April 2019

Ponca Public School

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Students: Mr. Jody Phillips, Superintendent of Schools, PO Box 568, Ponca, NE 68770 (402) 755-5700 (jodyphillips@poncaschool.org).

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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.



From Mr. Lahm's "Pen"

It has been quite the month at Ponca High School and around the entire state of Nebraska. We have had inclement weather, State Tournaments, snow and rain leading to flooding, celebration of our Fine Arts starting with 21 students performing at Class C All-State Band, conference Art awards, Jazz Band and Swing Choir, and a Speech team that was unable to finish the competition at Districts because of the flooding. We have had our 11th grade students preparing for the ACT test the first week of April in displaced rooms as flooding affected the Northwest portion of our secondary building. Six of our teachers have had to find new "homes" throughout the school, and our library has been out of commission since the flooding.

Deep breaths, deep breaths, deep breaths...and we are on to April. We have the ACT and Pre-ACT upcoming for our 11th and 10th grade students respectively. At the end of April, we have the federal and state-mandated assessment named NSCAS (Nebraska Student-Centered Accountability System) for all students in 3rd-8th Grade. Sprinkle in some Track and Golf competitions, add a side of Chorus and Band concerts and District competition, and do not forget the final dish of graduation in early May, and April is going to be another fun-filled and fast-moving month.

Needless to say, our teachers and staff along with teachers and staffs in education throughout the United States and the world have an enormous task each and every day. And not that you need any more reminders, but through all of these events and activities, our teachers and staff at Ponca Public Schools pull together for each other and for the students. It does not mean we are perfect by any means. Is there frustration and even some complaining? You bet. Are there areas where we can improve? By all means can we improve. We continue to work to improve through our PLC process every Monday morning, and teachers continue to invest in their own personal learning and development. Regardless of our flaws, I am thankful to our "family" of teachers and staff at Ponca for continuing to pull together to ensure that all students are provided a high quality instruction. I am especially thankful to our teachers and staff for pulling through this time of displacement from their classrooms. We are not perfect, but we continue to strive for excellence...even if we have to wade through some tough waters to make it happen. Thank you Ponca Public School teachers and staff.

NSCAS SUMMATIVE TESTING...The NSCAS (Nebraska Student-Centered Assessment System) Summative test will be administered to all of our 3rd-8th grade students from April 24-26. Our 1:1 computer initiative allow us to test all of our students during this time allowing us to do some simple and fun incentives for all the students in these grades. Breakfast will be provided for each student on these test days. Please be sure your child gets plenty of sleep leading up to and on these test days.

<u>ACT TESTING</u>...On Wednesday, April 3, all junior students at Ponca will be taking the state-mandated ACT test. This is a free test that is paid by the state of Nebraska for all juniors throughout the entire state. We will administer this test using student Chromebooks thanks to our 1:1 computer initiative. A free breakfast will be provided.

TRACK & GOLF NOTE...Parents and students are reminded that the school only provides for supervision of athletes at track and golf meets. Therefore, a student who is not on the team will only be released from school to attend the event if the student is with a parent or guardian. All students must be pre-excused before 9:00 A.M. to attend or participate in a school activity.

<u>ACADEMIC HONORS PROGRAM...</u>Plan ahead to attend the 7-12 Academic Honors Program on Monday, May 6, 2019. The program will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center. Students earning academic awards will be receiving invitations to the program, but everyone is invited to attend.

Elementary News Mr. Hayes

Spring has arrived which means the end of school is near. The school year has gone so fast, it seems like yesterday we were preparing for the students to walk in the door.

In April the elementary students will be participating in NSCAS testing and MAP testing. These tests give us valuable data about the education being provided by Ponca Public School. The NSCAS tests will be Wednesday, April 24th through Friday, April 26th for the 3rd through 6th grades. These are the state mandated tests required by the Nebraska Department of Education and are used as part of the formula to grade our school. Please visit with your child about the importance of the testing. Please help your child be prepared for the tests by getting a good night sleep. The school will be providing breakfast on the days of the tests.

