

# The Newsletter of the Odebolt-Arthur & Battle Creek-Ida Grove Community School Districts

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Seasons Greetings! We hope you get a chance to enjoy one of the many holiday season activities at OA-BCIG.



## Communication

We can never talk enough about communication, can we? It seems that new communication tools emerge almost weekly these days. Here are several ways to access happenings at OABCIG:

- New starting in December ~ Live streaming video coverage of Regular Monthly Board Meetings ~ available on the school web page
- School website ~ oabcig.org ~ Our student designed and maintained web presence
- Facebook ~ OABCIG maintains a page to provide resources and school updates
- Twitter ~ Our presence on Twitter is growing through teachers with their classes and some student organizations
- SchoolReach ~ While this is a one-way information source, this is a useful tool for important announcements
- Blogs & Web pages ~ Teachers and their classes are using blogs and web pages to interact with the world
- Open Meetings ~ The school boards meet jointly on the second Monday of each month all meetings are open to the public
- Email ~ A direct communication tool to stay in touch with teachers and administrators

Please let us know if you would like us to visit with any organization within the districts. Many of our teachers, administrators, or board members would be glad to share with you or answer questions.

The OABCIG yearbook staff would like to thank Kids Rock! Books (author/owner Jill Godbersen) for helping support/advertise in our 2011-2012 student publication.

If any other business would like to help sponsor or run an advertisement in the yearbook, please contact Heidi Beck at the high school (364-3371) or email [hbeck@oabcig.org](mailto:hbeck@oabcig.org). Thank you once again to all of our sponsors!

## Support OABCIG when holiday shopping!

The Falcon Box has many items to choose from for the hard to buy for Falcon fans.

The Falcon Box will be open before all home games or by calling Becky Miller at 364-4315.



... As an agent of the community and society, the OA Schools purpose to provide an environment where all persons shall develop life skills by learning to learn. ... We will do everything possible to ensure that everyone in the BCIG Community becomes the best that they can be.



## Winter Weather Tips for Children


Nurse Angie - BSN RN



**Tip #1:** Make sure your children are dressed appropriately for outdoor activities. Several thin layers will keep them warm and dry. This can include shirts, pants, sweaters, coat, snow pants, warm socks, gloves or mittens, scarf, and a hat. Dressing appropriately will prevent cold weather exposure and hypothermia.

**Tip #2:** Be sure and prevent frostbite. Frostbite happens when the skin and outer tissues become frozen. This most commonly affects fingers, toes, ears and nose. The area may become pale, gray, and the child may complain that the frostbitten area is painful or has become numb. If frostbite occurs, bring the child indoors and place the area in warm, NOT hot, water.

**Tip #3:** If your child suffers from winter nosebleeds, try using a cool air humidifier at night. Saline nose drops can also help keep nasal tissues moist. If bleeding is severe or happens frequently, consult your health care provider.




The end of the semester signals semester tests for the high school. During semester tests students are allowed open campus on the class periods that are not testing. This would include classes like PE, Choir, Band and a few others. In the past we have asked parents to sign a waiver allowing students to leave the building. Typically about 97% of our students return the signed waiver. This year we are trying something a bit different and will ask you to contact the school if you DO NOT want your child to have open campus during semester tests. Please call Jo in the office (364-3371) if you do not want your child to leave the building during semester tests. We will provide an area for all students who are staying to study, read etc. Additionally we will serve a hot lunch both days.

Also, please support all our students in their winter endeavors. We have roughly 80% of the student body that is involved throughout the school year and it means a great deal to them when they see the community support their efforts.

### Middle School Interdisciplinary Units

Interdisciplinary Units will be happening at the middle school December 20 and 21. The 8th grade will be focusing on Rube Goldberg, 7th grade Survival Skills, and 6th grade will be studying the Middle Ages.

**We're in this together, order your yearbook today!**  
 Yearbooks are on sale for \$50 through April 15, 2012. Order yours today and pay by credit card by clicking the link on the school website [oabcig.org](http://oabcig.org) or go to [www.jostensyearbooks.com](http://www.jostensyearbooks.com) To pay with cash or check, contact Heidi Beck at the high school ([hbeck@oabcig.org](mailto:hbeck@oabcig.org)).




