### PONCA PUBLIC SCHOOL

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As our school year comes to a close, I would like to thank our staff, students, parents, and community members for another successful year! Congratulations to our students for the several academic and extra-curricular accomplishments attained this year. Our students continue to carry on the tradition of excellence in the Ponca Public Schools!

And what would the end of the school year be without graduation! A sincere congratulations to the class of 2019. Seniors, thank you for a wonderful school year and the lasting legacy you leave with the Ponca Public Schools. **We will celebrate our graduation ceremony on Friday, May 10 at 7:00 pm in the West Gymnasium.** The Baccalaureate Ceremony is Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Fine Arts Area. Everyone is welcome to attend.

#### \*IMPORTANT END OF YEAR INFORMATION\*

- The official last day of school is Tuesday, May 21
- May 20 & 21 will be early dismissal days (1:10/1:30)
  - No late start on Monday, May 20 This is a change!
- Elementary Track & Field Day is Friday, May 3 Students in grades 7-12 will be dismissed at 1:00 to assist with the activities at the sports complex
- Friday, May 10 Graduation Early Dismissal (1:10/1:30)
- Lunch accounts need to be paid in full by the last day of the school year. We have several student accounts
  with outstanding balances. Please know that students will not be able to check out for the end of the school
  year with a negative lunch balance.
- The Ponca Public Schools will again offer summer school for students K-8 who may need extra assistance in the areas of Math and Reading. Sessions will be held Monday through Thursday of each week from 8:30-11:30am. If your child qualifies for summer school, you will receive a letter from the school with information to enroll your child in the program.

### \*INFORMATION REGARDING NEXT SCHOOL YEAR\*

- Incoming Kindergarteners and 7<sup>th</sup> graders MUST have a physical completed prior to the start of the 2019-2020 school year.
- Also, all students in grades 7-12 who participate in a sport must have a physical prior to participating in the
  respective sport next year. Any physical after April 1, 2019 will be permissible for the 2019-20 school year.
  It is preferred you use the NSAA physical form. Copies of the form are available in the High School office.
- The first day of school for the 2019-20 school year is Thursday, August 15, with an early dismissal that day (1:10/1:30)
- We will be continuing Monday morning late starts next year. School on Monday mornings will start at 9:10 (Ponca) and 9:20 (Jackson). The late starts are in place so our teachers can participate in Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) a professional development activity designed to increase teaching skills and student achievement.

THANK YOU FOR A WONDERFUL AND OUTSTANDING SCHOOL YEAR!
PLEASE HAVE FUN AND BE SAFE THIS SUMMER.

### From Mr. Lahm's "Pen"

Graduation is such a bittersweet time, and it always seems to creep up so fast. This is only my second year at Ponca High School, but the impact these students have on a person they rarely even interact with is powerful. I think of one student particular who helped serve as my tour guide when I was interviewing for this position. I will never forget her ability to make eye contact and give a firm handshake. This was true of all the students on that day nearly two years ago now.

There is also the excitement of the prospect of school finishing for the year. In few other professions is there a start and a finish of something. This is both exciting and stressful. We spend so much time with each other that we are like a family. So many people with different needs and wants all in one space, and you bet there is tension. However, there is also joy and excitement and even celebration. There are so many lessons to be learned from the end of the school year. The number one lesson that I firmly believe in and I look for in people is who can finish strong. It tells me a lot about people when people can finish a job stronger than when they start. Did I mention that the end of the year and graduation are bittersweet.



Congratulations Class of 2019. Thank you for everything you have done over the past 14 years. On a more personal note, thank you for the past two years. I really appreciate the opportunity to work with you and your families, and I look forward to seeing the people you become in the future. Remember, you are always welcome back at home here in Ponca, Nebraska. CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2019! Choose great choices every time. Be kind always. Make today a great day! Go Big Ponca Blue!

<u>BEST OF THE CLASS</u>- On April 24, Ponca Schools Valedictorian, Taylor Lamprecht, traveled to Sioux City for the "Best of the Class" taping. Be sure to view KCAU-TV throughout the graduation season and watch for Taylor Lamprecht. Congratulations to Taylor for achieving this honor and representing Ponca Schools!



<u>GRADUATION</u> – The graduation ceremony for the Class of 2019 will be on May 10, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. in the West Gymnasium.