On May 3rd we will be having the annual field day at the Sports Complex in Ponca at 1:15 pm weather permitting. The students will participate in a number of exciting events. Parents are encouraged to attend. We will try to make an early decision if we plan to postpone due to weather.

Our spring concerts are May 2nd at 7:00pm for the Jackson Elementary students and May 13th at 7:00pm for the Ponca Elementary students. Both concerts will be held in the west gymnasium in Ponca. The students have been working hard to make this the best concert ever. Please make plans to attend and see the future stars of American Idol!

Class field trips will be coming up in April and May. Students are expected to be on their best behavior during these trips. Please remind them they are representing Ponca Public School and their actions speak louder than words. Please remind them these trips are a privilege and not a right.

We are having some issues with our playground afterschool hours. We have been picking up pop bottles, pop cans, and litter on a daily basis. If you are using the playground or your child is using the playground, please put these items in the trash containers. Sunflower seeds are not allowed on the playground please remind your child not to use sunflower seeds while using the playground. Dogs are not allowed on the playground!

This is the time of year when some students seem to slough off with their school work. The weather is nice and because of daylight savings time the day is longer. Summer baseball and soccer are beginning and outdoor activities increase. Please make sure your child does not neglect their school work and continues to get enough sleep. It is important to finish the school year strong.

The next school board meeting is April 15th in Ponca at 7:30 p.m.

Ponca School is collecting and recycling all types of ink/toner printer and copier cartridges.

Lewis & Clark Conference Art Exhibition



Congratulations to all of the Ponca High School art students who had artwork selected for this year's Lewis and Clark Conference Art Exhibition at Wayne State College. There were 16 area high schools participating with over 400 pieces of artwork on display. Ponca students received many ribbons at the art show, including "Best of Show", earned by Katy Kastning, "Honorable Mention Acrylic", earned by Taylor Lamprecht, "Honorable Mention Colored Pencil", earned by Kaden Fields, "Honorable Mention Pastel", earned by Emma Webb, and "Honorable Mention graphite", earned by Alyssa Swick.

Evan Anderson - 2nd place, Graphite

Hailey Bellows - 2nd place, Colored Pencil; 2nd place, Graphite

Katy Kastning - Best of Show, Pastel

Taylor Lamprecht - Honorable Mention Best of Category, Acrylic; 1st place, Colored Pencil; 2nd place, Pastel

Cole Richards - 1st place, Graphite

Morgan Swick - 2nd place, Charcoal; 2nd place, Acrylic

Graci Tangeman - 3rd place, Colored Pencil

Emma Webb - Honorable Mention Best of Category, Pastel; 1st place, Acrylic

Alyssa Crosgrove - 2nd place, Graphite

Kaden Fields - Honorable Mention Best of Category, Colored Pencil

Lauryn Gill - 2nd place, Pastel

Hannah Wahls - 2nd place, Graphite

Alyssa Swick - Honorable Mention Best of Category, Graphite; 2nd place, Colored Pencil

Wakefield's BIG Art Show

On Wednesday, March 20th, students in Art 3 and Art 4 attended Wakefield's BIG Art Show. Students participated in a group cardboard cake project to celebrate The Big Show's 10th Anniversary. The students had a great day looking at artwork and working on the group project. Congratulations to Katy Kastning to winning Honorable Mention Best of Show for her pastel drawing and Taylor Lamprecht for winning the Outstanding Artist Award for Ponca



Madi Fethkenher - Superior, Acrylic Painting

Bree Gill - Judge's Merit, Mixed Media

Katie Janssen- Superior, Acrylic Painting

Katy Kastning - Honorable Mention Best of Show, Pastel

Reanna Lawyer - Judge's Merit, Acrylic; Superior, Mixed Media; Superior, Scratchboard

Taylor Lamprecht - Judge's Merit, Acrylic; Judge's Merit; Acrylic, Judge's Merit, Pastel; Judge's Merit, Colored Pencil

Morgan Swick - Judge's Merit, Charcoal

Graci Tangeman - Judge's Merit, Colored Pencil; Judge's Merit, Mixed Media

Emma Webb - Judge's Merit, Pastel



NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY



On Tuesday, April 9th, 2019 at 7:00 PM in the Fine Arts facility, 10 new nominees will be recognized and inducted into Ponca High School's National Honor Society chapter.