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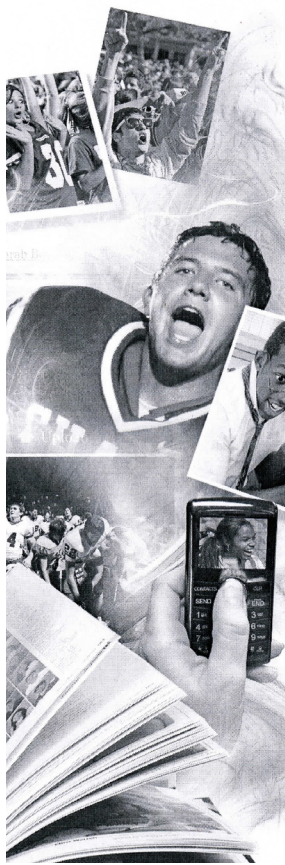
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Clip above coupon and present to cashier

### Plan ahead to shop for books with your Christmas cash!

The OA-BCIG high school will hold their Barnes and Noble book fair on Saturday, January 9th. Travel to the city to support the OA-BCIG Falcons when they meet up with Spencer at the Tyson Center. Then treat yourself to some new reading material or a snack from the coffee shop. All you need to do is clip the coupon and present it to the Barnes and Noble cashier when you make your purchase. A percentage of your sale will then return to our school and be used to purchase books for the high school library. Online ordering is an option. Details for this procedure will appear in the January newsletter.



# Share the story of your year. Together.

ReplayIt.com is an interactive website that allows your school community to upload and share the most memorable photos from the year. See your school from all perspectives. It's your chance to have more of you and your friends in the yearbook.

## Share your photos now!

Just log on to **Replayit.com** and get going.

School Pass Code: **falcon2012**

**ReplayIt**   
by Jostens



Technology is always changing. It has helped in the classroom by having stations in the room with computers, having a lab to do use SuccessMaker software, and most recently iPads in the elementary. Technology has helped with education, but it is also

helping with communication. Emails have increased the availability to leave people a message at anytime.

Lately there has been a lot of talk about Twitter, Facebook, blog's and Moodles. All are other ways to communicate. I am learning about blog's and find it a great way to communicate to a larger group of people. I was thinking about how I can use a blog effectively with our community. I have started one to share information about what I see in classrooms or in the school from a principal's point of view. You can check it out at <http://mail.oabcig.org/~ahenderson>

I am having a good time writing in it and hopefully you will have a good time reading it. Please check in and see what has been going on from a principal's point of view.

### OA-BCIG FFA Test Plot

The OA-BCIG FFA test plot is 5.6 acres located behind the WIT building in Ida Grove. This year Jolene Riessen with Pioneer Seed donated the seed to OA-BCIG FFA. Roger Frank and CPS in Ida Grove also donated the chemicals for the plot this year. Randy Rohlk planted the plot this spring. Steve and Clint Schug harvested the plot where we had 276 bushels at yield at 48 bu/acre at 8.6% moisture. Special Thanks to Jolene Riessen, Roger Frank, Randy Rohlk and Steve Schug for all of their help this year.

The OA-BCIG FFA chapter is also looking for land to rent for next spring. If you have any suggestions please contact Eric Miller at the high school or [emiller@oabcig.org](mailto:emiller@oabcig.org).

Follow us on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/#!/OABCIGFFA>

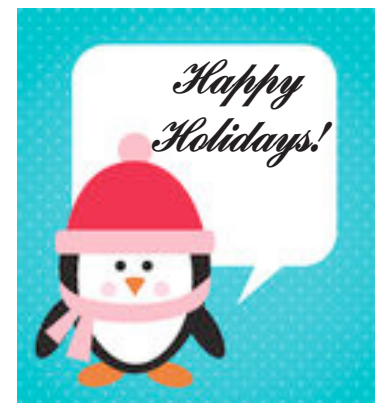
Isaac Pudenz-OA-BCIG FFA Reporter

### Rachel's Challenge Inspires Collections for the Needy at BCIG Elementary and Intermediate





**BCIG Elementary Collecting Spare Change for the Hungry Children at BCIG Elementary** have been donating spare change for the Food Bank of Siouxland. The outreach of the Food Bank includes 15 counties in the Sioux City area, including Ida County. Because of the generosity of food service businesses and others, every \$1 donated enables the Food Bank to obtain \$17 (retail value) worth of food. \$1 will provide for 9 meals for those in need. Our goal is to raise enough in November and December to provide for 2000 meals, which would be a little over \$1 per student. Before Thanksgiving we were able to send a check for \$142.04, which will provide for over 1000 meals (1278 to be exact). We will collect until the Monday before Christmas when we will mail the final check.

