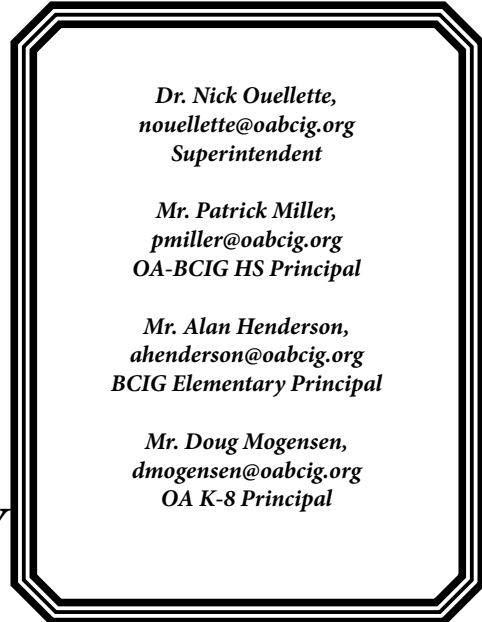




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OA-BCIG INSIGHT

THE NEWSLETTER OF
THE ODEBOLT-ARTHUR
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*We will do everything possible to ensure everyone in the
BCIG Community becomes the best that he or she can be!*

*As an agent of the community and society, the OA School's purpose is to provide
an environment where all persons shall develop life skills by learning to learn.*

2014 IOWA ASSESSMENTS TESTING SCHEDULES

BY ALICIA NELSON, CURRICULUM DIRECTOR
HIGH SCHOOL:

- Monday, February 3
- o 8:25-8:35 Take Attendance, Distribute Materials
- o 8:35 – 9:20 Reading (40 minutes)
- o Short break in room
- o 9:25 – 9:45 Vocabulary (15 minutes)
- Tuesday, February 4
- o 8:25 – 8:30 Take Attendance, Distribute Materials
- o 8:30 – 9:15 Written Expression (40 minutes)
- Wednesday, February 5
- o 8:25 – 8:30 Take attendance, Distribute Materials
- o 8:30 – 9:15 Science (40 minutes)
- Thursday, February 6
- o 8:25 – 8:30 Take attendance, Distribute Materials
- o 8:30 – 9:15 Mathematics (40 minutes)
- o Directions and Test (page 26)
- Friday, February 7
- o 8:25 – 8:30 Take attendance, Distribute Materials
- o 8:30 – 9:15 Social Studies (40 minutes)
- o Directions and Test
- o Short Break in Room
- o 9:20 - 9:35 Computation (20 minutes)
- o Directions and Test (page 39)

MIDDLE SCHOOL:

- Monday, February 3
- o Reading Part I, 30 minutes, during reading class
- Tuesday, February 4
- o Reading Part II, 30 minutes, during reading class
- Wednesday, February 5
- o Math Part I, 30 minutes, during math class periods
- Thursday, February 6
- o Math Part II, 30 minutes, during math class periods
- Friday, February 7
- o Computation, 20 minutes, during math class periods
- Monday, February 10
- o Science, 35 minutes, during science class periods
- Tuesday, February 11
- o Social Studies, 35 minutes, during social studies class
- Wednesday, February 12
- o Early out, no Iowa Assessment Testing
- Thursday, February 13
- o Vocabulary & Spelling, 25 minutes, during L.A. class
- Friday, February 14
- o Cap & Punctuation, 20 minutes, during L.A. class
- Monday, February 17
- o Written expression, 40 minutes, plus 10 minutes for directions and collection, for a total of 50 minutes. This test will be given in first period and we will follow the one-hour late start schedule for this day.

GO FALCONS

*Make-ups for Reading will be Thursday, 2-6 during study back
*Make-ups for Math will be Monday, 2-10 during study back
*Make-ups for remainder of testing will be during study backs

Breakfast & Lunch Menus for February 2014

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

*In accordance with Federal Law and USDA policy, this institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.
Skim & 1% Milk, Fruit and Juice served daily
All breads are whole grain
Available only at the high school