<u>SEMESTER TESTING SCHEDULE</u>-Check-out the semester testing schedule printed in this newsletter. Semester tests will be administered May 20-21. Listed below are the Student Regulations for Waiving the Second Semester Test:

- 1.85% average or higher per class.
- 2. In attendance in each class with no more than eight allowable absences per class.
- 3. No In-School or Out-of-School Suspensions.
- 4. No cheating or plagiarism violations.
- 5. No more than one detention for the entire semester.
- 6. No more than two total tardies per class per semester. Three or more tardies in a class requires the student to write semester final tests in only the class(es) that they exceeded the tardy policy.

NOTE: Absence because of attendance at school-sponsored activities as allowed by the school will not be considered an absence from school and will not be figured into the eight allowable absences.

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.

# Semester 2 Test Schedule 2018-2019

### MONDAY (May 20)

8:10-9:10Period 1 Test
9:10-9:25Break
9:25-10:25-Period 3 Test
10:25-10:40Break
10:40-11:40-Period 5 Test
11:40-12:15Lunch
12:15-1:15Period 7 Test
1:15-1:30-Final Check-out

### TUESDAY (May 21)

8:10-9:10Period 2 Test
9:10-9:25 Break
9:25-10:25-Period 4 Test
10:25-10:40 Break
10:40-11:40-Period 6 Test
11:40-12:15 Lunch
12:15-1:15Period 8 Test
1:15-1:30-Final Check-out

### STUDENT REGULATIONS FOR WAIVING THE SECOND SEMESTER TEST

- 1. 85% average or higher per class.
- 2. In attendance in each class with no more than eight allowable absences per class.
- 3. No In-School or Out-of-School Suspensions.
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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.

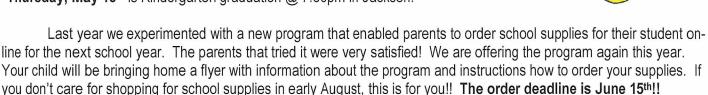
STUDENTS WHO ARE NOT WRITING SEMESTER TESTS MAY ONLY BE IN THE SCHOOL BUILDING OR ON SCHOOL GROUNDS IF THEY ARE UNDER THE DIRECT SUPERVISION OF SCHOOL PERSONNEL.

### Notes from the Elementary

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. On behalf of the elementary staff thank-you for sharing your children with us, it is so rewarding to see them grow and succeed!

We have many events coming in May.

- \* The last day of school for elementary will be Tuesday, May 21st. May 20 and 21 will have early dismissals: Jackson 1:10pm and Ponca 1:30pm.
- \*Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> is the elementary Pre-K through 2 spring concert @ Ponca @ 7:00pm.
- \*Friday, May 3th is the elementary field day @ the sports complex @ 1:15pm.
- \*Monday, May 13th is the elementary 3 through 6 concert @ Ponca @ 7:00pm.
- \*Friday, May 17th is Pre-school graduation @ 7:00pm in Jackson.
- \*Thursday, May 16th is Kindergarten graduation @ 7:00pm in Jackson.



Summer School will begin June 3<sup>rd</sup> and end June 23<sup>rd</sup>. **Only students recommended by their teacher will be considered for summer school.** You will receive a letter in the mail if your child has been recommended for summer school. Summer school will begin at 8:30am and end at 11:30am every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. A snack will be provided each day. The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade will have summer school in Jackson, transportation will be provided from Ponca. Students must have perfect attendance during summer school, if a student misses a day if must be made up! Please call Mr. Hayes if you have any questions.

Classroom assignments for the 2018-2019 school year will be sent out in the August newsletter. Parents will sometimes request a certain teacher for their child for various reasons. It is impossible to grant these requests and keep a balance in the classrooms. We use the following criteria when splitting a class: a balance of girls and boys in each section, an academic balance of students, and a balance of Title students and special education students.

Final Report Cards will be available upon request. Final Report Cards will not be available until after May 28th.

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 15th!!



# SCHOOL SUPPLY SALE

### **BUY YOUR PACK TODAY!**

Save Time & Money on School Supply Shopping.

### PONCA PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2019-2020 SCHOOL SUPPLY ONLINE ORDERING

### Save Up to 40% on Supplies with EPI

Pricing below compares items in our basic elementary school supply pack containing 43 of the most common items schools order. Your school pricing will vary due to customized programs.

