May 2013

PONCA PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Information from Joan M. Reznicek, Superintendent of Schools

Another school year has flown by leaving us in disbelief as it seems the 2012-2013 school year has just started. Please look at the May calendar as the official last day of school has changed. The elementary students will be dismissed a couple of days earlier so both teaching staffs of Ponca and Jackson elementary can work collaboratively on needed instructional areas.

The Commencement Exercises are scheduled for Friday, May 10th at 7:00P pm in the West High School Gymnasium. On behalf of the Ponca Public School Board, Administration, Teachers, and Staff, I would like to extend our most sincere congratulations to the Class of 2013 and also to the parents of the graduates. Seniors, do not hesitate to call us in the future for assistance or come back to visit us at Ponca Public Schools.

The SchoolReach Emergency Calling System has been used too much lately with all of the early dismissals and late starts we have had due to "Old Man Winter" not willing to give up the grip of winter weather. If you have changed your phone number, especially, your cell phone number, please notify the school of the changes. Recently, we have had numerous people call the school questioning why they have received a school closing message from Ponca Public Schools when they do not have a child or children in our school district. Again, if you have changed your cell phone number or your landline phone number, please notify the school.

The incoming Kindergarteners and 7^{th} graders MUST have a physical completed prior to the start of the 2013-2014 school year.

With the summer vacation starting in the middle of May, please make sure your child reads throughout the summer months. It is proven research that reading during the summer months leads to better academic performance when the child returns to school in the fall.

The 2013-2014 school year begins on Wednesday, August 14th with a 1:30 dismissal.



Summer Break!!!

Notes from Ms. Rinas, High School Principal

Each spring the "Best of Class" programming appears on KCAU-TV. The "Best of Class" honors the top students from high schools in Nebraska, South Dakota and Iowa. These students are featured on KCAU-TV throughout the graduation season. This year look for senior, Samantha Gill as she represents Ponca School's "Best of Class". Congratulations Samantha for achieving this honor!

The 2012-13 Academic Honors Program is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 2, in the Ponca Fine Arts Theater. Students in grades 7-12 will be recognized for their achievements in academics, FBLA, National Honor Society, Student Council, and as class officers. Please join us in honoring our students and congratulating them for their dedication and academic achievements throughout this school year.

Check-out the semester testing schedule printed in this newsletter. Semester tests will be administered May 16 and 17. Students in grades 9-11 who have an 85% or better grade average in a class and have not exceeded the allowable eight absences for second semester are exempt from writing semester tests in the qualified classes. During semester testing days, students who meet the criteria may be released from their semester testing periods with a parental note. Grades 9-11 students may also be released from study halls with parental permission, during semester testing days. 7-12 students will be released at 1:00 p.m. on semester testing days.

On Friday, May 10, the graduation ceremony for the class of 2013 will begin at 7:00 p.m. Members of the class are commended for their academic and activity achievements and wished a bright future as they begin their life outside of Ponca School.

Congratulations, Samantha Gill! KCAU-TV's "Best of Class"

SEMESTER 2 TEST SCHEDULE 2012 - 2013

THURSDAY (May 16)

8:10-9:10 Period 1 Test

9:10-9:20 Break

9:20-10:20 Period 3 Test

10:20-10:30 Break

10:30-11:30 Period 5 Test

11:30-12:00 Lunch

12:00-1:00 Period 7 Test

FRIDAY (May 17)

8:10-9:10 Period 2 Test

9:10-9:20 Break

9:20-10:20 Period 4 Test

10:20-10:30 Break

10:30-11:30 Period 6 Test

11:30-12:00 Lunch

12:00-1:00 Period 8 Test

STUDENTS WHO HAVE FEWER THEN NINE ABSENCES FOR THE SEMESTER AND A SEMESTER GRADE OF 85% OR BETTER IN A CLASS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO WRITE SECOND SEMESTER TESTS IN CLASSES THAT MEET TWO SEMESTERS OR IN SINGLE SEMESTER CLASSES THAT ONLY MEET SECOND SEMESTER.

9-12 STUDENTS WHO HAVE A SCHEDULED STUDY HALL OR ARE EXEMPT FROM WRITING SEMESTER TESTS MAY BE EXCUSED WITH WRITTEN PERMISSION FROM A PARENT/GUARDIAN.

