

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

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## Mentoring

We are excited to announce that we have our school based mentoring program between our OA Elementary Students and our OA-BCIG Middle School Students up and going. We have 15 matches this year with a potential for more as our interest increases. Our mentors consist of 8th grade students who have attended training provided by Jayne Wilhelm of New Opportunities. We have 15 mentees ranging in age from Kindergarten to 5th grade. We have established goals, which encompass personal, social, and academic needs.



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Text Messaging Risks

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Text messaging can be a fun way for adolescents to communicate; American teenagers are using 3,146 messages a month, which translates into more than 10 messages every hour of the month that they are not sleeping or in school. Even children under 12 are sending 1,146 messages per month, which is almost four text messages per waking hour that they are not at school. (Source: Nielsen CVM, Q3 2009)

As texting becomes an accepted way of communication, it can also come with risks. In addition of the social risks of texting like cyber-bullying, sexting and fraud; there can also be health risks like:

Disrupted sleep-Many adolescents send and receive text messages after turning out their lights and going to bed, which can interfere with a good night's sleep. Even moderate nighttime texting can greatly increase the risk of long-term fatigue. Consider keeping your teen's cell phone out of his or her room at night.

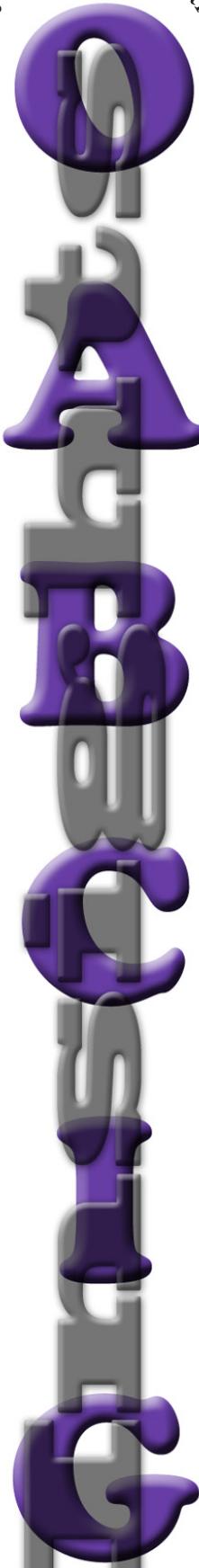
Text Neck- Text Neck is defined as an overuse syndrome involving the head, neck and shoulders, usually resulting from excessive strain on the spine from looking in a forward and downward position at any hand held mobile device, i.e., mobile phone, video game unit, computer, mp3 player, e-reader. This can cause headaches, neck pain, shoulder pain and arm pain. Encourage your teen to hold the mobile device at eye level, and seek advice from a health care provider if any of the symptoms persist.

<http://www.mayoclinic.com/health/teen-texting/MY00936>

<http://text-neck.com>



... 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.



# Let's Talk About the Future



Earlier this school year, a group of people made up of teachers, administrators, board members, and community members formed to participate in a book study. The book we chose centered around learning to talk more with our communities about what we all want the future of education at OABCIG to look like. After some great reading and conversation, we now reach out to you, our communities, to help us with our learning. If you have any group, large or small, that you feel would be willing to visit, please contact us at [dtrimble@oabcig.org](mailto:dtrimble@oabcig.org).

## Citizens' Advisory Committee Minutes

The Odebolt-Arthur & Battle Creek-Ida Grove CACs met jointly on January 17, 2012. Seventy-three of the 101 members were in attendance. Superintendent Trimble called the meeting to order and reviewed the role of the CAC. After members introduced themselves, Trimble reviewed enrollment trendline and briefly explained certified enrollment and the impact that declining enrollment has on school budgets. The CAC reviewed a handout illustrating the 12-year declining enrollment trends of BCIG (24% decrease) and OA (26% decrease). Trimble reviewed the Annual Progress Report by summarizing the 2010-11 goals in reading, math, and science, followed by a review of goals for the coming year. Two volunteers came forward to serve as CAC Presidents for the coming year – Alex Murphy for OA and Scott Cranston for BCIG. Trimble will work with both to increase their involvement in future meetings.

