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OA-BCIG INSIGHT

THE NEWSLETTER OF
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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.*

The 3 'C's of the spring!
Conferences, Calendar, and Construction

By DR. NICK OUELLETTE, SUPERINTENDENT

We look forward to seeing our parents and students during our spring conferences on March 11th and 13th. The high school and middle school have walk-in conferences that allows parents to come in and visit with any and all of the teachers they would like. The elementary buildings schedule conferences with individual teachers and you should have a time scheduled with your child's teacher. Conference are held in each of the respective buildings from 4:00 to 7:30 pm.

We are beginning to look at making calendar recommendations to the Boards shortly and would appreciate any feedback community members, parents, staff, and students have. Please see the link to an online survey on our district website, www.oabcig.org. Our hope is to provide the school boards with a recommendation by the April Board meeting. The survey will be open until March 5th.

As I write this article we are working to finish the renovations of Odebolt-Arthur Elementary media center. We have worked to create a more flexible and usable space for our kids to enjoy and our community to be proud of seeing. The space will allow our elementary kids to enjoy more space to engage in reading and expanding their literacy skills. In addition, we have remodeled the computer lab that is adjacent to the new media center in Odebolt. Please take a moment to stop in and check out the renovations during our spring conferences on March 11th and 13th.

BCIG has had a facility committee meeting over the past five months to discuss facility priorities and draft a recommended 10-year plan for the Board to review and determine a direction. The committee is planning on presenting the Facility Plan at the regular board meeting on March 10th. The plan will include projects and scheduled maintenance needed over the next 10 years for the Battle Creek-Ida Grove School District. The Odebolt-Arthur Board will be meeting in the coming months to discuss facilities and to determine the need for a facility committee. Please check back to our website for any updated information regarding facilities.

Should you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me directly. I can be reached by email nouellette@oabcig.org or by phone OA 668-2289 or BCIG 364-2255. I look forward to hearing from you.



Breakfast & Lunch Menus for March 2014

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

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Skim & 1% Milk, Fruit and Juice served daily
All breads are whole grain
Available only at the high school



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BCIG B: B'fast Pizza
BCIG L: Crispito, Spanish Rice, Lettuce, Tomato, Cheese, Salsa, Black Bean Salad, Pineapple, Apple
OA B: Apple/Cherry Cheese Stick
OA L: Popcorn Chicken, Corn, WG SMB, 4 Bean Salad, Rice Krispy Bar

4
BCIG B: Cereal Bar, Toast
BCIG L: Spicy Chicken, Bun, Smiley Fries, Gr. Beans, *celery & PB, Applesauce Cup, Orange
OA B: Muffin, HB Egg
OA L: Roast Beef, Bun, Baked Chips, Mayo, Romaine Lettuce, Ranch, Apple

5
BCIG B: Cheese Omelet, Toast
BCIG L: Shrimp Poppers, Veggie Bar, Uncrustable, Mixed Fruit, Apple
OA B: Cinnamon Roll
OA L: Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Gr. Beans, Celery, Carrots, Banana

6
BCIG B: Cinnamon Bun, *Assorted Cereal
BCIG L: BBQ Chicken, Bun, Spinach Salad w/ Tomatoes, Sweet Potato Fries, Straw-Bananas,
OA B: Cereal Bar, Yogurt
OA L: Egg Omelet, Long John, Yogurt, Orange

7
No School


10
BCIG B: Pancake, Sausage
BCIG L: Hamburger, Bun, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Apricots, Apple
OA B: Blueberry Waffles
OA L: Soft Shell Taco, Rice, Refried Beans, Lettuce, Tomato, Salsa, Strawberries

11
BCIG B: Bagel, Cream Cheese, Yogurt
BCIG L: Chili, Cinn. Rolls, Celery, Carrot, Saltines, Applesauce, Orange
OA B: Egg Wrap
OA L: Corn Dog, Pears, Broccoli, Orange,

12
BCIG B: Breakfast Wrap, Salsa
BCIG L: Chicken Nuggets, Veggie Bar, Pears, Apple
OA B: Long John
OA L: Chicken Patty, Bun, Gr. Beans, Cukes, Rom. Lettuce, Ranch, Peaches

13
BCIG B: Egg Patty, Bacon, Toast
BCIG L: Pep. Pizza, Veggie Salad, Peas, Peaches
OA B: B'fast Pizza
OA L: Turkey Burger, Bun, Cooked Carrots, Onion, Radishes, Peppers, Tomatoes, Van. Pudding, Peaches



