper 632-4748	G Bball vs. Allen	Rick & Marcella Schweers		
		Kristin McDonald		
Jan. 9-		Doug & Jamie Watchorn		
Sandy Jensen 632-4588	B Bball vs. Allen	Mindy Kinnear		
		Dan & Debbie Stowe		
		Doug & Jody Rickett		
Jan. 16-		Jason & Paula Cook		
Wendy Masin 755-2212	G Bball vs. E-H	Max & Lana Oswald		
		Kristin McDonald		
Jan. 20-		Burl & Lori Arbuthnot		
Julie Kramper 632-4588	B&G vs. Winnebago	Doug & Lynette Bauman		
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Jan. 30-		Chip & Melissa Watchorn		
Sandy Jensen 632-4588	B Bball vs. Newcastle	Ray & Karen Anderson		
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Feb. 10-		Gary & Kari Richards		
Wendy Masin 755-2212	G Bball vs. Pender	Sandy Woehler		
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### Congratulations and Thank You to Mrs. Beth Foulks

At scholastic we know that every state is full of hidden wonders, little-known facts, record-setting landmarks, and historical treasures – many of which are celebrated in *American the Beautiful, Third Series* – but now we want to hear from you!

Beth Foulks created an AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL SCAVENGER HUNT for the state of Nebraska and won! She submitted 10 questions and answers that revealed the most wonderful and wacky facts that answer the question: What should everyone know about our state?

Beth was one of the two winning librarians in each state that received a free collection of *America the Beautiful, Third Series* (52 titles- an approximate retail value of \$1,976.00) and the scavenger hunts will be published in an additional title of *American the Beautiful WOW! WEIRD, WACKY and OUT of this WORLD state facts!* (the school will also receive a complimentary copy of this title.)

Thank you Mrs. Foulks for your dedication to our library system.

Below are the questions and answers that were submitted.

- (1) How big is America's record-setting hailstone?
- America's record-setting hailstone that measured more than 7 inches in diameter and 18.75" in circumference was found in Aurora, NE on June 22, 2003. Residents kept the hailstone from melting. It resides at the National Center for Atmospheric Research in Boulder, Colorado. <a href="http://www.stevequayle.com/News.alert/03\_Cosmic/030801.record.hailstone.html">http://www.stevequayle.com/News.alert/03\_Cosmic/030801.record.hailstone.html</a>
- (2) How many people can sit on the world's largest porch swing? The world's largest porch swing that seats 20 is in Hebron, Nebraska. <a href="http://www.farmshow.com/issues/240607.asp">http://www.farmshow.com/issues/240607.asp</a>
- (3) What animal herd in Gurley, Nebraskas is North America's largest? the largest yak herd in North American can be found in Gurley, Nebraska. http://www.mcrobertsgamefarm.com/yak/Yak.htm
- (4) Why can the Nebraska National Forest qualify as the nation's largest? The largest *planted* forest in the nation is in Nebraska National Forest near Halsey, Nebraska. It is managed by the National Forest Service.
- (5) Who is responsible for creating the world's largest ball of stamps? Boys Town of Omaha, Nebraska has the world's largest ball of stamps weighing 600 pounds. It is featured in "Ripley's Believe It Or Not". <a href="http://www.boystown.org/products/stamp/index.asp">http://www.boystown.org/products/stamp/index.asp</a>
- (6) Where can you participate in the world's largest chicken dance? The world's largest chicken dance is held annually at Wayne, Nebraska during their Chicken Days Celebration. http://chamber.waynene.org/Tourism/Attractions/
- (7) What is the population of America's smallest incorporated town? The America's smallest incorporated town is Monowi, Nebraska (pop. 1). The resident is the mayor, town clerk, town treasurer, town secretary, tavern keeper, and librarian. <a href="http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Monowi">http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Monowi</a>, <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Monowi">Nebraska</a>
- (8) Where can you find over 500,000 sandhill cranes in one location. The world's largest concentration of sandhill cranes (over 500,000) congregate annually on the Nebraska's Platte River in the spring. <a href="http://www.rowesanctuary.org/">http://www.rowesanctuary.org/</a>
- (9) What is the name given to the longest stretch of undammed, unchannelized Missouri River (59 miles) which borders Nebraska?

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(10) Where can you visit the smallest city hall in the U.S.? Maskell, Nebraska is home to the smallest city hall (10' x 12') in the United States.

#### 2008 Sing Around Nebraska Children's Honor Choir

The Nebraska Choral Directors are proud to sponsor the 2008 Sing Around Nebraska Children's Honor Choir. This event will be held on November 14-15 at the Lied Center for Performing Arts in Lincoln, Nebraska. The choir of 150 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders are selected from across the state through an audition process.

Selected from Ponca Public School are Tanner Perkins (5<sup>th</sup>), Lauren Brickett (6<sup>th</sup>) and Kianna Kramper (6<sup>th</sup>). They will rehearse with and perform under a guest clinician, Dr. Angela Broeker, from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, MN. Also, performing at this concert will be three collegiate choirs.