CAC Members worked in table groups to review the 2011-12 Board Goals and make suggestions to enhance the Action Steps taken to attain these goals. Table notes will be compiled and shared with members at future meetings. Board Goals are as follows:

### District Partnerships

1. Promote the educational value of whole grade sharing to our communities to create a community vision for a future as a reorganized district.
2. Update Long-Range Goals to include the years of 2014-15 and 2015-16, including investigation of using an outside facilitator.

### Student Learning

3. Investigate emerging technologies and instructional strategies, including 1-to-1 computing, for the purpose of improving student achievement and student engagement through student collaboration, problem-solving, and critical thinking.
4. Be aware and supportive of opportunities to enhance academic offerings and future cooperative programs while continuously exploring efficiencies within the Whole Grade Sharing plan.

5. Offer a drug free, safe, and disciplined environment conducive to learning.
6. Encourage and promote a well-rounded offering of extracurricular programs with high participation rates and high expectations for all those involved.

### District Finances

7. Maintain competitive salaries, insurance, and benefits to retain and hire highly qualified teachers, staff, and administrators by being fiscally responsible and continuously seeking additional revenue sources, which shall include gaining public support for renewal of the Secure and Advanced Vision for Education (SAVE) Fund Revenue Purpose Statement.

### District Facilities

8. Continue to improve facilities in support of a technology-rich, engaging, effective, and positive teaching and learning environment by maintaining a long-range, five-year, facilities plan that places highest priority on safety. Priority projects for 2011-12, while not all-inclusive, shall include:

- OA geothermal project, Stage IIIA
- OA locker refurbishing, Stage 2
- OA classroom renovations
- High School Art room renovations
- Replacement of BCIG lawn mower
- Continuation of HS ceiling & lighting project
- High School restroom renovations, Stage 1
- BCIG Elementary addition with internal ramps and reconfiguration of parking and traffic flow
- BCIG Elementary internal sprinkling system

### Transportation

9. Jointly study safe district transportation to include recent changes, current routes and shuttles, and structure for the future.

CAC members concluded the meeting by viewing the Iowa Did You Know video that is available at <http://www.iowafuture.org/2011/08/04/iowa-did-you-know/> and addressed questions from members.



Seventy-eight OA-BCIG students in grades 5-12 received certificates recognizing their participation in the Student Spaceflight Experiments Program (SSEP) in ceremonies conducted at the middle school in Odebolt and the high school in Ida Grove this past Wednesday. Forty-three fifth grade students, 23 middle school students, and 12 high school students created proposals for experiments to fly aboard the International Space Station.

Three of the proposals were selected by a panel of regional judges as finalists. These projects included Killifish in Space, lead by Principal Investigator Jessica Gunderson; The Process of crystallization of the protein Lysozyme in space, lead by Principal Investigator Brittanie Rigby; and Glowing Bacteria in Space, lead by Co-Principal Investigators Austin Sadler and Justin Sadler. The finalist proposals have been submitted and are being judged by a panel of scientists from the National Center for Earth and Space Science Education. One of the proposals will be selected to fly aboard the International Space Station.

The proposal that is selected will be prepared by the students and sent to Houston. From Houston it will be shipped to Kazakhstan where it will be launched aboard Soyuz 30 on March 30, 2012. It will be transferred to the International Space Station and will return to Earth's surface on May 16 aboard Soyuz 29. The experiment will be shipped back to Houston and on to Ida Grove where the students will study their results. Students representing the experiment will have the chance to explain their results at a conference to be conducted at the Air & Space Museum in Washington,

D.C., in July. Students from Ridge View High School will also be attending the conference to publish the results of their experiment that flew aboard STS-135, the last space shuttle mission this past summer.

"The idea behind this project is to involve students in real science," said Project Co-Director Jim Christensen. "SSEP is an exciting way for students to see that they can be a part of a something that goes far beyond what we usually think of as science education. We hope that the experience is inspiring for our kids and that they follow their interests into science, technology, engineering, or mathematics-related fields."

Teachers from OA-BCIG who are leading the science portion of the project are Mrs. Staci Rohlk at the intermediate school in Battle Creek, Mr. Bob Saunders at the middle school in Odebolt, and Mrs. Carol Sadler at the high school in Ida Grove. Jim Christensen of Northwest Area Education Agency and Rita Frahm from the Ida County Economic Development are serving as co-directors of the program.

Two mission patches, one from grades 9-12 and the other from grades 2-8, are yet to be selected from student submissions. The two patches will represent the experiment. The original patches will fly with the experiment when it is launched.

