November 2018

PONCA PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Information from Jody L. Phillips, Superintendent of Schools

On Monday, November 12th at 2:00 p.m., the Ponca Public Schools will host our annual Veteran's Day Program in the west gymnasium. The program will honor past and present heroes who have fought for our freedom. There will be coffee and rolls starting at 1:00 p.m. The program is open to the public. Please attend this special event to honor our Veterans. Also, please encourage as many veterans to attend the Veteran's Day Program if they have not attended in the past.

The cold and flu season is upon us at Ponca Public Schools. Please remember to call Sue in the Jackson office, Patti in the Ponca elementary office, or Jeanne in the high school office by 8:15a.m. to let the respective office know of your child's absence for the day. Remember, your child must be without a fever for 24 hours before returning to school.

As the winter season begins, school MAY be dismissed due to inclement weather. Listen to the local television stations for information concerning late starts, early dismissals, or school cancellations. Make sure your correct cell phone number and home phone number are entered into the School Messenger Emergency Calling System with Ponca Public Schools. If you have changed your cell phone service and have a new number, please call the school to let us know of the change.

NO SCHOOL OR EARLY DISMISSAL ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

Wednesday, November 21st - EARLY DISMISSAL - Thanksgiving Recess Thursday, November 22nd and Friday, November 23rd - NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Recess Friday, December 21st - End of First Semester Monday, December 24th - Sunday, January 6th - NO SCHOOL - Christmas Break Sunday, December 22nd - Wednesday, December 26th - NSAA MORATORIUM Monday, January 7th - Start of Second Semester/3rd Quarter - LATE START

January 7th: First Day of 2nd Semester

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.

From Mr. Lahm's "Pen,"

It is nearing one of my favorite times of year again. The week leading up to Thanksgiving until Christmas is such a fun and exciting time for me. There is something about the anticipation of the season and the thoughtfulness (most of the time) from people that just makes it special for me.

I also recognize that there is so much I miss on a daily basis because of my need for the anticipation of the next thing. In the book "The Noticer" by Andy Andrews, the main character, Jones, has a special gift of being able to notice things that others overlook. Jones' explanation of his gift is as follows:

"I notice things about situations and people that produce <u>perspective</u>. That's what most folks lack-perspective-a broader view. So I give them a broader view...and it allows them to regroup, take a breath, and begin their lives again."

This idea of perspective is something I need to be reminded of on a daily basis. I don't know about you, but my focus often is so narrow that proper perspective is lost. I get easily embarrassed when my kids do not act a certain way, and I feel like a failure of a parent. I have expectations of myself and others that may or may not be realistic, and I get upset when people do not act the way I think they should. I throw the towel in on the Husker football team because they are not scoring more points than the other team most times. My perspective is too narrow, and I miss out on the best parts of life because I fail to recognize the bigger picture and the most important parts of life.

So, as the end of this year approaches, and our lives are racing around 100 mph, let's not forget to focus our perspective on the things that matter. Let's enjoy each day or at least work to see the broader perspective of what is happening in life. And...maybe just maybe, I can enjoy every day rather than just certain parts of the year. It's all about a broader perspective.

NOVEMBER NEWS

October 17 was the last day of our first quarter. Please continue to login to PowerSchool to check your student(s) grades. We will not be sending report cards home this year. However, please contact the school and a report card may be picked up in the office.

Congratulations to Claire Hoesing, Olivia Hrouda, and Colson Watchorn who auditioned and were selected for Nebraska All State Chorus. Claire, Olivia, and Colson will travel to Lincoln in November for the All State Conference and Clinic. Thank you to Dr. Webb for his work in preparing students. They will perform in the All State Chorus final concert on Friday, November 16 at 4:30 pm at the Lied Center for Performing Arts on the campus of UNL.