<p>3 BCIG B: WG Biscuit w/ Country Gravy BCIG L: BBQ Pork Rib w/ Bun, Steamed Broccoli w/ cheese sauce, baby carrots, *radishes, pears, fresh apple OA B: Poptarts, Yogurt OA L: Maidrites/ Bun, Corn, Radishes, Ranch, Romaine Lettuce, Pineapple, Choco. Pudding</p>	<p>4 BCIG B: Cereal, & WG Toast BCIG L: Taco-in-a-Bag, Lettuce, Tomato, Chesse, Salsa, Black Bean Salad, 1/2 PB Sandwich, Applesauce, Fresh Orange OA B: Muffin, Cheese Stix OA L: Pizza Pockets, Romaine Lettuce, Ranch, Broccoli Salad, Carrots, Cinn. Applesauce</p>	<p>5 BCIG B: Cheese Omelet BCIG L: Lasagna, Fr. Veggie Bar, Butter Sandwich, Peaches, Fr. Apple OA B: Cinnamon Roll OA L: French Toast Stix, Syrup, Baby Carrots, Clementines, Yogurt, Juice</p>	<p>6 BCIG B: Long John BCIG L: Teriyaki Chicken, Seasoned Rice, Spinach Salad, Corn, *Un crustable, Apricots, Fr. Banana OA B: Maple Waffles OA L: Pork Pattie, Mashed Potatoes, Gr. Beans, Broccoli, Mixed Fruit, SMB</p>	<p>7 BCIG B: B'fast Taco BCIG L: Corn Dog, Potato Wedges, Green Beans, Pineapple, Fr. Orange OA B: Eggs, Toast OA L: Turkey Burgers/ Bun, Oven Fries, Tomato, Onion, Bean Salad, Pickle, Cucumbers, Peaches</p>
<p>10 BCIG B: WG Waffle BCIG L: BBQ Chicken Breast w/ Bun, Broccoli, Salad, Carrots, Mandarin Oranges, Fr. Apple OA B: B'fast Saus. Bagel OA L: Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Carrots, Celery, Clementines, Cottage Cheese</p>	<p>11 BCIG B: Cereal, Pop Tart BCIG L: Beef Tips, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Butter Sandwich, Mixed Fruit, Fr. Orange OA B: Cereal Bar, Yogurt OA L: Corn Dog, Broccoli, Peas, Orange Rice Krispie Bar</p>	<p>12 BCIG B: B'fast Wrap BCIG L: Turkey & Cheese Sandwich, Fresh Veggie Bar, Plums, Fr. Apple OA B: Long John OA L: Chicken Pattie/ Bun, Gr. Beans, Ranch, Romaine Lettuce, Cucumbers, Applesauce</p>	<p>13 BCIG B: Blueberry Muffin, Yogurt BCIG L: Sausage Pizza, Broccoli Slaw, Corn, Oreo Pudding, Applesauce Cup, Fr. Banana OA B: B'fast Pizza OA L: Super Nachos, Baked Chips, Refried Beans, Br. Rice, Peach</p>	<p>14 BCIG B: Egg Patty, Sausage, WG Toast BCIG L: Hamburger, WG Bun, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Pickled Beets, Pears, Fr. Apple OA B: B'fast Wrap OA L: Pepperoni Pizza, Romaine Lettuce, Ranch, Gr. Pepper Strips, Apple Crisp</p>
<p>17 BCIG B: B'fast Pizza BCIG L: French Toast Stix, Sausage, Hash Browns, Broc. Salad, Strawberry Cup, Orange OA B: Cereal, Toast OA L: Hamburger/ Bun Tator Tots, Pickles, Onion, Tomatoes, Blueberries, Tropical Fruit</p>	<p>18 BCIG B: Cereal, Toast BCIG L: Chicken Patty/ Bun, Peas, Spinach Salad, w/ Tomatoes, Peaches, Fresh Apple OA B: Blueberry Muffin, Hard Boiled Egg OA L: BBQ Pork Sandwich/ Bun, Corn, Romaine Lettuce, Ranch, Red Pepper Strips, Apple Pineapple</p>	<p>19 BCIG B: Cheese Omelet BCIG L: Popcorn Chicken, Fr. Veggie Bar, Pineapple Fr. Orange OA B: Cinnamon Roll OA L: Orange Chicken, Brown Rice, Romaine Lettuce, Ranch, Broccoli, Banana, SMB</p>	<p>20 BCIG B: Cinnamon Coffee Cake *Cereal BCIG L: Chili, Cinnamon Roll, Celery, Carrot & Cucumber Stix, Applesauce, Banana OA B: Pancakes OA L: Cheese Filled Breadstix, Marinara Baby Carrots, Romaine Lettuce, Ranch, Mixed Fruit</p>	<p>21 BCIG B: Ham, Egg, Cheese Bar, Toast BCIG L: Hot Dog w/ Bun, Sweet Potato Fries, Gr. Beans, Rice Krispie Bar, Apricots, Fresh Apple OA B: Omelet, Toast OA L: Hot Dog/ Bun, Baked Beans, Red Pepper Strips, Pears</p>
<p>24 BCIG B: B'fast Wrap BCIG L: Turkey Burger, WG Bun, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Mixed Fruit, Fresh Orange OA B: French Toast Stix OA L: Chicken Nuggets, Cooked Carrots, Red Pepper Strips, SMB, Peaches, Pudding</p>	<p>25 BCIG B: Cereal Bar, Yogurt BCIG L: Orange Chicken, Brown Rice, Carrots, Broccoli Salad, Animal Crackers, Pears, Fr. Apple OA B: Pop Tarts, Yogurt OA L: Beef Stew, Roma. Lettuce, Ranch, Red Pepper Strips, SMB, Pears</p>	<p>26 BCIG B: Scrambled Eggs, Toast BCIG L: Pork Patty/ Bun, Fresh Veggie Bar, Blueberry Applesauce, Fr. Orange OA B: Long John OA L: Honey Mustard Wrap, Baked Sun Chips, Broccoli, Banana</p>	<p>27 BCIG B: Cinnamon Tasterie, *Cereal BCIG L: Cheese Stix w/ Marinara, Marinated Veggie Salad, Peas, Mandarin Oranges, Fresh Grapes OA B: B'fast Pizza OA L: Egg, Sausage, Cheese/ Bun, Clementines, Apple Slices, OJ</p>	<p>28 BCIG B: Egg Patty, Bacon, Toast BCIG L: Scalloped Potatoes & Ham, Corn, Butter Sandwich, Peaches, Fresh Apple OA B: B'fast Wrap OA L: Mac & Cheese, Romaine Lettuce, Ranch, Gr. Beans, Apricots, Tropical Fruit</p>