Sponsors of this program opportunity for the district to date are: Farmers Cooperative, Midwest Industries, ISU Extension Ida County, First State Bank, Iowa Savings Bank, Iowa Space Grant Consortium, Ida County Economic Development, and United Bank of Iowa. Contributions are still needed to complete this project.

The Student Space Flight Experiments Program (<http://ssep.ncesse.org>) is undertaken by the National Center for Earth and Space Science Education in partnership with Nanoracks, LLC. This on-orbit educational research opportunity is enabled through NanoRacks, LLC, which is working in partnership with NASA under a Space Act Agreement as part of the utilization of the International Space Station as a National Laboratory.

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### Last Chance to Order Yearbooks!

Last chance to get your 2011-2012 OABCIG yearbook ordered! They are on sale until April 15, 2012. Yearbooks feature school photos of all students in the district from preschool-seniors, faculty, extra-curricular groups/teams, and special events/activities throughout the school year.

Cost is \$50. Order online now by going to [www.jostensyearbooks.com](http://www.jostensyearbooks.com) or click the link on the school website [www.oabcig.org](http://www.oabcig.org) to pay by credit card. To pay by cash/check, send money to the high school. Questions? Contact Heidi Beck at 364-3371 or [hbeck@oabcig.org](mailto:hbeck@oabcig.org).

**For Up-To-Date Info, Please Visit: <http://oabcig.org>**

### Speech Contest Season Underway

Four Large Group Speech entries advanced from District Contest and will be at State Contest on February 4th at Spencer High School. Those Groups advancing are Television News Broadcasting, One Act Play, Readers Theatre, and Group Improvisation. Large Group All-State Festival is February 18 at Ames.

Individual Events District Speech Contest will be February 25th and students are beginning to find their categories and selections for that.

# BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS FOR FEBRUARY 2012

## Monday

## Tuesday

## Wednesday

## Thursday

## Friday



1  
BCIG B: Cheese omelet & toast  
BCIG L: Chef salad OR ravioli, peas, & mixed fruit  
OA B: Cinnamon roll & sunflower seeds  
OA L: Wiener winks, Munch'em snacks, corn, & tropical fruit

2  
BCIG B: Cereal & ring donut  
BCIG L: Sausage pizza AND assorted salads  
OA B: Pancakes & yogurt  
OA L: Egg omelette, hashbrowns, banana & orange juice

3  
BCIG B: Egg patty, bacon & bagel  
BCIG L: Hot dog, potato starz, carrots & pineapple  
OA B: Pancakes & yogurt  
OA L: Grilled chicken sandwich, broccoli, baby carrots, mixed fruit & cottage cheese

6  
BCIG B: Breakfast taco  
BCIG L: BBQ chicken breast/bun, lettuce salad, corn & pears  
OA B: Donut & mozzarella cheese stick  
OA L: Escalloped potatoes/ham, corn, peaches, & SMB/peanut butter

7  
BCIG B: Cereal & toast  
BCIG L: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans & apricots  
OA B: French toast & sunflower seeds  
OA L: Taco/softshell, lettuce, pepper strips, jello, rice & apricots

8  
BCIG B: Cheese omelet & toast  
BCIG L: Chef salad OR Chicken Tetrizzini, peas & applesauce  
OA B: Cinnamon roll & hard boiled egg  
OA L: Big Daddy pizza, cucumbers, green beans, orange slice & rice krispy bar

9  
BCIG B: Cereal & coffee cake  
BCIG L: Pepperoni pizza AND assorted salads  
OA B: Strawberry/cream cheese strudel & cheese stick  
OA L: Hot dog/bun, baked beans, fresh veggies, pudding cup & fruit crisp

10  
BCIG B: Egg patty, ham & toast  
BCIG L: French toast sticks, hash brown, sausage & peaches  
OA B: Egg & toast  
OA L: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, corn & pears

13  
BCIG B: Waffle & sausage  
BCIG L: Burrito w/ fixings, Spanish rice & Mandarin oranges  
OA B: Long John & sunflower seeds  
OA L: Ham sandwich, kids' snack mix, broccoli, baby carrots & mixed fruit