Life is Your Journey. Travel Drug Free was the theme for this year's Red Ribbon Week. Anti-drug related themes and dress up days helped create a fun experience for all students and staff. Red Ribbon lessons were incorporated in classes throughout the week. 7th-12th grade participated in an Escape Room experience involving clues associated with Red Ribbon Week. We also included a "Quarters for a Cause" campaign that each class in 3rd-12th grade donated quarters and other spare change to present to our Dixon County Deputy Rich Lamprecht and his drug dog Josie in a Friday assembly. Thank you to the Red Ribbon Week planning committee, Mr. Evans and Mrs. Walsh for the Escape Room activity, and students and teachers for your participation.

NSCAS Summative is the new state assessment required for all 3rd-8th grade students. Students took this test in early April. Individual Student Reports (ISRs) will be sent home with 7th and 8th grade students. Please ask your student(s) to see these results. Please call the principal's office if these reports do not make it home or if you are interested in another copy. MAP Growth tests for the fall have been completed. We will NOT be sending 7-11th grade reports home. If you are interested in your student(s) results, please contact a teacher at school or Mr. Lahm to receive a copy of these results.

Our Elementary and Secondary Student Councils and sponsors are busy preparing another memorable Veteran's Day program for our school and community. Everyone is invited to be our guests on Monday, November 12, at 2:00 pm for our 2017 Veteran's Day Program. The program will be held in the East Gym in the Ponca School building. Thank you to all of our Veterans and current men and women serving in our armed forces. We appreciate your service to our nation and willingness to put your lives on the line for our freedoms!

ELEMENTARY NEWS

The first quarter flew by and that means the holiday season is just around the corner! Please encourage your child to work hard as the end of the first semester will be here before you know it.

With the winter season upon us it is important to be ready for school cancellations, late starts, and early dismissals. Please realize Jackson will follow the Ponca schedule concerning dismissals and cancellations. There will **not** be a separate announcement for Jackson Elementary. If Ponca has a two hour late start, classes in Jackson will begin 15 minutes after the start time in Ponca. Example: Two hour late start in Ponca means school in Ponca will begin at 10:10am which means school in Jackson will begin at 10:25am. If there is an early dismissal, Jackson will dismiss 20 minutes **before** Ponca. Example: If Ponca is dismissing at 1:30pm, Jackson will dismiss at 1:10pm.

Another winter weather concern is dressing the students appropriately for winter weather. I realize we had a very pleasant fall, but "old man winter" is right around the corner. Please make sure students have a coat, some type of snow pants, gloves, and something to cover their ears. The Ponca/Jackson Elementary will be going outside for recess on most days unless the weather is too severe.

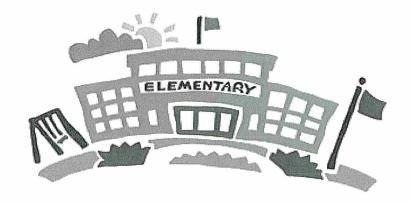
As you know the flu season will be here soon. We have experienced a few incidents already with students coming to school sick. If your child is ill please keep them at home until their fever has gone away and they're symptoms have subsided. We will do everything in our power to combat the flu. We sanitize our lockers, desks, door handles, drinking fountains, and rest rooms routinely. We insist on hand washing often and protect against sharing items as much as possible. Please help by keeping your child home when they are feeling under the weather.

Parents we need your help!! Basketball and wrestling seasons are just around the corner which means many games in the gyms. We have problems with elementary students running around during games. This creates a dangerous situation for everyone involved. Please remind your elementary students to sit and watch the games. Students are not allowed in the west gym during activities unless there is a game in progress! Students are not allowed to run around or sit in the hallways during activities!

Reminders: Early out Nov. 21st Jackson 1:10pm & Ponca 1:30pm Thanksgiving Break No School Nov. 22nd through Nov. 25th Thanksgiving Break 3 thru 6 Christmas Concert, Thursday, Dec. 4th @ 7:00pm @ Ponca Pre-K thru 2nd Christmas Concert, Friday, Dec. 7th @ 7:00pm @ Ponca

Happy Thanksgiving!!