National	EPI	You Save
Retailer	Price	Nearly 40%
\$57.96	\$34.86	

Grade Level 2019-2020	Cost Each
Pre K Boys	\$29.53
Pre K Girls	\$29.53
К	\$47.80
1st	\$34.48
2nd	\$32.18
3rd	\$29.10
4th	\$29.15
5th & 6th	\$38.48
*2" Zipper binder	\$12.26

<sup>\*</sup>The 2" Zipper binder is an <u>optional item</u> for all 5th and 6th grade students.

### ONLINE ORDERING ONLY!

## Order Securely Online Starting NOW thru June 15th!

- Go to www.educationalproducts.com/shoppacks
- 2. Enter the school ID: PON044
- 3. Follow the directions to complete your order.
- 4. Keep your online confirmation as your receipt.

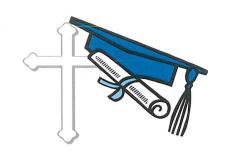
For questions, please contact Robert Hayes, <u>bobhayes@poncaschool.org</u>

School supplies will be on students' desks at Open House.



# Class of 2019

Baccalaurgate Service Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Ponca Fine Arts Theater



Public is welcome to attend the baccalaureate service which is organized by the parents of the Class of 2019.

### Parents of the Class of 2020...

Please make plans to attend the Class of 2020 and Parents' Meeting scheduled for Tuesday evening, May 14, 2019, at 6:00 P.M. at Ponca School in the commons area. The purpose of the meeting is to provide the 2020 Seniors and their parents with vital information regarding their senior year. Topics include senior year timeline of events, senior trip and fundraising, graduation details, college visits and scholarship information. Mr. Phillips, Mr. Lahm, Mrs. Hassler, and Mrs. Balvantin will be presenting that evening. We look forward to seeing you then!

# ATTENTION....Sports, Kindergarten and 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Physicals at Ponca Medical Clinic



Ponca Medical Clinic is offering a special rate of \$35.00 Please call for appointment. No insurance will be filed.

Payment is expected at time of service.

Please call (402) 755-2231 to schedule your physical.



# 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 Nebraska 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 Sue Gill (402) 632-4276 with the children's names, birth dates and genders.



Greetings from the library,

I would like to take this time to encourage parents to take their children to the public library this summer. Reading exercises the brain, improves concentration, teaches about the world around you, improves language and vocabulary skills, improves imagination, and helps develop empathy. The more you read the better you get at it and the more a child reads, the better they will do in schools and on state tests. The biggest reason is because reading is good, clean fun.



Thank you, Mrs. Irwin

# THANK YOU!!!

The Ponca After Prom committee would like to thank the businesses and individuals who donated to make our event successful!

We had over 100 students who attended. Your donations provided 4 large inflatables, black light dodge ball, a photo booth, food, t-shirts, hypnotist, and prizes.

Thank you again!

### **Thank You for Saving Box Tops!!**

We are trying to reach our goal of saving over \$1000.00 in Box Tops this school year. So send them in ASAP! AND....Please keep saving all summer long.

We will continue our competition next school year!!!







# UPCOMING MUSIC EVENTS



May  $10^{th}$  Graduation (High School Chorus and Band) @ 7:00 p.m.

May 13th Elementary Music and Band Concert @ 7:00 p.m.

# Immunizations Requirements

### for Upcoming Kindergarteners, 7th Graders and Graduates

### Attention Upcoming Kindergarten and 7th Grade Students

Students entering kindergarten and seventh grade in the next school year must meet the following state requirements;

### Kindergarten Students need;

1. A <u>certified birth certificate</u>, the one obtained for a fee from the state your child was born in. Generally, it has a raised seal and state identification number on it. They are available over the internet or by going to the courthouse in the county your child was born in.

#### 2. A physical exam

- **3.** A <u>visual examination</u> within six months prior to the entrance of school. This test needs to include testing for amblyopia (lazy eye), strabismus (misalignment of the eyes), as well as external and internal eye health. Reading the eye chart at the doctor's office <u>does not</u> meet state requirements. Some physicians do not do extensive eye exams, in that case, you will need to make an appointment to see an eye doctor.
- **4.** <u>Kindergarten shots.</u> There are several vaccines that your child will need prior to entering kindergarten.