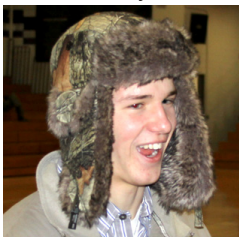
14  
BCIG B: Cereal & toast  
BCIG L: Chicken patty/bun, broccoli-cauliflower w/ cheese sauce & mixed fruit  
OA B: Pancake sausage stick  
OA L: Chicken pattie/bun, cooked carrots, radishes, strawberries/ice cream

15  
BCIG B: Cheese omelet & toast  
BCIG L: Chef salad AND turkey & cheese sandwich & applesauce cup  
OA B: Cinnamon roll & mozzarella cheese stick  
OA L: Maidrite/bun, corn, baby carrots & grapes

16  
BCIG B: Cereal & cinnamon bun  
BCIG L: Sausage pizza AND assorted salads  
OA B: Breakfast cookie & yogurt  
OA L: Corndog, green beans, cucumbers, peaches & birthday cake

17  
BCIG B: Egg patty, sausage & English muffin  
BCIG L: Hamburger/bun, potato wedges, peas & pears  
OA B: Taco to go  
OA L: Hamburger/bun, tomatoes/onions, cooked carrots, & apple cake

20  
No School  
President's Day



21  
BCIG B: Cereal bar & yogurt  
BCIG L: BBQ shredded pork/bun, baked beans, potato salad & pineapple  
OA B: Waffles & mozzarella cheese stick  
OA L: Beef & cheese burrito, Spanish rice, baby carrots & pears

22  
BCIG B: Cheese omelet  
BCIG L: Chef salad OR tuna alfredo, corn, & apricots  
OA B: Cinnamon roll & hard boiled egg  
OA L: Grilled cheese, tomato soup/crackers, broccoli, cucumbers & banana

23  
BCIG B: Cereal blueberry muffin  
BCIG L: Cheese sticks AND assorted salads  
OA B: Pop tart & yogurt  
OA L: Orange chicken, rice, peas & pineapple

24  
BCIG B: Breakfast wrap  
BCIG L: Vegetable soup, grilled cheese, celery/carrot sticks & peach cups  
OA B: Egg omelette & toast  
OA L: Mac & cheese, green beans, baby carrots & rosy applesauce

27  
BCIG B: Breakfast pizza  
BCIG L: Pork patty/bun, smiley fries, spinach salad, mixed fruit & blondie brownie  
OA B: Cinnamon bun & sunflower seeds  
OA L: Chicken nuggets, corn, pepper strips, cherries & SMB

28  
BCIG B: Cereal & toast  
BCIG L: Mandarin orange chicken, rice, carrots & pears  
OA B: Breakfast pizza  
OA L: Breaded pork pattie, diced potatoes, pears & tropical fruit

29  
BCIG B: Egg patty, bacon, & toast  
BCIG L: Chef salad OR lasagna, peas, & applesauce  
OA B: Cinnamon roll & mozzarella cheese stick  
OA L: Deli turkey sandwich w/ fixings, potato salad, grapes & ice cream bar

**A big thank you to everyone who helped make the 42nd Annual Herb Irgens Classic Wrestling Tournament a success!**

# ACTIVITY CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•4:00 MS W @ Odebolt</li> <li>• 6:00 WVC BB Tourney GIRLS Varsity (if not playing in Finals)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•4:00 MS W @ Le-Mars</li> <li>•6:00 WVC BB Tourney BOYS JV/V (if not in Finals)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•8:00 Youth Intra-mural BB Tourney</li> <li>•9:00 FFA Proficiency Judging/ State Degree Review</li> <li>•12:00 W Sectional Tournament @ Ida Grove</li> <li>•1:00 Bowling @ Denison</li> <li>•6:00 WVC BB Tourney FINALS @ Onawa</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•6:00 Athletic Booster Meeting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•5:00 FASFA Fill Out Night</li> <li>• 6:15 BB Boys JV/V @ Spencer</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•4:00 MS W @ Aurelia</li> <li>•4:00 Bowling vs Tri-Center</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•W District Tournament @ Cherokee 12:00</li> <li>•Girls BB Regional vs Ridge View 7:00</li> <li>•ACT testing 8:00 AM</li> <li>•6th-8th Girls BB Booster Club Tourney @ Odebolt</li> </ul>
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
						