Mr. Hayes



VETERANS DAY PROGRAM

Ponca Public School will present a Veterans Day Program in the gym at 2:00 P.M. on Monday, November 12, 2018. The public is invited to attend this program along with the Ponca, Jackson and surrounding area American Legion Veterans/Auxiliary Women, and grades 3-12 students/staff at Ponca School. We will recognize the service and commitment of our Veterans, Auxiliary women and active military men and women.

Plans are being made for PreK-2nd grade students/staff at Jackson Elementary to recognize Veterans Day during the week of November 12-16.





MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

The elves are getting ready to bake for the P.H.S. Student Council Holiday Cake Raffle!!!

Tuesday, December 11th

@ the Boys/Girls Basketball

Doubleheader vs. Laurel-Concord-Coleridge





Ponca Indians Christmas Ornaments



Just in time for Christmas...









Awesome Keepsake!



- Ask a Student Council member
- We will plan to sell at Home basketball games and before school.

Fundraiser for PHS Student Council - Funds raised will help pay for the Holiday Happenings and the Snowball Coronation and Dance.

Thanks for your support!

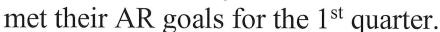


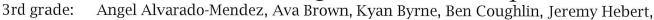


LIBRARY NEWS!!!



The following Elementary students





Arthur Lamprecht, Mackenzie Millard, Adalyn Nelson, Karlee Rohan, Sofia Voss,

Brayden Waterbury

4th grade: Emma Addison, Carlee Beckner, Aveyana Jackson, Joey Lyle, Michael Ney, Ashytn Pick,

Anna Stroud, Emma Twohig

5th grade: Mia Krusemark, Nolan Schweers, Karlee Sprakel, Cora Jackson, Avery McAfee,

Caden Merical

6th grade: Blaeden Brummond, Cracie Coughlin, Ashten Finseth, Aeva Logue, Zachary Luze,

EllaRay Nelson, Connor Schamp, Cade Statema, Addison Stewart, William Stroud, Austin

Dendinger, Isabella Eifert, Chance Fairchild, Ellesyn Hrouda, Tucker McGill, Andrew Pinkelman, Bryce Pokorny, Treston Pulley, Zain Stark, Alexa Swick, Emma Uthof, Heydon

Velez, Holden Velez, Ava Voss, Brailynn Yellowbank

Congratulations to all of you. Last year at this time there were 40 students that met their AR goal first quarter. This year there are 58 students that met their AR goal. Keep reading.

PLEASE SAVE AND SEND THE FOLLOWING TO THE SCHOOL:



Box Tops

HyVee Receipts



Pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House





United States Department of Agriculture

10 tips Nutrition Education Series



Based on the Dietary Guidelines for Americans

What's Cooking? USDA Mixing Bowl

What's Cooking? USDA Mixing Bowl is an online tool featuring a collection of healthy and budget-friendly recipes and resources. Visit this one-stop site to help you plan meals and menus inspired by the <u>Dietary Guidelines for Americans</u> and <u>MyPlate</u>.

Find healthy recipes
What's for dinner tonight? Find inspiration for your next
meal and search from over 1,400 household recipes.

Customize your search
What's Cooking? USDA Mixing Bowl
has a variety of filters to help you find
the recipes you want. Need a recipe for tomorrow's
office party or love culturally inspired cuisine? Choose from
Course, Cooking Equipment, and Cuisine to find the perfect
recipe.

Choose your nutrition focus
Want to eat more fruits and vegetables, increase
calcium, or cut back on sodium? Select from nutrition
messages such as "Eat more fruits and
vegetables," "Get more calcium," and
"Reduce sodium."

Slide-n-find recipes Find recipes by the amount of calories, saturated fat, and sodium. Check it out and "slide-n-find" recipes in your range.