OPEN ENROLLMENT

Iowa Open Enrollment law allows parents/guardians to enroll their child in a district other than their district of residence without paying tuition by completing a timely filed open enrollment application.

Open Enrollment applications are available from any Iowa School District, Area Education Agency or the State Department of Education. An application must be completed for each child and filed with the receiving school district.

Open Enrollment applications must be filed with the receiving district by March 1 of the school year preceding the school year for which open enrollment is requested. For example, an application must be filed by March 1, 2014, in order to be approved for the 2014/2015 school year. For Kindergarten students the deadline is September 1.

Exceptions to these deadlines are as follows:

- Students currently living in and attending an Iowa district, and whose family moves to another Iowa district, but the student wants to remain in the original district.
- Students who move into the district from out of state or for another reason considered to be good cause as listed in the open enrollment law, may have the deadline waived.

Once an application is approved, your child may continue in the receiving district until they graduate or you move from your resident district. You do not need to reapply each year.

High school students who transfer school districts through open enrollment have a 90 school day waiting period to participate in varsity athletic competition, although they may practice with the team during this time. However, the student may participate immediately in a varsity interscholastic sport if the student is entering grade nine for the first time and did not participate in an interscholastic competition for another school or school district during the summer immediately following 8th

If a parent/guardian meets income eligibility guidelines for transportation assistance, application for that assistance should be filed with the resident district. Transportation assistance is available only between contiguous districts. Income eligibility guidelines are available with the open enrollment application packet.

Can an Open Enrollment Application be denied? A request can be denied if the filing deadlines are not met, if the resident district has a diversity plan that would be adversely affected, if there is not classroom space available for the student or if the student is under suspension or expulsion from his/her current school district. Out of state residents are not eligible for open enrollment and would need to pay tuition to attend.

*Falcon Pride-
Get It!*



HIGH SCHOOL HAPPENINGS
PATRICK MILLER,
PRINCIPAL

By now your children should have completed registration for the 2014-15 school year. I encourage you to take some time to look at your child's proposed schedule. Please make sure they are taking appropriate and challenging courses. While a high GPA is important, it is also important to take a schedule that will enable students to be successful upon graduation from high school.

Iowa Assessments will be occurring soon, please encourage your child to do their best. These tests are one way we measure ourselves as a district, and one measure of how your child compares to a large portion of the country. Over the past years a vast majority of our students have given a strong effort and we hope to see that trend continue.

Thank you to all who supported our winter activities. It was great to see crowds at music, and athletic events. The tournament series is rapidly approaching and we wish all our teams best of luck, and encourage you to cheer them on in a positive manner.

A focus of the high school this semester will be continuing to improve our parent/school communication. We encourage you to contact the school as well to find ways we can work together to provide positive supports for your children.

The first session of Drivers Education has been set. The total amount due for this session needs to be received by February 7, 2014.