STUDENTS MUST BE OUT OF THE SCHOOL BUILDING AND OFF SCHOOL GROUNDS DURING THE TIMES THEY ARE NOT WRITING TESTS, UNLESS THEY ARE UNDER DIRECT SUPERVISION OF SCHOOL PERSONNEL.

Notes from the Principal,

We have come to the end of another school year and it just doesn't seem possible. The year has gone by so quickly. It has been a very smooth year for Jackson & Ponca Elementary. We hope you have seen the progress we have seen throughout the year.

We have many events coming in May:

Thursday, May 16th & Friday, May 17th there will be <u>no school</u> for elementary!! The last day of school for elementary will be Wednesday, May 15th!!

May 3rd is the Elementary Field Day in Ponca at 1:15. Students will leave Jackson at 12:30. Parents are invited! If you plan to take your child after the field day events please notify their teacher so we can make sure we're accountable for everyone.

May 14th is Pre-school graduation @ 7:00pm in Jackson.

May 15th is Kindergarten graduation @ 7:00pm in Jackson.

Classroom assignments for the 2013-2014 school year will be sent out in the August newsletter.

On a personal note, I would like to thank the students, the staff, the parents, and the community for all their support and hard work to make this year so successful. I truly enjoy my time as elementary principal. You could not pick a better student body or staff to work with, thank you!

Have a great summer and we will see you August 14th!!

Bob Hayes

Are you new to the Ponca School District or have a new baby in your household?

The school district is required to conduct an annual census every June for children age 0-21. These census numbers are used by the Nebr.

Department of Education for State Aid and for federal funding.

This list is also used to invite children who are at the age to begin school to the Spring Kindergarten Roundup.

Please contact Lorrie Huston or Lisa Hohenstein at the school (402)755-5700 with the children's names, birthdates and genders.

Class of 2013

Baccalaureate Service Communicates Bunday, May 5th @ 7:00 p.m.,

Ponca Fine Arts Theater

Public is welcome to the baccalaureate service which is organized by the parents of the Class of 2013.

Senior students and parents please arrive at 6:15 p.m. if possible to help set up.

Tables will be available to display three items such as your

graduate's senior picture, baby picture or other misc. memorabilia.

For more information, please contact

DeAnna Bennett (402) 755-2813 or Wendy Masin (402) 755-2212

Patti Boyle (402) 755-2950

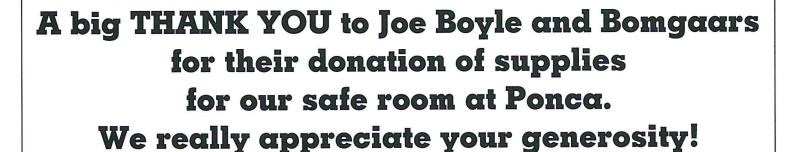
Attention....School Physicals at the Ponca Medical Clinic!!

Ponca Medical Clinic is offering a special rate of \$35.00 during the summer months.

Please call for appointment. No insurance will be filed.

Payment is expected at time of service.

A percentage of all physicals will be donated to the Ponca School Athletic Department to use at their discretion.





We would like to thank Molly Egdorf for your donation to our library.

District Music Results



Concert Band - Division I Superior Rating (I, I, I)

Jazz Band - Division I Superior Rating (I, I, II)

Flute Trio - Division I Superior Rating (Lauren Brickett, Allie Albrecht, Kyley Krueger)



Brass Quartet - Division I Superior Rating (Lauren Conrad, Tanner Boyle, Krystal Richards, Zach Heaton)

Saxophone Trio - Division I Superior Rating (Austin Schweers, Brandon Bauman, Rachel Krause)

Lauren Brickett, Flute Solo - Division I Superior Rating *Selected Best Overall Solo Lauren Conrad, Trumpet Solo - Division I Superior Rating Christiana O'Neill, Piano Solo - Division I Superior Rating

Percussion Trio - Division II Excellent Rating (Dustin Brewer, Spencer Criddle, Ben Brickett)

Clarinet Duet - Division II Excellent Rating (Heather Lieber, Alexis Anderson)

Christiana O'Neill, Saxophone Solo - Division II Excellent Rating

Girls Chorus - Division I Superior Rating (I, I, I) Swing Choir - Division I Superior Rating (I, I, I) Men's Chorus received a Division II Excellent