### BCIG Intermediate





**"Pennies for Tennies" Project** BCIG Intermediate students have undertaken a "give to others" project related to their Fit to Serve program. They have been donating spare change to help provide shoes for local children who do not have adequate shoes. So far enough has been collected to help five children in need. They will collect through Christmas.



# BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS FOR DECEMBER 2011

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			<p>1 BCIG B: Cereal &amp; Long John BCIG L: Sausage pizza &amp; assorted salads OA B: Breakfast burrito OA L: Ham sandwich, baked chips, broccoli, radishes, Jello &amp; peaches</p>	<p>2 BCIG B: Egg patty, sausage, &amp; toast BCIG L: Chicken nuggets, tator tots, green beans, &amp; mixed fruit OA B: Egg &amp; toast OA L: Meatball sub sandwich, green beans, pudding cup, &amp; mixed fruit</p>
<p>5 BCIG B: Breakfast pizza BCIG L: Pork patty/bun, potato salad, peas, pears, &amp; chocolate brownie OA B: Cinnamon bun &amp; sunflower seeds OA L: Maidrites/bun, corn, Mandarin oranges, &amp; rice crispy bar</p>	<p>6 BCIG B: Cereal &amp; toast BCIG L: Mandarin orange chicken, rice, carrots, &amp; pineapple OA B: Muffin &amp; yogurt OA L: Chicken drumsticks, mashed potatoes, green beans &amp; pineapple</p>	<p>7 BCIG B: Breakfast wrap BCIG L: Chef salad AND ham &amp; cheese sandwich, fresh grapes OA B: Cinnamon roll &amp; mozzarella cheese stick OA L: Breakfast sandwich, banana, juice cup, &amp; fruit crisp</p>	<p>8 BCIG B: Cereal &amp; blueberry muffin BCIG L: Peperoni pizza &amp; assorted salads OA B: Breakfast pizza OA L: Cheesy potato soup, celery, carrots, crackers, peaches, SMB &amp; peanut butter</p>	<p>9 BCIG B: Egg patty, bacon, &amp; English muffin BCIG L: Fish sandwich, potato wedges, corn, &amp; peach cups OA B: Oatmeal, toast &amp; egg OA L: Fish sandwich, peas, cole slaw, &amp; pears</p>
<p>12 BCIG B: Biscuit, country gravy, &amp; sausage links BCIG L: Chicken patty/bun, spinach salad, broccoli/cauliflower salad, Madarin oranges OA B: Long john &amp; sunflower seeds OA L: Corndog, corn, tropical fruit mix, &amp; birthday cake</p>	<p>13 BCIG B: Bagel w/ cream cheese &amp; yogurt BCIG L: Chili, cinnamon rolls, carrot/celery sticks, &amp; applesauce OA B: Waffles &amp; hard boiled egg OA L: Beef pattie taco melt/bun, lettuce, peppers, radishes, broccoli, &amp; orange slices</p>	<p>14 BCIG B: Cheese omelet &amp; toast BCIG L: Chef salad OR lasagna, green beans, &amp; pears OA B: Cinnamon roll &amp; peanuts OA L: Cheese stick mix, cooked carrots, cucumbers, grapes, &amp; pudding cup</p>	<p>15 BCIG B: Cereal &amp; ring donut BCIG L: Quesadilla cheese pizza &amp; assorted salads OA B: Pop tarts &amp; yogurt OA L: Ham or turkey slice, mashed potatoes/gravy, stuffing, corn &amp; cherries</p>	<p>16 BCIG B: Egg patty, ham &amp; toast BCIG L: Mini corn dogs, smiley fried, peas &amp; mixed fruit OA B: French Toast &amp; cheese stick OA L: Pizza, baby carrots, cucumbers, lettuce salad, &amp; mixed fruit</p>
<p>19 BCIG B: Breakfast taco BCIG L: Hamburger/bun, hashbrowns, corn &amp; apricots OA B: Old-fashioned donut &amp; hard-boiled egg OA L: Chicken nuggets, beets, pepper strips, apricots, &amp; SMB</p>	<p>20 BCIG B: Cereal &amp; toast BCIG L: Ham slice, au gratin potatoes, green beans, pineapple, &amp; cheesecake OA B: Pancakes &amp; yogurt OA L: Hamburger/bun, sweet potato fries, cucumbers, baby carrots, &amp; peaches</p>	<p>21 BCIG B: Cheese omelet &amp; toast BCIG L: Popcorn chicken, lettuce salad, &amp; applesauce cups OA B: Cinnamon roll &amp; cheese stick OA L: Hot dog, baked chips, apple &amp; Christmas treat</p>	<p>22 Winter Break</p>	<p>23 Winter Break</p>
				