### 7th Graders;

- 1. A physical exam
- 2. A tetanus booster



#### Attention Senior Farents,

Your child will soon be graduating and several students will be heading off to college in the fall. This is a perfect time to make sure your child's immunizations are current. The two vaccines that are recommended at this age are:

- 1.) A tetanus booster (Td)- which contains tetanus and diphtheria. Bacteria cause both tetanus and diphtheria. Tetanus enters the body through cuts or wounds, where diphtheria is spread from person to person.
- 2.) Meningococcal Vaccine-meningococcal disease is a serious illness, caused by bacteria. It is the leading cause of bacterial meningitis in children 2-18 years old. Meningitis is an infection of fluid surrounding the brain and spinal cord. Anyone can get meningococcal disease, although college freshmen that live in dormitories are at higher risk of obtaining it.

Many colleges require these vaccines prior to entrance. I strongly recommend your child receive these vaccines, even if they aren't required.

\*\*\*These state required items MUST be handed in by the first day of school, or your child will be sent home until we have the records on file.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Herfel @ (402) 755-5734.

### **Parents Encouraging Parents (PEP) Conference**

May 3 - May 4, 2019

Younes Conference Center | 416 W Talmadge Rd. | Kearney, NE

PEP brings together parents of children with disabilities in an accepting and confidential environment. You'll have the opportunity to share your ideas and feelings, and discuss common concerns. Sessions also include further information on parenting and educating children with disabilities, as well as how to develop and maintain effective partnerships with the professionals who work with your family.

#### **Conference Details**

No Registration fee

Registration is first come, first serve

Lodging will be provided Friday, May 3

Continental breakfast provided by the hotel

Lunch provided both days of the conference

### Who Should Attend?

All Nebraskan Parents, who are raising a child with an active IFSP/IEP.

Couples: both partners are encouraged to attend the conference together for maximum benefit. Single parents are encouraged to bring a support-person.

A small number of openings are reserved for education professionals who serve children with disabilities and are employed in Nebraska school districts. Professionals will experience PEP from a parent perspective.

### Schedule

May 3 | 8:00 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Building Positive Relationships with Schools

**IEPs** 

Transition

**Small Groups** 

May 4 | 8 A.M. to 3 P.M.

Assistive Technology Partnership

Building Positive Behavior Management Estate Planning

Encouraging and Empowering Our Kids to Self-Advocacy

Good Grief



### What Parents and Education Professionals Say About PEP

"After coming, I understand the importance for parents to come together because they are so busy 'just handling' things. They need to regroup and get on the same page. This has started a movement in us to better our relationship like nothing ever has. Thankyou."

"I learned a lot of great information. I feel relieved and empowered and know I am not alone."

"I was able to take my professional hat off and listen to what parents with a child with a disability go through from the day they learn about the disability."

### Register at <u>bit.ly/2S9L716</u> by April 19, 2019

No internet access? Call us at (308) 632-1338

Feel free to pass this flyer along to parents and education professionals who may benefit from attending.

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# Ponca High School Graduation

Friday, May 10, 2019 7:00 p.m.





Congratulations to the Class of 2019!

# May 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Calendar is subject to lease refer to Ponca's website i for last minute chal www.poncaschoo	change. nteractive calendar nges.	1	PreK-2nd Spring Concert 7:00 @ Ponca School Randolph Invite Varsity Track Meet 12:00 p.m.	3 Elementary Track Meet 1:15 Ponca Sports Complex 7th-12th Dismissed @ 1:00 (weather permitting)  Golf @ Wakefield 9:00 am	
5 Baccalaureate Ponca Fine Arts 7:00 p.m.	Academic Honors Night Fine Arts 7:00 p.m. 1 hour late start Staff Professional Development	7 Golf Dual with Homer @ Ponca 4:00 p.m.	8  2nd Grade Field Trip to Sioux Falls Zoo  Class of 2019 Last Day of School	9 District Track @ Hartington CC 11:00 a.m. Golf @ Laurel 10:00 a.m.	GRADUATION 7:00 p.m. EARLY DISMISSAL Jackson @ 1:10 Ponca @ 1:30	11
Mother's Day	3rd-6th Grade Spring Concert 7:00 pm @ Ponca District Golf @ Norfolk Fair Play Golf Course  1 hour late start Staff Professional Development	Seniors of 2020 and Parents Meeting 6:00 p.m. High School Commons  Spring Activities Awards Night 7:30 p.m. Fine Arts  Accelerated Reading Field Trip Rain date-Elementary Track Meet	15 6th Grade Field Trip to Omaha Zoo	16 3rd Grade Field Trip to Orange City Tulip Festival Preschool Graduation 7:00 p.m. in Jackson	17 Elementary Student Council Field Trip  Kindergarten Graduation 7:00 p.m. in Jackson (Last day of school for Kindergarten)  State Track 5/17 <sup>t</sup> Burke High Schoo	18 <sup>h</sup> and 18 <sup>th</sup> I (Omaha)
19	20  REGULAR START TIME  Ponca @ 8:10  Jackson @ 8:20  EARLY DISMISSAL  Jackson @ 1:10  Ponca @ 1:30		22 Golf 5/21st & 5/22nd Kearney Country Club	23	24	25
26	27  Memorial Day	28	29	30	31 S	avera are are