Congratulations Tanner, Lauren and Kianna!!!

#### **Christmas Concerts**

December 2nd 7:00pm Ponca Elementary Concert 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Vocal 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Band

December 8<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m. Jackson Elementary Program Grades K – 2nd

Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm Ponca Vocal Department Christmas Madrigal Dinner Oscar's Hangar



#### **Music Booster Meeting**



### **Wednesday, November 12**



6:00 p.m. at Oscar's





#### **Lewis and Clark Conference**

Vocal Clinic and Honor Choir November 18, 2008 Emerson-Hubbard 7:00 PM Concert



Participating schools are: Allen, Bancroft-Rosalie, Emerson-Hubbard, Homer, Ponca, Wakefield, Walthill, and Winnebago.

Each school will bring their choruses for a full day of music. This large mass choir will then perform together on the final evening concert at 7:00 p.m. There will also be an honor choir selected from these 200 plus singers. During the evening concert these singers will be presented with a Conference Medal and they will also sing one of the songs from this year's Nebraska All-State Repertoire.

We encourage and request that parents, family, and friends attend this concert in support of these students and the fine arts programs of our school and community.

#### Please join us! Concert time 7:00 p.m.

A trophy is given to the school with the most audience members present! (The host school is excluded)

Admission: \$4 Adults \$3 Students

Pre-school-No Charge Conf. Passes Are Honored

### **Start talking Before they Start Drinking**



## Start the conversation any way you can HOW DO I START TALKING?

#### 5-8 Years Old

- . Now is the time to begin explaining what alcohol, tobacgo and other drugs are
- . Discuss how anything you put in your body that is not food can be harmful.
- . Explain the idea of addiction, that drug use can become a bad hubit that's hard to stop
- . Praise your children for taking good care of their bodies and avoiding things that might harm them

#### 9-11 Years Old

- Children this age can handle more cophisticated discussions use their corrosity about manuscric greats (such as car accidents or divorces) to discuss how drugs could cause these events.
- . Friends become extremely important at this time, and older children may expose your child to alcohol, tobacco or other drugs.
- . Rebearse scenarios in which friends offer drugs.
- "Upsetting my parents" is one of the top reasons preferring give for why they won't use alcohol: give them permission to use you as an execuse, such as. "My more well kill me if I drink a beer!"

#### 12-14 Years Old

- Adolescence is often a confusing and stressful time as terms try to figure out who they are and how to fit in. Nearly nine out of tenteens agree that "it seems like algohol is everywhere these days."
- Take advantage of a teen's concerns about social image and appearance to point our immediate, distanteful consequences of alcohol, tobacco and marijuana use; bad breath, stained teeth, smelly hair and clothes.
- . Point out that alcohol and other drug use is not only dangerous, but can also lead to broken friendships, even prison.
- . Also point out long-term consequences, such as brain damage, cancer, and the potential for accidents, alcohol possosing or death-

#### 15-17 Years Oh

- Oblier teens have already made decisions about whether or not to use alcohol and other drugs. Now is the time to help them gaintings to resist peer pressure.
- . Use specific reasons to reinforce why using alcohol and other drugs is bad, addiction, birth defects, car accidents, prison.
- These students are rhinking about their futures; remind them that illegal alcohol and other drug use could ruin their chances of college acceptance or embacking on their carren choice.

#### WHAT CAN I DO AS A PARENT TO PREVENT MY CHILD FROM RECOMING INVOLVED IN ALCOHOLDRUG ABUSE?

- . Take a "rero tolerance" stand against underage algohol and other drug use. Using alcohol under age 24 is illegal.
- Get to know your child's friends and talk to their parents. Parents who network often discover that it is simply not true that "everyone else
  is doing it." Discove curfesse, supervision, etc. Check out overnight plans with the friend's parents and find out if the parents will be home,
  that no plooped or other drugs will be present, and that they have similar curfess hours.
- Insist on knowing rehere your child will be. Many plans for an evening are changed midway through: a phone call should be tequired to keep you informed. If you will not be at home, let your child know how you can be reached.
- . Be aware of what your child keeps in his/her room.
- . Set a definite home curfew and observe the Tri-State Corfew Ordinance.
- . He awake or insast your child wakes you up when they arrive home.
- Set and consistently enforce clear standards of behavior and consequences that you are willing and able to enforce, e.g. low of privileges.
   The consequences should be logical, natural, and immediate
- Make reliable arrangements with friends, relatives, or a responsible sitter to live in your home while you are away.
   You are doing your child a favor as many parties occur without an inviction and are quickly put of corneof.

Keep in mind that these are not issues of trust - they simply show that you care!! Keep Our Children Safe & Healthy!