Make your shopping list
Add ingredients from recipes to create a handy
shopping list. Print or email the list for your next trip
to the store.

Browse the cookbooks
Find recipe collections from the USDA Foods Fact
Sheets, Healthy Lunchtime Challenge, and even the
White House. Cookbooks are available to print or download.

Create your own cookbook
Organize your favorite What's
Cooking recipes using the
My Cookbook feature! Simply add
recipes, name your cookbook,
choose a cover, and save or print.

Share your thoughts

Let others know what you think! Try a recipe, give it a star rating, or submit your personal review.

Use What's Cooking on-the-go
Visit the site from your phone or tablet. Browse
recipes, create a cookbook, and make your shopping
list anytime, anywhere.

Tell friends and fellow chefs!
Share the site and your favorite recipes with friends, cooks, and foodles. Help everyone find new recipes and answer the question...What's Cooking?

MUSIC NEWS



Congratulations to Ponca's 2018 All-State Chorus Members



Claire Hoesing – Soprano

Olivia Hrouda – Soprano

Colson Watchorn –Bass

Each year, approximately 3000 of the best high school musicians in the state audition for the Nebraska All-State Band, Chorus, Jazz Band and Orchestra which are sponsored by the Nebraska Music Educators Association. Selection as a member of one of these groups is one of the highest musical honors attainable in Nebraska

These Ponca students will be among the 440 students selected to be a part of the 2018 All-State Chorus. Guest conductor for the group will be Z. Randall Stroope, an American composer, conductor and lecturer. The All-State Chorus will rehearse Wednesday, November 14th through Friday, November 16th on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus, the host site of the 2018 NMEA Conference/ Clinic. A final public concert will be held on Friday, November 16th at the Lied Center for the Performing Arts on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus.

Lewis and Clark Vocal Conference Clinic



Monday, November 5th, 2018 Public Performance 5:30 p.m. @ Homer

PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS:

Allen, Laurel-Concord-Coleridge, Emerson-Hubbard, Homer, Ponca, Wakefield, Walthill, Winnebago * 200+ talented musicians join together to create a night of entertaining music.

* Medals are awarded to the top 24 vocalists.

* A trophy is given to the school with the most audience members present! (Host school is excluded.)

The students selected for the Lewis and Clark Conference honor choir were selected through an anonymous audition process of over 50 singers and 9 Ponca students were given this honor. Congratulations Ponca High School students on your high standard of performance!



Sopranos: Sarah Beach, Claire Hoesing, Olivia Hrouda, Dana Kratke

Altos: Morgan Janssen

Tenors: Austin Janssen, Sam Taylor

Basses: Nathan Bauman, Colson Watchorn



Basketball season will be here soon!! Our first home basketball game is scheduled for December 11th. The pep band will play that night!!

Music Booster Meeting - Wednesday, November 7th @ 6:00 in Fine Arts Room.

The Music Boosters are looking for volunteers to help run the concession stand on November 13th for the Conference One Act held in Ponca. If you can help, please contact Wendy Masin at (402) 312-9042.

Thank You!!!

How to Make Lunch Payments Online

The "e Funds For Schools" electronic payment service is provided to Ponca Public Schools by a third party service provider. This program offers various options for parents/guardians who choose to make payments online for lunches. You have the ability to make lunch payments electronically withdrawn from your checking account or charged to your debit or credit card. Ponca Public Schools does not request or keep records of family checking or credit card account information.

You are in full control of your account and can make a payment at any time that is convenient for you. **No payments** will be allowed without your knowledge and authorization through this secure payment system. The "e Funds For Schools" site is secure and uses industry standard data encryption.