Selection guidelines and expectations were presented to those eligible 10th, 11th, and 12 grade students who carry a scholastic average of 85% or above and expressed an interest by attending an informational meeting on March 5th. In order to be considered for nomination, students presented their completed information sheets to the NHS advisor. A faculty council comprised of five teachers reviewed and discussed each student's information sheet, attendance and discipline records, and teacher questionnaires. Private ballots were cast by the faculty council, and those students receiving three out of five "yes" votes then became new nominees to the National Honor Society.

MUSIC NOTES

Upcoming Music Events:

April 3rd Music Booster Meeting @ 6:00 pm in Fine Arts Theater April 8th HS Band and Chorus Concert and Awards @ 7:00 pm April 12th District Music Contest @ South Sioux City ALL DAY May 2nd PreK-2nd Music Concert @ Ponca School 7:00 p.m. May 10th Graduation (HS Chorus and HS Band) May 13th 3-6 Elementary Music and Band Concert @ 7:00 pm



UPCOMING CAMPS

Summer will be here before we know it and that means summer athletic camp forms will be sent home with students very soon!!

Please keep your eye open for camp sign-up sheets in your student's backpack.

Camp forms can be found online at www.poncaschool.org as they become available.

If you have any questions, please contact the school at (402) 755-5700.

TRI-STATE COLLEGE FAIR

Make plans to attend the Tri-State College Fair with your high school age student! The college fair is scheduled for Sunday, April 7, 2019, at the Delta Convention Center (formerly the Marina Center) in South Sioux City, NE. The program will be from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM.

Over 100 college, vocational, & military representatives will be available. This is an excellent opportunity for high school students to begin their college/career searches. Students attending the Tri-State College Fair should pre-register for a "barcode admissions ticket" prior to coming to the college fair. They need to go to the following web site and answer demographic information. Then, they can use their phone for their barcode or then may print their barcode ticket and bring that ticket to the college fair. When they visit with the colleges, the admissions representatives will scan their barcode tickets to obtain the students' name and contact information. Here is that website:

HYPERLINK "http://www.nebraskacollegefairs.org/"www.nebraskacollegefairs.org/
Please make plans to attend the Tri-State College Fair. Hope to see you there!

Attention Juniors, Seniors, and Parents....After-Prom 2019

The Ponca After-Prom date is approaching quickly!!! This event will be held April 6th at the Ponca Gym. Juniors and Seniors need to have permission slips turned into Mrs. Hamar or the elementary office by Friday, April 5th at 4:00 p.m.

The prom dance ends at 12:00 and the students need to be at the Ponca Gym and breathalyzed at the door by 12:30 a.m. We need your cooperation & assistance in relating this information to the students to avoid any misunderstandings.

There will be inflatables, photo booth, hypnotist, black-light dodgeball and lots of food and fun!

Parents <u>WILL BE</u> notified, if their child registered and did not attend. The Ponca After-Prom party will end at 5:00 a.m.

Please encourage your son/daughter to attend...we are looking forward to a GREAT NIGHT!!



INFORMATION AND GUIDELINES FOR PONCA HIGH SCHOOL'S PROM DANCE & AFTER PROM 2019



Parents: Please make sure your son/daughter has purchased a park sticker prior to the dance date/time!

The purpose of the following information is to familiarize parents, guardians, Ponca students and outside dates with the guidelines and procedures for Ponca High School's Prom and After Prom Party. Our objective is for all of our students and guests to have an enjoyable, drug-free and safe evening.