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### **Start talking Before they Start Drinking**

#### Basic Facts:

- Children who begin drinking alcohol before the age of 15 are 5 times more likely to develop alcohol problems than
  those who start after age 21.
- · Alcohol kills more young people than all other illegal drugs combined.
- Perceived parental disapproval is the strongest influence on youthful alcohol use. Children who believe
  their parents would strongly disapprove of their using a particular substance are less likely to do so than those whose
  parents somewhat disapprove or neither approve or disapprove.
- Parental involvement is another important factor. In 2004, substance use was lower among youths who report
  that their parents always or sometimes engaged in monitoring behaviors than among youths whose parents are seldom
  or never involved.
- In spite of the media message that alcohol will make hie more fun. It actually is a depressant.
   Just one drink can impair your brain's ability to communicate, solve problems, and use good judgment.
   Alcohol can mess up your ability to make decisions.
- Alcohol use among children and adolescents starts early and increases rapidly with age.
- Alcohol use by the end of the sixth grade is reported by 27 percent of our Siouxland youth in 2006.
- Approximately three out of every four students (75 percent nationally and 74 percent locally) have consumed.
   alcohol (more than a few sips) by the end of high school. Nearly half (44 percent nationally and 46 percent locally) have done so by the eighth grade.
- 52 percent of our 12th graders, 43 percent of our 10th graders, and 25 percent of our 8th graders have used alcohol in the past 30 days.
- In fact, 40 percent of our area 12th graders, 30 percent of our 10th graders, and 12% of our 8th graders have reported binge drinking (more than 5 drinks at one time) in the past 30 days.
- In 2006, 39% of the area 12th graders and 24% of our 10th graders had driven a car after using alcohol or other drugs.

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# Veteran's Day Program

Ponca Public School will present a Veteran's Day Program in the west gym at 10:00 A.M. on November 11, 2008. The theme for the program will be about the Honor Flights to Washington D.C. The public is invited to attend this program along with the Ponca, Jackson, and Martinsburg Veterans/Auxiliary Women, and the 3-12 students/staff at Ponca School to help recognize the service and commitment of our Veterans, Auxiliary Women, and active military men and women.



PreK-2<sup>nd</sup> grade students at Jackson Elementary will visit the 185<sup>th</sup> Refueling Wing Unit in Sioux City and the Jackson Veteran's Memorial during the week of November 10-14.

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#### November Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Chicken Fajita Shredded Pork Sand. Scalloped Potato/Ham Pork Fritter Pizza Lettuce/Cheese Lettuce Salad Mashed Potato/Gravy Tri-Taters Peas Peaches Carrots Potato Rounds Grapes Corn Fruit Cocktail Pineapple Roll and butter Roll and Butter Pineapple 13 Mini Corn Dog Chicken Casserole Hambuger/Bun Chicken Noodle Soup Goulash Baked Beans Potato Wedge Peanut and Jelly Sand Green Beans Com **Curly Fries** Carrot Sticks Jello Peas Orange Pears Roll and Butter Pineapple Rasp. Applesauce Garlie Sticks 20 Hamb. Gravy/Mashed Potato Chicken/Biscuit Ham Sandwich Turkey Super Nacho Green Beans Peas Scalloped Potato Mashed Potato/Gravy lettuce Jello Salad Pears Baked Beans Corn Peaches Roll and Butter Cookie Cinn. Applesauce Cinn. Sticks Banana Roll and Butter 26 28 Spaghetti/Meat Sauce Hot Dogs/Bun Burrito Cole Slaw NO SCHOOL Lettuce Salad Peas NO SCHOOL Pineapple Fruit Pie Green Beans Garlie Sticks Apple Roll and butter

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3	WR-JrHi @ Crofton 3:00 p.m. VOTE - Election Day	Football Playoffs 2nd Round	6 8 <sup>th</sup> gr. CCC testing	7 2003	Ponca Craft Fair 9:00 – 2:00
VB Subdistricts/	Districts @ Pender		VB Subdistricts/	Districts	- CIPL.
10 FB-Playoffs Qtr. Finals	Conference Academic Contest @WSC  Veterans Day Program 10:00 a.m.	Music Boosters Meeting at Oscars 6:00 p.m.	WR- Jr. Hi Ponca Invit. 4:00 p.m. JACKSON PICTURE RETAKES	14 Sing Around Nebraska Honor Choir-Lincoln Butter Braid Delivery DayState Volleyball	Sing Around Nebraska Honor Choir-Lincoln Football Playoffs Semi-Finals
17 WR-Jr Hi @ Randolph Invit. 4:00 p.m. Winter Practice Begins Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.	18 Vocal E-H Conference Clinic	Co. Government Day	20 Fall Awards Night 7:30ALL STATE MUSIC	21 State Football  CONVENTION	WR-Jr.Hi @ Howells Invit, 10:00 a.m.
24 Conference One Act @ E-H	25 WR – JrHi @ Elgin Invit. 3:00 p.m.	26 SCHOOL DISMISSED AT 1:30	NO SCHOOL HARPY THANKSGIVING	NO SCHOOL	29