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•State Wrestling Tournament</li> <li>•11:00 Bowling Regionals @ LeMars</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•State Wrestling</li> <li>•BB Girls Regional @ Denison 7:00</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•State Wrestling Tournament</li> <li>•All-State Speech</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•School Board Meeting</li> <li>•BB Boys District</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•BB Girls Regional @ Ida Grove 7:00</li> <li>• 4:00 MS W @ Odebolt</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•1:00 Dismissal</li> <li>•State Dual Wrestling</li> </ul>
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•State Bowling</li> <li>• 4:00 MS W @ Rockwell City (SSC Tourney)</li> <li>•4:00 FFA Sub District Contest @ Lake City (SSC)</li> <li>•7:00 HS Pops Concert</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•BVU Honor Band</li> <li>•BB Boys Sub-State</li> <li>•District Individual Speech</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•No School President's Day</li> <li>•BB Girls Regional Final @ Mapleton 7:00</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•BB Boys District</li> <li>•4:00 MS W @ Odebolt</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•BB Boys District</li> <li>•4:00 MS W @ Odebolt</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Girls State Basketball Tourney</li> <li>•Hoagie Sales Begin</li> <li>•4:00 MS W @ Spencer</li> </ul>
30	31					
						

### OABCIG FFA Soup Supper

On Friday January 6th, 2012 the OABCIG FFA held our Annual FFA Soup Supper. Members served chili, chicken noodle, and cheesy potato soup along with crackers and lemonade. The supper brought in a profit of \$1,117 which is a great help to our chapter. This year we will buy new FFA Jackets for all Greenhand members with the money raised from the Soup Supper. We would like to thank Vicki Linman for helping out in the kitchen. We would also like to thank the following families for donating soup: Stickrod's, Grote's, Grell's Riessen's, Peter's, Witzke's, Maass's, Marron's and Krager's. Without your support we would not have been able to have such a successful soup supper. Thank you to the community who came out and enjoyed some soup.

Isaac Pudenz

OA-BCIG FFA Reporter

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### Senior Video

Candid group pictures from elementary, middle, and high school are needed of the Class of 2012 for the senior video. Make sure the photos are labeled with your name and which school year it is from. They need to be turned in to Mrs. Beck by April 1st. Once they have been scanned they will be returned. Photos can also be emailed to her at [hbeck@oabcig.org](mailto:hbeck@oabcig.org). The video will be shown at the Senior Awards Banquet and each member of the graduating class will also receive a copy of it.

### 11th Annual Wax Museum of American Heroes

If you could be an American hero, whom would you choose? Would you be an inventor, a president, an explorer, a scientist, an actor or actress, a sports hero? This was a question posed to our forty-four fifth graders. Their selection has been made. Now they will research their American hero, take notes, write a report, gather props and a costume, and compose a personal narrative. Then these "waxed" heroes will come to life at the BC-IG Intermediate School on Friday, February 17, 2012 from 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. We invite you to come, enjoy and learn about American heroes through our fifth grade students. A dress rehearsal will be on Thursday, February 16, 2012 from 2:30 – 3:00 p.m. as well.



### OA-BCIG Middle School Artists

Artworks have been submitted to be judged for the 2012 issue of "Harvest" published by Northwest AEA.

Entries are by: Trayton Oberreuter 6th Scratchboard of Zebra Eye, Jordyn Fredricks 6th Copper Enameling of Wild Flowers, McKinna Faulkenberry 6th Metal Tooling Landscape, and Emily Hedberg 8th Self-Portrait in Complementary Colors. Results will be known later in May.

### Ida County Cattlemen's Donate to OA-BCIG FFA

Brian Christiansen from the Ida County Cattlemen's association donated \$250 to OA-BCIG FFA President Michael Grote. The money will be used to buy new FFA Jackets for Greenhand members.

Isaac Pudenz

OA-BCIG FFA Reporter

### Thank You from the High School Library!

The high school library would like to give a sincere thank you for the support shown for the library collection. Many new titles will be coming to our library shelves.

Our Barnes and Noble book fair was held on January 7. Estimates from in-store sales show a book profit of almost \$1000. Final figures should be arriving in the near future. We could not have done this without your support.

Also a very special thank you goes out to Mrs. Vicki Beckman and the High School student council for their generous donations of \$1000 and \$500 respectfully. Students and the English department are recommending titles and authors. The first order has been placed and new books should be ready to check out soon.