Mixed Octet –Division I Superior Rating (Christiana O'Neill, Lauren Brickett, Kianna Kramper, Lexi Eifert, Jacob Oswald, Isaac Bennett, Dustin Brewer, and Zach Heaton)

Mixed Octet - Division I Superior Rating (Kelsea Fethkenher, Kyley Krueger, Alisha Sullivan, Sophia Adair, Blake O'Neill, Jonathan Larsen, Aaron Carlson, Spencer Criddle)

Girl's Duet - Division I Superior Rating (Lauren Brickett and Kianna Kramper)*Top Overall Small Group

Jacob Oswald, Vocal Solo - Division I Superior Rating Zach Heaton, Vocal Solo - Division I Superior Rating

Mixed Chorus - Division II Excellent Rating (I, II, II)



Girls Duet - Division II Excellent Rating (Alisha Sullivan and Hannah Cook)





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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 94-14: 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.

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The PONCA AFTER PROM Committee would like to acknowledge and express our appreciation to all of the businesses, individuals and parents that supported the AFTER PROM activities. (*If your name was inadvertently not listed, we apologize!) We sincerely thank you for your prizes and/or monetary donations. 30 juniors, 37 seniors and 37 dates and parent sponsors attended After Prom. The students enjoyed laser tag, an IZZON photo booth, a hypnotist, food and prizes. Your support made a safe evening possible! Thank you.

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May 2013



Congratulations to the Class of 2013!!

Ponca High School Graduation



Friday, May 10, 2013 7:00 p.m.



PONCA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

2013-2014 SCHOOL CALENDAR

12-13 Teacher Workdays	AUGUST '13								
12 1 st Day FB Practice	S	M	T	w	Th	F	S		
13 Meet & Greet Night					1	2	3		
Jackson 6:00 – 7:00PM	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		
Ponca 7:00 – 8:00PM	11	12	13	14	15	16	17		
14 1 st Day of School 1:30 Dismissal	18	19	20	21	22	23	24		
19 1 st Day VB Practice	25	26	27	28	29	30	3		
13/15 Student/Staff Days	-						-		

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	2 3 4	Development Day
5 6 7 8	9 10 11	6 Start of 2 nd Semester
12 13 14 15	16 17 18	24 Professional
19 20 21 22 2	23 24 25	Development Day
26 27 28 29 3	30 31	19/21 Student/Staff Days

2 Labor Day	SEPTEMBER '13								
26 K-12 Parent/Teacher	S	M	T	W	Th	F	S		
Conferences 2:00 – 8:00	1_	2	3	4	5	6	7		
1:30 Dismissal	8	9	10	11	12	13	14		
30 Professional Development Day	15	16	17	18	19	20	21		
Development Day	22	23	24	25	26	27	28		
19/20 Student/Staff Days	29	30							

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9	10	11	12	13	14	15	14	NO School – Mid-Winter Break
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23	24	25	26	27	28		19/	20 Student/Staff Days

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16 End of 1 st Quarter			1	2	3	4	5
25 NO School – Fall Break	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
22/22 Student/Staff Days	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	27	28	29	30	31		

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16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	20/20 Student/Staff Days
30	31						

18 1st Day of Winter	NOVEMBER '13								
Practices	S	M	T	W	Th	F	2		
27 12:00 Dismissal						1			
28-29 Thanksgiving Break	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16		
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23		
19/19 Student/Staff Days	24	25	26	27	28	29	30		

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27	28	29	30				20/20 Student/Staff Days

20 End of 2 nd Qtr/1 st Sem.	DECEMBER '13								
20 1:30 Early Dismissal	S	M	T	W	Th	F	S		
21-25 NSAA Moratorium	1	2	3	4	5	6	7		
23-31 NO School –	8	9	10	11	12	13	14		
Christmas Break	15	16	17	18	19	20	21		
15/15 Student/Staff Days	22	23	24	25	26	27	28		
88/91 Student/Staff Days	29	30	31						

		M	AY '	14			9 Graduation 1:30 Dismi
s	M	T	W	Th	F	S	22 Last Day 5 days adde
				1	2	3	to calendar for snow days. If
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	snow days are not used, the
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	last day of school will be ear 12/13 Student/Staff Days
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	90/94 Student/Staff Days
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	178/185 Student/Staff Days

EARLY DISMISSAL DAYS

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS - NO STUDENTS

NO SCHOOL – NO STUDENTS OR STAFF
PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES 2:00 – 8:00 PM

All Early Dismissals will be at 1:10 for Jackson & 1:30 for Ponca unless otherwise noted in the Newsletter.