- 1. A Prom Dance will be held at Ponca State Park Visitors Center on Saturday, April 6th from 8:00 P.M. to 12:00 P.M. for Ponca students in grades 11 through 12 and for their outside dates whose names are registered in the Principal's office by 4:00 P.M. on Friday, April 5th. A Grand March will be held for Seniors and Juniors and their dates at 7:00 P.M. at the Ponca High School Auditorium and everyone is welcome.
- 2. The Prom Dance will be chaperoned by the Junior class sponsors, the Principal, and other teachers. A police officer will also be on hand from time to time to check on the Prom Dance. If enough teachers are not available to help sponsor the dance, it may be necessary to ask some parents to help out.
- 3. A Ponca student who has an outside date will be responsible for explaining the rules to their date, and their date will be responsible for following these rules.
- 4. Juniors and Seniors and their dates will be admitted to the Prom Dance free of charge.
- 5. Juniors and Seniors and their dates who attend the Prom Dance are required to wear formal attire or they will not be admitted to the dance. This means a formal or dress for the girls and a tuxedo or suit and tie for the boys. This means no blue jeans, shorts, T-shirts, caps, etc.
- 6. All students who plan to attend the Prom Dance must be at the park by 9:30 P.M. or they will not be permitted to the dance. Any Ponca student or their date that leaves the Prom Dance before it's over, must sign out before they leave the dance and will not be permitted to reenter.
- 7. If a Ponca student or their date practices unacceptable behavior at the Prom Dance, their parents will be called, and the offender will be required to leave with their parents. If a student is told to leave the Prom Dance, they will not be permitted to attend the After-Prom Party.
- 8. Ponca students and their dates attending the Prom Dance will be subject to an alcohol breath test by an off-duty police officer prior to admission to the dance.
- 9. If any Ponca student and/or their date has been drinking or using any form of drug or tobacco, their parents or guardian will be called immediately to come to dance location to be present for a breathalyzer test on their son or daughter and to take them home if they have been drinking or using any form of drug or tobacco. Any student who tests positive for alcohol or drug use will be subject to prosecution by the law as well as being disciplined by the school for violating school rules which apply to the situation.
- 10. As of January 1, 1994 a new zero tolerance law went into effect in Nebraska which basically states that any minor who gets caught driving while they are under the influence of alcohol of any amount, can have their driver's license revoked on the spot for 30 days.
- 11. After-Prom Party will be held at the Ponca School Gym from 12:30 A.M. to 5:00 A.M. for students in grades 11-12 and their dates. Students must arrive & be breathalyzed at the door by 12:30 A.M. A student may attend the After-Prom Party even if he or she does not attend the Prom Dance. All students who plan to attend the After-Prom Party turn in their permission slips for themselves and any outside dates by Friday, April 5th by 4:00 p.m.
- 12. Students who plan to attend the After-Prom Party will be given a half hour to change clothes and drive to Ponca School Gym in Ponca, Nebraska.
- 13. If a student is registered to attend the After-Prom Party, and they do not show, their parents will be notified to let them know that their son or daughter did not arrive.
- 14. Any student who leaves will NOT be allowed to return, and parents will be contacted.
- 15. Every student entering Ponca School Gym will be breathalyzed at the door. They will be subject to the same rules, procedures, and prosecution as a person attending the Prom Dance in case of drug, alcohol, or tobacco use or unacceptable behavior.
- 16. If you have any questions concerning these guidelines, please call Ponca Public School (402)755-5700.