The classroom schedule will be as follows:

FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL
28th 6:00-9:00pm	1st 8:00-11:00am	4th 6:00-9:00pm
	7th 6:00-9:00pm	
	8th 8:00-11:00am	
	15th 8:00-11:00am	
	21st 6:00-9:00pm	
	22nd 8:00-11:00am	
	28th 6:00-9:00pm	
	29th 8:00-11:00am	

At this time the 2nd session has not been determined. If you have not enrolled yet, please stop by either the high school office or middle school office to complete the form.



ROBOTICS BY SUSAN MAASS, INSTRUCTOR

The Robotics teams competed January 11th at Sergeant Bluff-Luton. The day began with check in at 7:30AM and ended with an award ceremony at 7:00PM. At the start of the day, the teams met with the judges to talk about their robots and their learning experiences along the way. Next, they had hardware and software inspections. The opening ceremonies began at 11:15 and was followed by 36 qualifying rounds in which each team competed 6 times with 6 different alliances against an opposing team.

Team 7620 (Panda Express) ended in 7th and Team 7109 (Nerd Herd) ended with an eleventh place finish out of 24 teams. Team 7109 was picked to be part of an alliance in the semifinals. Their alliance won one of the three semi-final rounds so they did not advance to the finals.

This is the first year for both these teams in FIRST Tech Challenge and they will compete again on February 1st in Lincoln, Nebraska.

YEARBOOK THANK YOU BY HEIDI BECK, ADVISOR

The OABCIG yearbook staff would like to thank State Farm Insurance for helping support/advertise in our 2013-2014 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 her (hbeck@oabcig.org). Thank you once again to all of our sponsors!

YEARBOOK SALES

Have you ordered your 2013-2014 OABCIG yearbook? Yearbooks feature school portraits of all students in the district from preschool-seniors, faculty, extracurricular groups/teams, and high school events/activities throughout the school year. Books can be ordered through April 15th the cost is \$50.

Order online and pay using a credit card by going to www.jostensyearbooks.com or click the link on the school website www.oabcig.org. To purchase using cash or check, send payment to the high school attention Heidi Beck. Questions . . . call 364-3371 or email hbeck@oabcig.org

IMPORTANT DATES FOR SENIORS

SENIORS did you get your vertical senior photo and baby photo turned into the yearbook by February 1. If not, they are now late and need to be turned in ASAP as we have deadlines we must meet.

The yearbook needs one VERTICAL senior photo and a baby photo of each senior.

The baby photo will be returned as soon as it is scanned and the senior photo will be kept and used for the senior collage that will hang in the cafeteria. Please turn them in to Mrs. Beck as soon as possible if you have not done so already.



SLEDS BY ROGER CHRISTENSEN, INSTRUCTOR

The Scientific Principles and Applications (SPA) classes have designed and constructed snow sleds made primarily from cardboard. The sleds traversed the hill at Moorehead Park for twenty meters during testing. Students could work individually or in small groups.

The sled was required to carry as many people as the number of people who worked on making the sled. There were also material and budget limits. The budget was one SPA dollar per person, and with this they had to shop for large yard waste garbage bags, glue, tape and twine.

Our purpose for this lab was varied. Design teams had to deal with inertia and friction's effects on motion. Speed was calculated based on the testing of designs as well as acceleration, momentum and force in relationship to the sled runs.

Students also continued to learn about design, construction of prototypes, material restrictions and the scientific method.

The lab format was one the students have used several times before and one that develops problem-solving skills in a six-step process.

STEP ONE: DEFINING THE PROCESS

Students write the task in their own words to better understand what is involved in the lab.

STEP TWO: BRAINSTORMING PRELIMINARY IDEAS

Students generate at least five possibilities.

STEP THREE: REFINEMENTS

This step involves choosing two of the brainstorming ideas and figuring out the materials and tools necessary for construction.

STEP FOUR: ANALYSIS

This step is the planning stage for two designs and includes estimating the size of the prototypes and identifying the steps necessary for the construction of each.

STEP FIVE: DECISION AND CONSTRUCTION

One design was decided upon and constructed. Students kept a step by step list detailing assembly, identified what changes were necessary from the planning stage, made accurate measurements of the prototype and sketched it from a top and side view.

STEP SIX: IMPLEMENTATION

Students will have their sled timed on three trials. Besides completing the math calculations students had to also answer a series of evaluative questions regarding their design and their design process.



*HAPPY
VALENTINE'S
DAY!*



FFA UPDATE BY RACHEL STOBERL, ADVISOR

Thank you to all of you that attended our annual soup supper on Friday, December 20th. We had a fabulous turn out! Every penny raised goes towards our scholarship fund. We would also like to thank the senior parents that provided soup, underclassmen parents for providing bars, Hultgrens for the plates, UBI for napkins, and Farm Bureau for cups. It means so much to have everyone's support.