May 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	Track - Randolph Invite 2:30 p.m. Conference Golf @ Ponca 10:30 a.m.	Jackson Elementary Spring Concert @ Ponca 7:00 p.m	I Golf - Lutheran High Invite 9:00 a.m. Best of Class Taping	7-12 Honor Program 7:00 p.m. FBLA Field Trip	Elementary Field Day Ponca Sports Complex 1:15: p.m. Golf - Wakefield Invite 9:00 a.m. Jr. High Dance 7-10 p.m.	4
5 Baccalaureate 7:00 p.m.	Class of 2014 Student and Parent Meeting 6:00 p.m. Jr. High Music Concert 7:30 p.m.	7 4th Grade Band Night 7:00 p.m.	8	District Track @ Hartington 11:00 a.m.	GRADUATION 7:00 p.m. Early Dismissal Jackson 12:40 Ponca 1:00	11
Mother's Day	Spring Concert Ponca Elementary Grades 3-6 7:00 p.m. District Golf @ Beemer 9:00 a.m.	Spring Awards Night 7:00 p.m. PreSchool Graduation @ Jackson 7:00 p.m.	15 Kindergarten Graduation 7:00 in Jackson Field Trips: 6th Grade= Omaha Zoo 4th grade = Yankton Last Day Of School for Grades PK - 6	16 Semester Test Periods 1-3-5-7 7th -12th Grades Dismissed @ 1:00	Semester Test Periods 2-4-6-8 7th -12th Grades Dismissed @ 1:00 Last Day of School For Grades 7-12 State Track N	/8 Teet 5/17 & 5/18
19	Teacher In-Service Day School Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.	Teacher In-Service Day State Golf, 5/21	22 & 5/22 @ Lincoln	23	24	25
26	27 Memorial Day	28	29	30 e Sun	31	w

May 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 BBQ Pork Sandwich Green Beans Fruit and Veggie Bar	2 Orange Chicken Rice Roll Fruit and Veggie Bar	3 Hot Dog / Bun Nachos and Cheese Fruit and Veggie Bar	4
5	6 Pork Fritter Mashed Potato/Gravy Roll Fruit and Veggie Bar	7 BBQ Chicken Scalloped Potatoes Roll Fruit and Veggie Bar	8 Super Nacho Potato Rounds Fruit and Veggie Bar	9 Turkey Wrap Baked Beans Fruit and Veggie Bar	10 Mini Corn Dogs Potato Wedges Fruit and Veggie Bar	11
12	Chicken Patty Mashed Potato/Gravy Roll Fruit and Veggie Bar	14 Crispito Chili / Cheese Krispy Bar Fruit and Veggie Bar	15 Ham Sandwich Macaroni and Cheese Fruit and Veggie Bar	Cook's Choice	Cook's Choice	18
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26	27 12 0	POT	29	30	31	

Jackson Elementary ~ May 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
May 3 - Elementary Track Meet 1:15 May 14th - Preschool Graduation 7:00 pm May 15th - Kindergarten Graduation 7:00 pm May 17th - Last Day of School!			Mac & Cheese Peas Strawberries	Cheeseburger Curly Fries Pears Jello	Corn Dog Carrots with Ranch Dip Apple	4
5	6 McRib Sandwich Scalloped Potatoes Lettuce Roll Pineapple	7 P.B. & J. Chicken Noodle Soup Carrots with Ranch Dip Peaches	8 Chicken Strips Mashed Potatoes With Gravy Green Beans Strawberries	9 Breakfast Wrap Tri-Tater Cherry Muffin Orange Juice	Pizza Beans Mandarin Oranges	11
Happy MoTHER'S	Pork Roast Mashed Potatoes With Gravy Corn Rye Bread Baked Apples	Cooks Choice	15 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL Picnic at the Park! Hot Dog Beans Chips Fruit Cup	16	17	18
19	Have a Gr	eat Summer!	See you on	August 14	th!	
26	27 Memorial Day		29	30	31	