April 2019

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Jr. High Track @ Hartington CC 1:00 p.m. Varsity Golf @ Crofton 10:00 a.m. 1 hour late start Staff Professional Development	2 Varsity Track @ Hartington 2:00 p.m.	Music Boosters Meeting 6:00 p.m. ACT Test - All Juniors Post Prom Meeting 5:30	FBLA Leadership Confer	Varsity Track @ Homer 1:00 p.m. ence @ Omaha April 4-6	6 PROM Grand March 7:00 p.m. (Ponca School) Dance 8-12 a.m. (State Park) Post Prom 12:30-5:00 a.m. (Ponca School)
7 Tri- State College Fair 1-3 South Sioux City	8 Golf Triangular @ Highland Oaks 3:00 p.m High School Spring Concert and Awards 7:00 pm Fine Arts 1 hour late start Staff Professional Development	9 PCEF Special Use 8:00 a.m. PCEF Meeting 9:00 a.m. Golf Duel with Pender @ Highland Oaks 3:00 p.m. Jr. High Track Ponca Invite 3:00 pm National Honor Society Induction Fine Arts 7:00 p.m.	10 Pre-ACT Test Sophomores	Golf @ Laurel 10:00 a.m. Track @ Homer 3:00 p.m.	12 District Music Contest @ South Sioux City Kindergarten Round Up	13 Sioux City Relays Jr. High Dance 8-10 p.m.
14	15	16	17	18 Early Dismissal	19	20
	Golf Ponca Invite 11:30 am School Board Meeting 7:30 pm Jr. High Track 12:00 pm Crofton hosts @ Ponca 1 hour late start Staff Professional Development	Varsity Track Invite @ Laurel 2:00 p.m.		Jackson @ 1:10/Ponca @ 1:30 Jr. High Track @ SSC 1:00 pm 9th/10th Ponca Track Invite 1:00 pm Golf @ Lutheran High 9:00 am	NO SCHOOL Easter Break	Golf @ Osmond 9:30 a.m.
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Happy Easter	NO SCHOOL Easter Break SENIOR CLASS TRIP	Ponca Varsity Track Invite 3:00 p.m. Golf @ Hartington 9:00 a.m.	Post Prom Meeting 5:30 NSCAS	Golf Triangular @ Laurel 3:00 Summative Testing 3rd-8th Grades	Clean Up Day Jr. High Track @ Randolph 12:30 p.m.	Conference Track @ Plainview 9:30 a.m.
28	29 Conference Golf @ Plainview 10:00 am 4th Grade Field Trip to Lincoln Rain Date Conference Track 1 hour late start Staff Professional Development	30 5th & 6th Grade Honor Band @ Pender Concert @ 5:30 Jr. High Track @ Homer 4:00 pm	1	2 Randolph Invite Varsity Track Meet 12:00 p.m.	Golf @ Wakefield 9:00 a.m. Elementary Track Meet 1:15	4



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Crispito	Chicken Fritter	Burrito	Popcorn Chicken	Pancakes
Chili/ Cheese	Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy	Chips with	Au Gratin Potatoes	Eggs
Apple Crisp	Roll	Nacho Cheese	Roll	Orange Juice
Fruit and Veggie Bar	Fruit and Veggie Bar	Fruit and Veggie Bar	Fruit and Veggie Bar	Fruit and Veggie Bar
8	9	10	11	12
Super Nachos	Mandarin Chicken	Chicken Fries	BBQ Pork	Cheese Pizza
Ice Cream	Rice	Scalloped Potatoes	Smiley Fries	Chips
	Carrots	Roll		
Fruit and Veggie Bar	Fruit and Veggie Bar	Fruit and Veggie Bar	Fruit and Veggie Bar	Fruit and Veggie Bar
15	16	17	18	19
Chicken and Rice	Beef Taco	BBQ Rib Patty	Turkey Wrap	NO
Green Beans	Refried Beans	Tri-Tater	Mixed Veggies	
Roll		Roll		SCHOOL
Fruit and Veggie Bar	Fruit and Veggie Bar	Fruit and Veggie Bar	Fruit and Veggie Bar	EASTER BREAK
22	23	24	25	26
NO	Pork Fritter	Chicken Fajita	Corn Dog	Chicken Nuggets
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EASTER BREAK	Fruit and Veggie Bar	Fruit and Veggie Bar	Fruit and Veggie Bar	Fruit and Veggie Bar
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Green Beans Roll	Chips	1		
Fruit and Veggie Bar	Fruit and Veggie Bar		Milk served with meal. Meals subject to change.	