The FFA has so many events and activities this semester. We hope you have liked our Facebook and Twitter accounts to follow along.

February 16th-21st is National FFA week, what a time to celebrate! In March, we are holding our annual banquet to recognize the FFA member's hard work and dedication, as well as installation of our new officer team. In April we are holding our annual, "Drive Your Tractor to School Day"; be sure to check out those pictures!

MIESNER'S MEMO BY JEFF MIESNER, INSTRUCTOR

We are off to a great new year. The next several weeks the high school PE students will be participating in bowling, skating, pickleball, and badminton. All the students have been participating in our "cardio" Fridays. I am very proud of the effort levels given by all students! I want to mention that the entire month of February is heart awareness month. Friday, February 7th is National Wear Red Day...or...Go Red for Women Day. Heart Disease is the No. 1 Killer of women in the United States, claiming more lives than all forms of cancer combined. I encourage all members of the community, staff, and students to participate in this day by wearing RED!

ACTIVITY ACCOUNTS
LARRY ALLEN,
ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR



The "Future Stars" basketball tournament will be celebrating its Silver Anniversary this year, as this will be the 25th year of the event. This year's tournament will be held in Odebolt on February 8th, with action starting at 8:00. The Intramural tournament will provide an opportunity for OA-BCIG hoop stars to compete in action throughout the day, with championship action at the end of the day. Players in grades 4, 5 & 6 will compete in the NCAA division, while 7-8 graders will be in the NBA Division.

All members of the winning teams will receive Championship T-Shirts to commemorate their accomplishment.

OA-BCIG Track & Golf seasons will be starting just around the corner. All interested participants are reminded that they need a physical, concussion forms & health information forms completed, prior to practicing. The first Indoor track meet of the year will be held on March 22nd at the Western Valley Conference Indoor meet, held at Buena Vista University.

OA-BCIG ATHLETICS HOAGIE SALES TO BEGIN

OA-BCIG high school and middle school students will once again be selling hoagie sandwiches February 25 through Tuesday, March 10, with assembly/pick-up/delivery date of March 25. They will be sold in multiples of 2 with a cost of \$3.00 each and a minimum order of 4 hoagies.

famous hoagie is a 6-inch sandwich on a Hy-Vee bakery fresh bun, made with 3 meats and 2 slices of cheese. Since 1987, a total of 173,100 sandwiches have been sold and assembled.

This is the major moneymaker each year for the Athletic Department. The funds are used to purchase uniforms, equipment, etc., for our athletes in middle school as well as in high school.

Please call your favorite OA-BCIG student or call the middle school at 668-2827 to order your delicious Hoagies today!



GUIDANCE NOTES
LIZ DENT,
HIGH SCHOOL
GUIDANCE COUNSELOR

SCHOLARSHIPS

As we begin our spring semester, many scholarship deadlines will be coming soon. Please have conversations with your student about applying for scholarships that are made available. In addition to the monthly scholarships sent out to students, the OABCIG Dollars for Scholars application is now available. Please visit the OABCIG High School website for the link to begin the application. When signing up for the application, it is important for students to use a permanent e-mail address (not their OABCIG school e-mail address) so that the Dollars for Scholars board can reach them after graduating).

FILL OUT THE FAFSA NIGHT

February 6th at 5:00 the Iowa College Access Network will be at OABCIG High School to host an evening dedicated to assisting students and parents in filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This would be a helpful event for anyone who feels a bit unsure of how to fill out the FAFSA.

ACT TESTING

The ACT is offered throughout the 2013-2014 school year.

Test Dates
 April 12, 2014
 June 14, 2014



Registration Deadline
 March 7, 2014
 May 9, 2014

ACT Code: 162-129

ACADEMIC PROGRAMMING

As we begin planning for the 2014-2015 school year, scheduling is one of our first tasks. In January, students began making their class selections. More elective options have been added for next year, including various technology courses for students looking to learn more about this rising field.

Online classes through Western Iowa Technical Community College will also be available for students. The deadline for registering for those online courses is April 15th, so beginning this process early will give students a chance to look at all of their options.

Please be in conversation with your student(s) regarding making wise decisions about courses for next school year. Please e-mail me at ldent@oabcig.org with questions regarding registration.

SENIOR CLASS ITEMS

The class of 2014 voted on a class song, flower and motto to represent their class. The following were the winning items:

Song: *We Run This Town* by Luke Bryan

Flower: Purple Amaryllis

Motto: "A journey of 1000 miles begins with a single step. Ours begins today."