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No School


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No School
Spring Break

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No School
Spring Break

20
No School
Spring Break

21
No School
Spring Break

24
BCIG B: Sausage & Pancake Wrap
BCIG L: BBQ Pork Rib, Bun, Calico Beans, Tator Tots, Mandarin Oranges,
OA B: Poptarts, Cheese stick
OA L: Chicken Nuggets, Cooked Carrots, Peaches, Apple Crisp, SMB

25
BCIG B: Cereal Bar, Toast
BCIG L: Mandarin Orange Chicken, Brown Rice, Cooked Carrots, Broc-Cauli Salad, Animal Crackers, Pineapple, Apple
OA B: Sunrise Flatbread
OA L: Beef Tips, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli, Radishes, Tropical Fruit, SMB

26
BCIG B: Cheese Omelet, Toast
BCIG L: Mostaccioli, Fresh Veggie Bar, Butter Sandwich, Applesauce Cup, Orange
OA B: Long John
OA L: Hamburger, Bun, Corn, Pickle, Onion, Tomato, Mixed Fruit, Juices

27
BCIG B: Blueberry Waff.
BCIG L: Chicken Patty, Bun, Gr. Beans, Broccoli w/ Cheese Sauce, Mixed Fruit, Banana
OA B: French Toast Stix
OA L: Hot Dog, Bun, Baked Beans, Red Pepper Strips, Pears

28
BCIG B: B'fast Wrap, Salsa
BCIG L: Cheese Sticks, Marinara, Spinach Salad w/ Tomatoes, Corn, Jello, Pears, Apple
OA B: Egg Omelet, Toast
OA L: Cheese Pizza, Baby Carrots, Cukes, Peaches, Pudding

31
BCIG B: B'fast Pizza
BCIG L: French Toast Sticks, Sausage, Hash Browns, Baby Carrots, Celery & PB, Peaches, Orange
OA B: NG Bar, Yogurt
OA L: Pancake, Sausage Sticks, Pears





OABCIG HIGH SCHOOL PROM APRIL 26

THEME: Cancun, Cabo, & the Caribbean

An elegant evening beach theme, under the stars to include palm trees, surf, and seashells: using turquoise and shades of blue along with floor-length black linens & chair covers.

OPEN HOUSE: Skate Palace 3-5PM

GRAND MARCH: 5PM – 6:15PM Community Building

APPETIZERS/RECEPTION: 6PM to 7PM

CLASS PICTURES: 7PM with dinner to follow at 7:15PM

DANCE: 9-12 Midnight

AFTERPROM: OABCIG High School



HIGH SCHOOL VOCAL MUSIC NOTES

BY LINDA JOHNSON, INSTRUCTOR

VOCAL POPS CONCERT!

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2014 (Changed date!!) 7:00 p.m.

We are planning a relaxing evening of great music and we are having a super time with this set of music. Of course, not ALL students like EVERY song, but we are hoping to have something that will please a wide range of audience interests! Michael Jackson's "Black or White", Martina McBride's "Anyway", "Good Time" by Owl City and Carly Rae Jepsen, "You Don't Know You're Beautiful" performed by One Direction and a lesser-known song called "Blood Brothers" performed by Ingrid Michaelson. It's always fun to see the students grow into pieces they initially wrinkle their noses at when they first start the learning process!

WESTERN VALLEY CONFERENCE HONOR CHOIR

MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2014 AT LAWTON-BRONSON

Twenty dedicated and hard-working high school vocal students have been chosen to represent OABCIG at the WV Conference honor choir at Lawton Bronson. These students will be preparing a full set of music prior to attending this honor choir and then have the privilege of fine-tuning this music with a guest conductor and other students from the conference all day. The day will end with a concert for the public! Go for a short drive and attend this concert and show your support of our great conference and vocal students! 7:00 p.m. Admission is regular conference rates! \$5/\$3

STATE SOLO/SMALL ENSEMBLE CONTEST

SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2014 AT WESTWOOD

Approximately thirty OABCIG high school vocalists have signed on to participate in this year's solo and small ensemble contest! Almost thirty solos, duets, trios and larger groups have all formed, chosen music and begun the rigorous practice and training schedule required to be successful in this event! Individual lessons and group practices have all been coordinated and all are moving along nicely at this time! (Of course, if Mother Nature would cooperate, it would help!)



HIGH SCHOOL HAPPENINGS PATRICK MILLER, PRINCIPAL

Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on March 11 and 13 with high school conferences once again being held in the gym. We encourage you to attend, and get involved in your child's education. If you are unable to attend and would like to speak with your child's teachers please contact that staff member to set up a time that will work.

As the winter season winds down we would like to take this chance to thank all those who attended our winter events and support our students. It does mean a great deal to our kids to see the large crowds we have at plays, music and athletic events.