<p>26 Winter Break</p>	<p>27 Winter Break</p>	<p>28 Winter Break</p>	<p>29 Winter Break</p>	<p>30 Winter Break</p>

# ACTIVITY CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<p>1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•State Dance</li> <li>•4:00 MSBB B vs Denison 8th@Odebolt 7th@Denison</li> <li>•5:30 W @ Carroll Kuemper. Glendwood/Kuemper</li> <li>•6:00 GBB JV/JVR (2Qu) vs IKM-Manning</li> <li>•6:00 BBB JV-R/JV @ Manning (IKM-M)</li> </ul>	<p>2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•State Dance</li> <li>•4:00 Bowling vs Denison @ IG</li> <li>•4:30 JVR GBB vs Woodbury Central</li> <li>•6:00 BB vs Woodbury Central</li> </ul>	<p>3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•8:00 Youth Mat Rat Wrestling Tourney @ Odebolt</li> <li>•10:00 W Manson-NWW Tourney @ Manson</li> </ul>
<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•4:00 MSBB vs ESC G@ Odebolt/B@Lake View</li> <li>•4:30 BBB JVR vs Ridge View</li> <li>•6:00 JV G/B vs Ridge View</li> </ul>	<p>6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•4:30 BB JV vs Harlan</li> <li>•6:00 BB vs Harlan</li> </ul>	<p>7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•1:00 Dismissal Prof. Development</li> </ul>	<p>8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•4:00 MSBB vs Westwood G@Odebolt/B@Sloan</li> <li>•6:00 W @ Holstein (RidgeView/WW)</li> </ul>	<p>9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•4:00 <i>NO Bowling vs MMC-RU @ IG</i></li> <li>•4:30 BBB JV @ Lawton</li> <li>•6:00 BB @ Lawton</li> </ul>	<p>10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•JV Boys BB-NF Tourney</li> <li>•12:00 W E-Hawk Invitational</li> </ul>
<p>11</p> 	<p>12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•5:00 W SB-L JV Tourney @ Sgt. Bluff</li> <li>•5:30 School Board Meeting @ Odebolt</li> <li>•7:00 OA 3rd-5th Winter Concert</li> <li>•7:00 BCIG Elem 1st-2nd Grade Winter Concert</li> <li>•6:00 JV BB G/B vs Hinton</li> </ul>	<p>13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•4:00 MSBB Girls 7th/8th vs Storm Lake St. Mary's</li> <li>•4:30 JVR GBB @ Manning</li> <li>•6:00 BB @ Manning (IKM-Manning)</li> </ul>	<p>14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6:00 Athletic Booster Mtg.</li> </ul> 	<p>15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•4:00 MSBB vs ArW-eVa G@Odebolt/B@Westside</li> <li>•4:30 BB JV-R Boys vs SC West</li> <li>•6:00 W @ Kingsley (KP/WW/WC)</li> <li>•6:00 BB Boys JV/V vs SC West</li> </ul>	<p>16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•W Battle of Waterloo Duals</li> <li>•4:00 Bowling @ LeMars</li> <li>•5:00 After Prom Soup Supper</li> <li>•6:00 BB vs East Sac County</li> </ul>	<p>17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•W Battle of Waterloo Duals</li> <li>•3:30 BB JV G/B @ Newell</li> <li>• 6:30 BB @ Newell</li> </ul>
<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•4:00 MS BB G/B vs Schleswig</li> <li>•7:00 HS Winter Concert</li> </ul>	<p>20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Semester Tests</li> </ul>	<p>21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• End of 2nd Quarter/1st Semester</li> <li>•2:30 Dismissal</li> </ul>	<p>22</p> <p>Winter Break</p> 	<p>23</p> <p>Winter Break</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Winter Break</p>
<p>25</p> <p>Merry Christmas</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Winter Break</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Winter Break</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Winter Break</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Winter Break</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Winter Break</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Winter Break</p>