IOWA ASSESSMENTS

As students take the Iowa Assessments the first week of this month, please remember there are a few key ways your student(s) can be as prepared as possible:

- +Get at least 8 hours of sleep each night
- +Eat a healthy breakfast
- +Don't rush through the test
- +Use all of the given time reviewing and double-checking answers
- +Take deep, calming breaths if nervous

We want to help your student(s) be as successful as possible! Please contact me with questions about the tests at ldent@oabcig.org.



**OA ELEMENTARY AND
OA-BCIG MIDDLE MUSES
DOUG MOGENSEN,
PRINCIPAL**

The weather has not cooperated with the initial plan to get the first part of the new playground installed; it became too cold too quickly. The installers of the playground will wait for warmer weather to proceed with the playground installation.

The students and staff have not been majorly bothered by the demolition/media center project in the building. The old offices and boardroom will now become the media center for the elementary. The project is projected to be finished by the end of March. Mrs. Brady has had to put up with the noise of the jackhammer the last few days but understands that soon, that part of the project will end. Our staff were flexible with the clutter in the hallway over the Christmas break and found their way to the copier. Roger did a great job getting the school ready for the return of students and staff. Staff who were moved out of the construction areas have found new homes.

The middle school students recently completed their interdisciplinary units, themed units of study over different curricular areas. The 6th grade learned more about the Middle Ages through various activities, the 7th grade learned survival skills, and the 8th grade participated in building Rube Goldberg machines which were judged by local engineers. This was a great start for the 3rd quarter of school.

The elementary and middle school teachers and students are beginning to get ready for Iowa Assessments. Teachers will be sharing with students test taking tips and ideas of how to do their best on the tests. Plans are now in place for the Iowa Assessments which will be spread over 2 weeks in February for grades 2-11. I ask parents to remind students to get good rest and to eat a good breakfast during the testing time and all the time. I expect students to do their best on these assessments, showing what they know and following the test taking strategies. When students give their best effort, the data collected is an accurate portrayal of what our students are learning. Incentives for the middle school grades showing growth on the assessment include earning extra free time in the gym, open concession stand, and pizza party. Growth incentives/rewards for the elementary grades also includes added free-time.

Kindergarten round-up will take place on February 18. We plan to run two sessions of "K for the Day," keeping the same preschool schedule for the students. Preschool student transportation will not have to change. No kindergarten students will come to school on February 18.

**DON'T MISS OUT!
OA-BCIG
MUSIC
BOOSTER'S
LAS VEGAS
NIGHT
MARCH 6TH**



GUIDANCE NOTES
JOLEEN BRADY
MIDDLE SCHOOL
GUIDANCE COUNSELOR



January was national mentoring month. The following students received recognition from the governor for their outstanding commitment to others by volunteering their time each month to mentor our elementary students.



Front row: Madison Lansink, Hannah Sorensen, Bailey Ullrich, Ty Warnke, Kurtis Krager. Back Row: Cali Wareham, Sydney Bauer, Abbi Ullrich, Bethany Rehse, Claire Sohm, Anna VanDusen, and Ty Tollufsen.



NURSES NOOK
ANGIE KASTNER, BSN, RN

MEDICATION SAFETY

While the school is a place of learning, there may be times when students may need to take either prescription or non-prescription medication at school. With more and more over-the-counter and prescription drug abuse, I would like to remind parents and students that we want to keep all medications safe and secure. School policy states that all medications are to be turned into the school office and can be given once the parent or guardian completes and signs the medication authorization form.

I strongly discourage sending medications with students of any age. I recommend that any and all medications go from an adult to an adult to ensure safety and security of that medication. If medication is not turned into the office appropriately, we cannot ensure that medication is not being shared, used incorrectly, or even abused.

While this may be inconvenient, it improves the safety and security of medications given at school. Now Iowa law does allow rescue medications like an epi-pen and inhalers to be carried by the student at all times. In these cases, those students need to be identified and an emergency or asthma plan should be created and put in place to best serve the needs of the student.

FALCON FIGHT SONG

*Let's stand and cheer
We'll show no fear.*

Our power and might is ever near.

Yell for the purple,

Yell for the silver,

Yell for the mighty black.

Our team is ready, ready to attack.

Cheer for the Falcons!

Cheer for the Falcon!

Falcons! Fight! Fight! Fight!

Let's stand and cheer

We'll show no fear.

Our power and might is ever near.

Our Falcon pride

We will not hide

As we bring victory to our side.

We'll do our best

To stand the test.