Jackson Elementary April 2019

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri Fri
Mini Corn Dogs Nacho Chips and Cheese Pickle Spear Broccoli & Carrots Mixed Fruit	Pork Parmesan on a Bun Oven Potatoes Lettuce & Tomatoes Carrots Orange Wedges	Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Cooked Carrots Peaches	4 BBQ Rib on a Bun Ranch Wedges Lettuce Applesauce	Fish & Chips Coleslaw Green Beans Mixed Berry Fruit Cups
French Toast Sausage Patty Ranch Wedges Carrots & Ranch Dip Orange Juice	9 Popcorn Chicken Au gratin Potatoes Mixed Veggies Cheese Breadstick Pears	10 Teriyaki Beef Dippers Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Corn Pineapple	Cheeseburger French Fries Sliced Pickles Lettuce Orange Wedges	Cheese Pizza Lettuce & Tomatoes Carrots & Ranch Dip Fruit
Chicken Crispitos Refried Beans Lettuce, Tomatoes and Cheese Peaches	Pulled BBQ Pork on a Bun Baked Beans Sliced Pickles Veggie Cup & Ranch Dip Apple Slices	Vegetable Beef Stew Biscuits Celery & Peanut Butter Cheese Stick Banana	Roast Turkey Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Corn Fruit	No School Happy Easter
NO SCHOOL EASTER BREAK	Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Chips Sliced Pickles Broccoli & Carrots Pears	Cheese Ravioli Lettuce Dinner Roll & Butter Mixed Fruit	Hot Dog on a Bun Baked Beans Pickle Spear Broccoli Slaw Fruit	26 Breakfast Taco Tater Tots Lettuce & Tomatoes Salsa Banana Bread Orange Juice
Pizza Oven Potatoes Peas Pears	30 Chicken Fajitas on a Tortilla Spanish Rice Lettuce, Tomatoes, and Cheese Fruit	-	undup, No School for Kinderg :10 in Jackson, 1:30 in Ponca , Easter Break	arten Students Only



Parents who have children five years of age on or before July 31, 2019, may wish to send their son/daughter to kindergarten during the 2019/2020 school year.

Kindergarten Roundup for these students is scheduled for April 12th at Jackson Elementary. Parents may register their child for roundup by returning the form below or calling the Jackson Elementary School office at 632-4276. More information concerning Kindergarten Roundup will be provided as we get closer to that date.

Please return this form to: Jackson Elementary P.O. Box 67 Jackson, NE 68743

Child will attend	Child will NOT attend	Kindergarten in 20	019/2020	
Student Name:			Воу	Girl
Date of Birth:	Phone Numbe	er:		
Parents or Guardian:				
Address:				

The following children are eligible to attend Kindergarten at Jackson Elementary during the 2019/2020 school year. This list is according to the current census and current preschool students. If your child is not listed and is eligible to attend, please contact the office at 632-4276 or return this form to the school address listed above.

* Enrollment Option

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application necessary to attend Jackson

Karlie Bostwick *Jenna Kneifl Kenlynn Robinson Branson Chase Isaiah Korth *Liberty Schroeder *Wayde Duerksen *Axel Kramper **Ethan Schweers** *Hunter Eagan Gunnar McGhee Kyler Stark **Audrey Etter** *Jason Nelson Layla Thorton Aiden Palmersheim Nevaeh Hatch Jace Uthoff **Buchanann Heath** Maggie Poulosky Myles VonSeggern *Hudson Hirschman Broderick Priest Beau Thomas Walsh Ridgley Kephart *Elizabeth Reuter Kathleen Watchorn-Newbry

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PONCA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

2019-2020 SCHOOL CALENDAR

12 1st Day - Fall Practices 12-14 Teacher Workdays

- Meet & Greet Night Jackson 6:00 - 7:00PM Ponca 7:00 - 8:00PM
- 1st DAY OF SCHOOL -Dismiss at 1:10/1:30

AUGUST '19							
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- 1-5 CHRISTMAS BREAK
- 6 Start of 3rd Quarter

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- FEBRUARY '20 S 1 5 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 22 18 19 20 21 25 26 27 28 29
- 6 K-12 Parent/Teacher Conferences 2:00 - 8:00 Dismiss at 1:10/1:30
- 7 NO SCHOOL 10 NO SCHOOL - Staff PD