HOW TO USE "e ~ Funds For Schools":

- 1. Go to the Ponca school website <u>www.ponaschool.org</u> and click on the **e-Funds link** which is located on the right side of our website. You will be taken to the "e~Funds For Schools" website. Click on the link under "New Users" to create an account. Enter your account information. Please keep a copy of this information as the school will not have access to any of this information.
- 2. When creating a password, it must be **7 characters long** and needs to include **at least 1 upper case letter**, at least 1 lower case letter and at least 1 number.
- Once your account is created click "Sign Up". Click in the Student Number box and enter the student(s) lunch number (your child will know this number). Next, Click "Add". After you have finished adding student or if you are making payments for yourself (teacher or staff member), click "Continue to Account Overview".
- **4.** Verify the appropriate student numbers have been added. Then, select **Continue to Account Overview**.
- **5.** The initial time you setup a new payment you are required to enter your bank or credit card information. First select **Payment Option** from the Main menu. Next select the **type of payment account** and enter your account information. Then select **SAVE.**

Scheduling a Payment:

- 1. Select **Payment Options**, and **Make a Payment** from the drop down menu.
- 2. Enter the amount of your payment, select the **calendar** to choose the date of the payment then click **ADD.** If you have multiple children select the tab for each child to schedule a payment. Each child will have a tab with their name. Click **continue**.
- 3. Verify, a final time, your payment choices and agree to pay the convenience fee, select Submit.

*There is a \$1.00 transaction convenience fee for each electronic checking payment that you make regardless of how many accounts you are paying money towards.

**The system carries a non-sufficient funds (NSF) charge if the payment is "bad".

***Payments made by credit or debit card, there is a convenience fee of \$2.45 per each \$100 increment in the transaction.

November 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Calendar is subj Please refer to Ponca's website c www.poncas	1 Jr. High Wrestling @ Battle Creek 3:30 p.m. Picture Re-Take Day Ponca Students	2	3 Jr. High Wrestling @ Wayne 10:00 a.m. Volleyball District Finals		
Daylight Savings Time	Conference Vocal Clinic @ Homer Public School 9:00 a.m. Students will begin clinic 5:30 p.m. Public Concert LATE START Professional Development Jackson Starts @ 9:20 Ponca Starts @ 9:10	6 Unified Bowling @ Plaza Bowl Sioux City 10: 00 a.m.	7 Lewis and Clark Quiz Bowl @ Wayne State College 9:00 a.m. Music Boosters Meeting 6:00 Fine Arts	Ponca Jr. High Wrestling Tourney 4:00 p.m. State Volleyb	9 all @ Lincoln 11/8-11/10	Show Choir Choreography 10:00 - 4:00 p.m. Jr. High Wrestling @ Winside 9:30 a.m.
11	Veteran's Day Program 2:00 p.m. Coffee @ 1:00 p.m. Ponca Public School Jr. High Wrestling @ Randolph 4:00 p.m. Winter Sports Practice Begins LATE START Professional Development Jackson Starts @ 9:20 Ponca Starts @ 9:10	Conference One-Act @ Ponca 8:30 a.m. PCEF Meeting Ponca School 4:00 p.m.	Post Prom Meeting 5:30 Ponca School	Fall Sports Awards Fine Arts 7:00 p.m. aska All State Music @ Linc	oln 11/14-11/16	17 Unified Bowling @ Norfolk 10:00 a.m. Jr. High Wrestling @ Howells 9:00 a.m.
18	School Board Meeting @ 7:30 p.m. Girls/Boys Basketball Scrimmage 6:00 p.m. Boy's parent meeting to follow	20 One Act Public Performance 7:00 Fine Arts Jr. High Wrestling @ Elgin 3:00 p.m. State Football	Early Dismissal Jackson Dismissal @ 1:10 Ponca Dismissal @ 1:30 Thanksgiving Break	22 NO SCHOOL—Thanksgiving Break Thursday, November 22 & Friday, November 23		Happy Thanksgiving!
25	Unified Bowling Districts Norfolk 10:30 a.m. LATE START Professional Development Jackson Starts @ 9:20 Ponca Starts @ 9:10	District One Act	28	Girls and Boys BB @ Hartington/Newcastle Girls JV @ 4:00 Boys JV @ 5:00 Girls Varsity @ 6:15, followed by Boys Varsity	30 Jr. Interview Day	Wrestling @ Howells 9:30 a.m. Girls and Boys BB @ Wayne Girls and Boys JV 4:00 Girls Varsity @ 5:30 followed by Boys Varsity