Until we win we'll never rest.

Come on all you Falcons,

Fight! Fight! Fight!

With all your might.

Go OA-BCIG!





LINES FROM THE LIBRARY MARY ROHLK, HEAD LIBRARIAN

Just a reminder to continue sending those box tops, labels for education (soup labels), and Our Family UPC labels to the school of your choice. This is a great way to support your school. **Milk caps was discontinued** in October so please do not send these any more. You may also send pop tabs to support the Ronald McDonald Houses. School personnel will make sure the pop tabs reach a Ronald McDonald House. A special thanks goes out to Mrs. Ruth Bennett and her helpers for cutting and processing all of these materials for BCIG.

How much do you know about the internet? The fifth grade students started a unit on the internet in January. It started with a pretest, the first question being "How much do you think you know about the Internet?" Their answer choices and the percentage of the answers were..I know it all (1%), a lot (21%), some (29%), a little bit (10%), or What is the Internet? (1%) Students will learn some basic vocabulary, how to decipher a URL, and critically evaluate some websites. We'll also practice some searching techniques.

Fourth Grade students at BCIG learned how to create a presentation in their Google Drive. They choose a theme, added slide titles, choose their font style and color, and brought it a picture and cited its source. This project served as a book report. The plan is to transfer this to a social studies project later in the semester. The OA fourth grade students completed their Cybersafety unit, Protecting Your Privacy Online.



Third Grade students at BCIG learned about locating information and taking notes during their December library classes. They then transferred that skill to their science class in January. Here the students use the chromebooks to locate information about their animal.





**ELEMENTARY EDICTS
ALAN HENDERSON
ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL**

The start of the second semester has kept us busy in January looking at data. Title and I are getting together to look at a data wall with each grade level. This helps us look at where students are at in their reading level and creates discussions as to how students are doing and what we can do as a group to make them more successful. Teachers gave their winter probes in the areas of math, reading, and writing. We do this three times a year along with the help of the AEA. This gives us a picture of where students are in these three areas to best serve them and for information for the AEA to use when looking at students.

Iowa Assessments is coming up and we are getting ready. We have some incentives out there to try and get students to do their best. Each day we will hand out tickets to students who are putting forth their best effort and will have an opportunity to come to the office and pick out a prize. We will do this each day we give tests.

When we get the test results back we will also have an incentive for those who have grown a full year from last year. We want students to give their best effort, so the scores will reflect what they really know. That helps us know better how to prepare the next year and look at what we need to change.

ELEMENTARY MUSIC BY RENEE FRITZ, INSTRUCTOR

In October music students grades 2-5 at the BCIG Elementary created a music video to the song "Zombie Style". The idea originated from the "Music K-8" website. They were sponsoring a music contest to win 250 dollars to spend at Music K-8. The video with the most votes on the internet won. We did not complete the project in time to compete. But the students really enjoyed making the video. This video can be viewed on the school website (www.oabcig.org) and click on OABCIG U tube Link.

In December music students from the BCIG Elementary grades 1-4 performed their holiday concert. They spread the Christmas cheer by singing a variety of holiday music from socks, to pinatas to traditional Christmas songs. You are able to view the whole concert by clicking on the same OABCIG U-Tube link on the school website.



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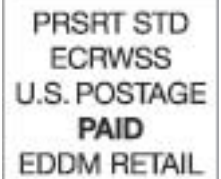