There has been a lot of talk about grading scale recently at the high school. A lot of it centers around how much financial assistance is affected by a student's GPA. Please continue to remind your child that a better GPA typically equates into more money for them, and less money you have to spend on their college education. Push them to do the best they can in all areas.

Finally, below is a snippet of an article taken from the Iowa High School Athletic Association on time management and how it helps classroom performance.

TIME MANAGEMENT

- Use a daily, weekly and/or monthly planner to indicate class schedules, meetings, practices, study time, assignment due dates and scheduled tests.
- Make a "to do" list and follow it every day.
- Write down your class assignments and keep all assignments in one place. Keep track of due dates for assignments and projects.
- Keep handouts organized for all classes.
- Don't waste valuable study time you may have during the school day.
- Say "No" to the things that don't fit into your schedule or are not a priority.
- Find the right time to do things. Are you a morning person, or a night person?
- Determine what tasks you do well at certain times of day and do those tasks when you can do them most efficiently.
- Get a good night sleep as often as possible



OA-BCIG
MUSIC BOOSTERS

**LAS VEGAS
NIGHT**

Thursday, March 6, 2014



Supper begins @ 5:00pm in HS cafeteria

Games from 6-8pm in HS gym

Chance booth drawings @ 7:30pm

Followed by Raffle Drawings

for 4 - \$125 beef/pork certificates



ENTERTAINMENT:

MIDDLE SCHOOL SWING CHOIR

HIGH SCHOOL SWING CHOIR

MIDDLE SCHOOL JAZZ BAND

HIGH SCHOOL JAZZ BAND

****ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARD
PURCHASING NEW CHOIR ROBES****

WELCOME STUDENT TEACHERS!



Our high school vocal students have the pleasure of welcoming Mr. Jacob Pedersen into our classroom this quarter. Mr. Pedersen is a student at BVU in Storm Lake and will be working with Mrs. Johnson until spring break! We look forward to Mr. Pedersen sharing his skills with us and hope he has a great learning experience here!



Matt Hansen is a student teacher from Wayne State College in Wayne, NE. Matt graduated from West Monona High School in Onawa. Mr. Hansen is currently teaching with Mr. Hartwig in the Industrial Arts classes. Matt is enjoying his time at OA-BCIG.



Adam Schlichte is a student teacher from Buena Vista University in Storm Lake. He is currently majoring in physical education with a minor in health and coaching. Adam is teaching in the physical education/strength training department with Mr. Miesner. Schlichte says, "The students and faculty have been amazing thus far and I am excited to continue my placement here! Go Falcons!"

OA-BCIG & GOMACO TEAM UP FOR WELDERS

Students at OA-BCIG High School interested in learning more about the vocation of welding have had new opportunities available to them in the 2013-2014 school year. GOMACO enhanced the welding and agriculture curriculum through purchasing a new virtual welding trainer, building new welding tables, helping update the welding shop, and visiting the classroom to provide instruction on welding technique and the welding of GOMACO parts.

VIRTUAL WELDING FOR HANDS-ON TRAINING

GOMACO purchased a teachWeld Welding Simulator, which is currently being used in the introduction to agriculture and agriculture mechanics classes at the high school.

The virtual welding simulator contains a GMAW (gas metal arc welding) gun, a welding station/table, a helmet, gloves, and a computer program with 51 different exercises at three skill levels. Students see their welds on a computer monitor as they perform them.

Students wear the helmet and gloves as they would if they were actually welding. Before starting each session, students log into their account, which allows the teacher to monitor how each student is progressing. Students then calibrate the machine by picking one of three joints to weld, either a t-joint, lap joint, or V-groove. They answer questions to set the trainer to the specifications they are wishing to use, such as the base metal, which are stainless steel, aluminum, or mild steel. They can also select from three different weld gun types, either Bernard MIG (metal inert gas), European-style, or MIG mild steel, and then proceed with welding. They can either work on practice welds, or go through exercises that are graded.

“The teachWeld training simulator offers the hands-on learning of basic welding form and proper technique in the classroom setting,” said Rachel Stoberl, Ag instructor at OA-BCIG High School. “It is great for those just starting out and those who are more timid, and it provides good practice for the more experienced. The virtual welder offers realistic welding practice that allows you to save money on metal and consumables. In each of the exercises, I look at straightness, travel angle, travel speed, work angle, and distance.

“The benefits to students learning on a virtual welder is the machine helps encourage proper work angle and speed, and it gives students goals to work towards as the semester progresses. It also has enabled upperclassmen to help and encourage the underclassmen.”