# = May 2019



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
USDA IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER AND EMPLOYER Meals are subject to change. Milk served with meal.		1 Biscuits w/Sausage Gravy Tri-tater Fruit and Veggie Bar	2 Crispito Chili/ Cheese Cookie Fruit and Veggie Bar	3 Hamburger French Fries Fruit and Veggie Bar
6	7	8	9	10
Burrito	Cheeseburger Mac	Mini Corn Dogs	Beef Taco	Pepperoni Pizza
Chips w/ Cheese	Carrots	Scalloped Potatoes	Refried Beans	Chips
	Roll	Roll		
Fruit and Veggie Bar	Fruit and Veggie Bar	Fruit and Veggie Bar	Fruit and Veggie Bar	Fruit and Veggie Bar
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Corn	Au Gratin Potatoes	COOKS' CHOICE	COOKS' CHOICE	COOKS' CHOICE
Fruit and Veggie Bar	Fruit and Veggie Bar			
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### Jackson Elementary ~ May 2019

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
May 2 - Jackson Elementary Spring Concert in Ponca, 7:00 pm May 3 - Elementary Track & Field Day May 10 - Early Dismissal for Ponca High School Graduation 1:10 Jackson, 1:30 Ponca May 16 - Preschool Graduation - 7:00 pm May 17 - Kindergarten Graduation - 7:00 pm May 21 - Last Day of School! Have a Great Summer!!		Breaded Pork Chop Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Carrots & Ranch Dip Peaches	2 SPRING CONCERT TONIGHT  Hot Dog on a Bun Baked Beans Lettuce Carrots Mandarin Oranges	3 TRACK & FIELD DAY 1:15 Fish French Fries Green Bean Casserole Fruit
Chicken & Cheese Quesadilla Spanish Rice Lettuce Pears	Teriyaki Beef Dippers Tri-Taters Carrots & Ranch Dip Pickle Spear Mixed Fruit	8 2nd Grade Field Trip  Tater Tot Casserole Lettuce & Tomatoes Bread & Butter Applesauce	Eggstravaganza Sausage Patty Oven Potatoes Carrots & Ranch Dip Apple Slices	Tavern on a Bun Au Gratin Potatoes Sliced Pickles Corn Fruit
Spaghetti & Meatballs Cheese Stick Dinner Roll & Butter Lettuce & Tomatoes Pears	Hard Shell Taco Lettuce, Tomatoes, Cheese Black Bean Salsa Peaches	Chicken Patty on a Bun California Blend Veggies with Cheese Orange Wedges	Cheeseburger French Fries Carrots & Ranch Dip Pineapple	Pizza Corn Lettuce Fruit
Teriyaki Chicken Fried Rice Lettuce Bread & Butter Fruit  MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE.	21 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL! PICNIC IN THE PARK Turkey, Ham, & Cheese Sandwich Chips Carrots & Ranch Dip Pickle Spear Fruit Cup  MILK IS SERVED WITH EVERY MEAL		eller.	24 TUNITY PROVIDER AND EMPLOYER

#### Ponca Public Schools Anti-Discrimination Statement

The Ponca Public School District does not discriminate on the basis of sex, disability, race, color, religion, veteran status, national or ethnic origin, age, marital status, pregnancy, childbirth or related medical condition, or other protected status in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following persons have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies:

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

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

Complaints or concerns involving discrimination or needs for accommodation or access should be addressed to the appropriate Coordinator. For further information about anti-discrimination laws and regulations, or to file a complaint of discrimination with the Office for Civil Rights in the U.S. Department of Education (OCR), please contact OCR at One Petticoat Lane, 1010 Walnut Street, 3rd Floor, Suite 320, Kansas City, Missouri 64106, (816) 268-0550 (voice), Fax (816) 268-0599, (800) 877-8339 (telecommunications device for the deaf), or ocr.kansascity@ed.gov.

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.