- 16 End of 1st Quarter
- 17 Start of 2nd Quarter
- 24 K-12 Parent/Teacher Conferences 2:00-8:00 Dismiss at 1:10/1:30
- 25 NO SCHOOL FALL BREAK
- 28 NO SCHOOL Staff PD

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- MARCH '20 M 5 6 3 4 10 11 12 13 14 17 18 19 20 21 24 25 26 27 28 22 23 30 31
- 2 1st Day Spring Practices 13-16 NO SCHOOL -SPRING BREAK
- 12 End of 3rd Quarter 17 Start of 4th Quarter

- 18 1st Day Winter Practices 27 Early Dismissal 1:10/1:30 28-29 NO SCHOOL -THANKSGIVING BREAK

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- APRIL '20 W M Th S 4 1 2 3 10 11 7 8 13 14 15 16 17 21 22 23 24 28 29 30
- 9 Early Dismissal 1:10/1:30 10-13 NO SCHOOL -**EASTER BREAK**

20 End of 2nd Qtr/ 22-26 NSAA Moratorium 21-31 NO SCHOOL -**CHRISTMAS BREAK**

Qtr 1 = 44 Instructional Days Qtr 2 = 43 Instructional Days

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- MAY '20 T W Th S S 1 2 5 10 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 25 26 27 28 29 24
- 8 GRADUATION -Dismiss at 1:10/1:30 19 LAST DAY (Tentative)

Qtr 3 = 47 Instructional Days Qtr 4 = 44 Instructional Days

EARLY DISMISSAL DAYS

STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS - NO SCHOOL

NO SCHOOL - NO STUDENTS OR STAFF

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES 2:00 – 8:00 – DISMISSAL AT 1:10(J)/1:30(P)

STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT – 1 HOUR LATE START

*** All early dismissals will be at 1:10 for Jackson & 1:30 for Ponca unless otherwise noted.***

Hunter Education Class

April 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th

From 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM

New Martinsburg Firehall

Students must register online @

www.HuntSafeNebraska.Org

Students must have the parental release form filled out & bring it to 1st session

Students must be 12 years or older And must attend all 4 sessions

For more info call one of the following:

Doug Ellis -Office 402-635-2129

Home 402-635-1636

Charlie Mahler 402-

402-945-2951

Bob Kumm

712-253-9807



10 tips

Nutrition Education Series

build healthy mealtime habits



10 tips for preschoolers

Preschoolers love to copy what their parents do. They mimic your table manners, your willingness to try new foods, and your preferences. Take a break from the TV or phone and build healthy mealtime habits together.

plan meals and snacks

Make time for three meals and one or two snacks every day. Offer choices from each food group—fruits, vegetables, whole grains, low-fat dairy, and protein foods—throughout the day so your preschooler gets the nutrition he or she needs.

make meals enjoyable

Eat meals with your children whenever possible. Let

them help you prepare the meal. Make conversation about something that made them laugh. Keep mealtime upbeat and stress free.



try to get two food groups in a snack Pair sliced tomato with low-fat cheese or add nut butter to a 100% whole-wheat mini bagel.

keep things positive
Talk about the color, feel, or flavor of foods so they sound appealing to your preschooler. Discourage others from making negative comments about foods during meals.

develop taste buds
When preschoolers develop a taste for many foods,
it's easier to plan meals. Keep in mind that it may
take a dozen tries for a child to accept a new food.

Visit the market
Shopping can teach your preschooler about food and healthy eating—talk about where foods come from and how they grow.

let children practice serving themselves Include smaller cuts of fish or meat and offer small serving utensils so they get just enough during meals. Encourage them to ask for more if they are still hungry.

beverages are important, too
Water helps to quench your preschooler's
thirst, and milk provides nutrients for
growth. Offer water or fat-free or low-fat milk
as beverage choices instead of sugary drinks.



help them know when they are full Encourage your child to stop eating when he or she is full rather than when the plate is clean. When your child is not interested in the meal, excuse him or her from the table.

reward with attention, not treats
Rewarding children with sweet desserts or
snacks may encourage them to think that treats
are better than other foods. Comfort and reward with care
and praise, not food.