NEW WELDING TABLES ENHANCE CLASS

Students in the OA-BCIG High School's welding class have also enjoyed the benefits of GOMACO's involvement this school year.

Before the current year started, Jerry Payne, Welding Department Supervisor, worked on the design and manufacturing of four new welding tables for the class. Each table is designed with two welding areas, and curtains are bolted around each area to form a welding booth. The tables were three feet high, 30 inches deep, and six feet long.

The project was a team effort that involved numerous GOMACO personnel. The Maintenance Department and Jason Gross of Fabrication assisted with the design, and Gross also completed most of the fabrication. Sue Sievers of Manufacturing Engineering programmed the parts that needed to be cut on the Fabrication Department's laser, which were the table top and a cut-out of "OA-BCIG Welding" on the back of each table. Coleen Russell designed the decals for the legs, and David Shearer of Welding did the majority of the welding.

“The goal was to make something safe for the school children to work around, and something versatile for the school,” said Payne. “There is a bend designed into the tables in the front and the back, so there are no sharp edges. The bend at the back extends up about three inches so the table fits tight against the wall. The bottom, under the welding table, was left open so they can put equipment below.”

The tables are lined up side-by-side at the high school, and curtains are bolted in around each three-foot welding area. This means that where two tables meet, there are two curtains. Payne noted that this is added protection between those welding booths, and will offer them versatility in the future if the school decides to move the tables and not have them lined up. The curtains and the bolts holding them are also removable, so the center section of the curtains can be taken down if the students need to weld something larger than the three-foot welding area allows.

FALCON PRIDE!

PROVIDING GUIDANCE TO WELDING STUDENTS

OA-BCIG students interested in learning welding can take a one-semester-long welding course, taught by instructor Byron Hartwig. GOMACO's involvement in the program also included Maintenance Supervisor Al Siebrecht and Maintenance personnel updating the welding shop's wiring and making repairs to their welding equipment, and GOMACO personnel visiting the class.

"I had been conversing with Dan Skirvin (GOMACO Human Resources Manager) on ways we could partner to benefit both GOMACO and OA-BCIG High School," said Pat Miller, OA-BCIG High School Principal. "Two things fell into place. One, the purchase of the virtual welder; and two, the upgrade of our welding equipment and facility. One benefit for GOMACO would be the opportunity for our students to learn welds that are common to GOMACO, have those welds evaluated, and to have feedback on what students could do differently to improve the quality of their welds."

Students in the welding class learn how to perform flat welds, overhead welds, and vertical and horizontal welds; operate a torch welder, arc welder and wire welder; and also learn how to cut metal. According to Hartwig, when a student completes the class they should have the skills needed to weld in a workplace, if they were interested in pursuing welding as a career.

Rick Ladwig, Specials Department Supervisor, and Steve Bengford, R&D Shop, visited the first semester class to explain the process of MIG welding to the students, and showed them the right ways and wrong ways to weld.

"We would like the younger kids to learn more about our industry and the type of work we do," said Butch Ehrig, GOMACO Production Manager. "The goal would be if they learned how to weld, we would like to keep them in Ida Grove and consider working at GOMACO."

Ehrig added that we also provided the students with a GOMACO weldment to weld, which were trimmer plates for a trimmer wheel. We sent a blueprint for the students to use, and we provided the materials for the students. Hartwig supervised the welding, and the parts were inspected. If the parts were wrong, Hartwig would have them grind the welds and re-weld the part.

"There were a couple of students who were pretty talented," noted Ehrig. "And all of the kids seemed enthusiastic and eager to learn."

"We hope that with the help of GOMACO, our students will understand a bit more about the importance of quality work, and effective work habits," added Miller. "Ideally, our students would be employment ready, or more prepared to enter a college welding training program, which in turn would provide a local work base."

SPRING SPORTS

Even though there is still snow on the ground, track season is just around the corner. With practice starting February 17th the coaches of the OA-BCIG Track Teams are excited to get this season started. The girls' team brings back many state qualifiers/medalists this spring and look to make a run at another conference and state qualifying meet title.

The boys' team is coming off a 2nd place finish at the State Track Meet last May and will look for members of the team to step up and take on leading roles. The first meet will

be Saturday, March 22 at the WVC Indoor in Storm Lake on the campus of Buena Vista. The following Saturday, March 29, the track teams will travel to the campus of USD in Vermillion, SD to compete there. The outdoor season begins the first week of April.

Golf practice will begin March 17th. Golfers are reminded to have their physicals and other necessary forms turned in to the main office BEFORE the first practice. Coaches Hartwig and Hofmeister are looking forward to another great season!