Ponca Menu November 2018

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5	6	7	8	9	
Tavern	Chicken Patty	Spaghetti	Chicken Nuggets	Corn Dog	
Smiley Fries	Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy	Bread stick	Carrots	Baked Beans	
	Roll		Cookie		
Fruit and Veggie Bar	Fruit and Veggie Bar	Fruit and Veggie Bar	Fruit and Veggie Bar	Fruit and Veggie Bar	
12	13	14	15	16	
Enchiladas	Chicken Potato Casserole	Chicken Fried Steak	Mr. Stroud's 4th Grade Choice:	Tomato Soup	
Corn	Green Beans Roll	Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy	Hamburger	Grilled Cheese	
Scooby Snack	Fruit and Veggie Bar	Roll	French Fries	Fruit and Veggie Bar	
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19	20	21	22	23	
Omelet	Hot Dog	Fiestada	NO SCHOOL—Thanksgiving Break Thursday, November 22 & Friday, November 23		
Donut	Chips and Cheese	Corn			
Juice					
Fruit and Veggie Bar	Fruit and Veggie Bar	Fruit and Veggie Bar	10000000		
26	27	28	29	30	
Mrs. Templeman's 3rd Grade Choice	ce: BBQ Rib Patty	Burrito	Mrs. Carnell's 5th Grade Choice:	Turkey Wrap	
Popcorn Chicken	Scalloped Potatoes	Cinnamon Sticks	Mandarin Chicken	Mixed Veggies	
Chips	Roll		Rice		
Chocolate Ice Cream	Fruit and Veggie Bar	Fruit and Veggie Bar	Brownie	Fruit and Veggie Bar	
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Jackson Elementary ~ November 2018

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Give Thanks No	ovember 4 - Daylight Savings Time ovember 11 - Veteran's Day ovember 12 - Veteran's Day Progra ovember 21 - Early Dismissal, 1:10 ovember 22 - Happy Thanksgiving! ovember 23 - No School, Thanksgiv	m at Ponca High School in Jackson, 1:30 in Ponca No School	I Ham & Cheese Stromboli with Marinara Cole Slaw Tater Tots Peaches	Corn Dog Ranch Wedges Baked Beans Fruit
Cheeseburger French Fries Carrots and Ranch Dip Pickle Slices Applesauce	Egg Patty Sausage Oven Roasted Potatoes Orange Slices	7 Chicken Drummies Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Broccoli Slaw Pineapple	Ravioli Green Beans Biscuit Peaches	Pizza Lettuce Carrots and Ranch Dip Mixed Fruit
Chicken Strips Corn Lettuce Applesauce	Hot Dog on a Bun Baked Beans Pickle Spear Mandarin Oranges	Mac & Cheese Peas Carrots and Ranch Dip Peaches	Tavern Baby Bakers Sliced Pickles Pears	Burrito Lettuce Spanish Rice Fruit
Roast Turkey Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Green Bean Casserole Apple Cobbler Mixed Fruit	Scalloped Potatoes& Ham Carrots, Broccoli, & Ranch Peaches	Chicken Noodle Soup Celery & Peanut Butter Goldfish Crackers Banana Bread Fruit	HAPPY THANKSGIVING	NO SCHOOL
Quesadilla Lettuce & Tomatoes Shredded Cheese Refried Beans Pears	Chicken Drummies Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Carrots & Ranch Pineapple	Swedish Meatballs Corn Bread & Butter Peaches	Hamburger on a Bun Tri-Taters Carrots & Ranch Apple	Lasagna Roll-Ups with Marinara Green Beans Fruit