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Activity Calendar for February 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<p>1</p> <p>*9:00am JV BBB @ Alta Tourney *9:00am JV GBB @ Sioux Rapids *10:00am Bowling @ LeMars *10:00am WR @ Story City</p>
<p>2</p> 	<p>3</p> <p>*3:30pm JV/V Bowling @ LeMars</p> <p>*6:00pm GBB WVC Tourney Varsity only <i>TBD</i></p>	<p>4</p> <p>6:00pm BBB WVC Tourney Varsity only <i>TBD</i></p>	<p>5</p> <p>5:30pm Music Boosters Meeting</p>	<p>6</p> <p>*3:45pm Bowling @ Harlan *4:00pm MS Wrestling @ Denison *5:00pm FASFA Fill-Out Night @ HS Cafeteria 6:00pm GBB WVC Tourney JV/V <i>TBD</i></p>	<p>7</p> <p>4:15pm MS Wrestling @ LeMars</p> <p>6:00pm BBB WVC Tourney JV/V <i>TBD</i></p>	<p>8</p> <p>*ACT Testing *State Large Group Speech *8:00am Future Stars Intramural BB Tourney @ Odebolt *12:00pm WR Sectionals @ Sgt. Bluff *1:00pm Bowling vs Denison @ IG *6:00pm BB WVC Finals B/G @ Sloan</p>
<p>9</p> 	<p>10</p> <p><i>Iowa Assessments</i> *4:00pm Bowling vs Cherokee @ IG *4:00pm MS WR @ Rockwell City *6:00pm JVR/JV BBB @ Sac City *6:00pm JVR/JV GBB vs East Sac Co. @ IG *6:30pm School Board Meeting</p>	<p>11</p> <p><i>Iowa Assessments</i></p> 	<p>12</p> <p><i>Iowa Assessments Testing</i></p> <p>1:00 Dismissal <i>Professional Development Day</i> *NWCDA MS Clinic @ Sloan *6:00pm Athletic Booster Meeting</p>	<p>13</p> <p><i>Iowa Assessments</i> 3:30pm Bowling @ Minden</p> <p>4:45pm JV BB G/B @ Spencer</p> <p>6:15pm HS BB @ Spencer</p>	<p>14</p> <p><i>Iowa Assessments</i></p> 	<p>15</p> <p>8:00am Booster Club 6th-8th Girls BB Tourney @ Odebolt</p> <p>12:00pm WR District Tourney @ Sheldon</p> <p>BB Girls Regionals <i>TBD</i></p>
<p>16</p> <p>National FFA Week Begins</p>	<p>17</p> <p><i>Iowa Assessments</i> District Jazz Festival</p> <p>G/B Track Practices Begin</p> <p>4:00pm MS Wrestling @ Odebolt</p>	<p>18</p> <p><i>Iowa Assessments</i> *Kindergarten Round up OA & BC-IG *4:00pm MS Wrestling @ Storm Lake *Regional bowling @ Cherokee</p>	<p>19</p> <p><i>Iowa Assessments</i></p> <p>BB Girls Regionals <i>TBD</i></p>	<p>20</p> <p><i>Iowa Assessments</i></p> <p>Bowling Regional</p> <p>State Wrestling Tournament @ DesMoines</p> <p>7:00pm BB Boys Districts <i>TBD</i></p>	<p>21</p> <p><i>Iowa Assessments</i></p> <p>State Wrestling Tournament @ DesMoines</p>	<p>22</p> <p>BVU Honor Band HS/MS @ BVU ~ Storm Lake</p> <p>State Wrestling Tournament</p> <p>7:00pm BB Girls Regionals <i>TBD</i></p>
<p>23</p> 	<p>24</p> <p>10:00am Bowling State Tournament @ DesMoines Plaza Lanes</p> <p>7:00pm HS Vocal Pops Concert @ Ida Grove</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Hoagie Sales Begin</p> <p>4:00pm MS Wrestling @ Onawa</p> <p>Parent Ed Night @ HS Cafeteria</p>	<p>26</p> 	<p>27</p> <p>4:00pm MS Wrestling Tourney @ Rockwell City</p> <p>7:00pm MS Pops @ Odebolt</p>	<p>28</p> 	



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2014 IOWA ASSESSMENTS TESTING SCHEDULES

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OA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:

- Daily Testing: Tuesday, February 11 through Friday, February 14
 - o Testing varies by grade level and classroom
 - o Contact classroom teachers for specific information
- Daily Testing: Tuesday, February 18 through Friday, February 21
 - o Testing varies by grade level and classroom
 - o Contact classroom teachers for specific information
- Scan the code on the bottom right for the specific testing schedules.

BCIG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:

- Monday February 3
 - o 8:45-9:15 Reading (30 minutes)
 - o 9:15-9:35 Bathroom drink break snack
 - o 9:40-10:10 Math (30 minutes)
- Tuesday February 4
 - o 8:45-9:15 Reading (30 minutes)
 - o 9:15-9:35 Bathroom drink break snack
 - o 9:40-10:10 Math (30 minutes)
- Wednesday February 5
 - o 8:45-9:20 Science (35 minutes)
 - o 9:20-9:35 Bathroom drink break snack
 - o 9:40-9:55 Vocabulary (15 minutes)
 - o 10:00-10:10 Capitals (10 minutes)
- Thursday February 6
 - o 8:45-9:05 Math Computation (20 minutes)
 - o 9:05-9:25 Bathroom drink break snack
 - o 9:25-10:05 Written Expression (40 minutes)
- Friday February 7
 - o 8:45-9:20 Social Studies (35 minutes)
 - o 9:20-9:40 Bathroom drink break snack
 - o 9:40-9:50 Spelling (10 minutes)
 - o 9:55-10:05 Punctuation (10 minutes)

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