**GUIDANCE NOTES
LIZ DENT
HS COUNSELOR**

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Monthly scholarships are available on the Drive each month for students. Please note that the OABCIG Dollars for Scholars scholarship application is due March 15. That date is on a Saturday. Once students reach a certain point in the application, it sends a note to me to allow me to upload their transcripts. If students wait until the night before or even one day before the scholarship is due, this does not give me much time or any time to upload transcripts, which would mean the application wouldn't be complete and wouldn't be able to be submitted. I am encouraging students to complete the application one week in advance to give me adequate time to scan and upload each student's transcript. Please don't hesitate to contact me with questions at ldent@oabcig.org or at 712-364-3371.

ASVAB TESTING

Junior students will take the ASVAB test on March 5th. This is a multiple-aptitude battery that the military uses for its recruits. Taking this test doesn't sign students to the military in any way, but will allow students to undergo a variety of aptitude tests at once.

ACT TESTING

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

TEST DATES
April 12, 2014
June 14, 2014

REGULAR DEADLINE
March 7, 2014
May 9, 2014

ACT CODE: 162-129



**MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSES &
OA ELEMENTARY EDICTS
DOUG MOGENSEN,
PRINCIPAL**

The Annual Invent Iowa presentations in February were a success. There were over twenty students who participated and shared their great ideas on how to improve inventions or shared their new inventions. Mrs. Jensen our TAG instructor coordinated the event, lined up judges, and presented the winners their awards. All students who participated enjoyed sharing their ideas with the judges.

Middle school basketball teams had successful seasons. Again our coaches did a great job teaching the game of basketball and sportsmanship. Wrestling is now underway; we have about twenty students participating.

The middle school instrumental contest/recital event will be taking place March 1 from 3:30 - 6:00. Mr. Anders is busy getting this organized and students are fine tuning their work.

The elementary students are currently participating in Jump Rope for Heart and working on their jump rope skills during PE. Teachers are organizing activities for the upcoming Read Across America celebration which will take place early March.

Professional development focused on student centered classroom. Teachers participated in analyzing lessons designed to be student centered and created student centered lessons for their own classes. Student centered classrooms are designed to engage students in synthesizing, analyzing, and evaluation as students learn and goes beyond the "sit and get" of remembering information and understanding of facts. Teachers will continue to work on creating opportunities of learning that are student centered.

Parent teacher conferences will take on March 11 and 13 from 4:00 to 7:30 both days. Elementary teachers will be sending information out soon to schedule conferences. Middle school conferences will be held in the MPR both evenings. Spring break for OA-BCIG will be held March 14 - March 21.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSIC BY SONYA SCHIPHOF

We have a concert on Thursday, February 27th at 7:00 in the BOG in Odebolt. The 6th graders will be performing two songs, "Dr. Jazz" and "It Don't Mean a Thing If It Ain't Got That Swing, Sing, Sing, Sing." The 7th & 8th grade choir will be performing "Peter Piper," "On My Own" from Les Miserables, and pop radio tune "Wake Me Up" by Avicii. Swing Choir is performing "For Good" from the musical Wicked and "Ob La Di, Ob La Da" by the Beatles.

Thirty 7th and 8th graders will be traveling to Lawton-Bronson on March 3rd for Conference Honor Choir.

Don't miss the Middle School Swing Choir's performance at Las Vegas Night on March 6th!

GO FALCONS!



BVU MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR BAND

Sadie Railsback, Madison Lansink, and Bailey Ullrich

UPCOMING INSTRUMENTAL DATES:

Feb 17th NWIA Jazz Festival

Feb 22nd BVU Honor Band

Feb 27th Pops Concert

March 3rd WVC Honor Choir

March 4th Solo/Ensemble Festival

March 6th Jazz band and swing choir perform at LV Night

March 24th WVC Honor Band

GRAB YOUR HAT AND READ WITH THE CAT!

Monday, March 3, 2014 is the National Education Association's Read Across America Day. This event is nationally held in conjunction with Dr. Seuss's birthday and is designed to promote reading among our nation's youth. Odebolt-Arthur Elementary teachers are busy planning activities for that week to promote reading, culminating with a rotation through different literacy-based centers on the afternoon of Thursday, March 6. We will have guest readers from our community as well as Dr. Seuss crafts and snacks provided by the OA PTCP (Odebolt-Arthur Parent Teacher Community Partnership) among other activities. Be sure to pick up your favorite book that week and share it with a child! After all, "You're never too old, too wacky, too wild, to pick up a book and read with a child!" ~ Dr. Seuss



**NURSES NOTES
ANGIE KASTNER RN, BSN,**

ILLNESSES AT SCHOOL

Often in places where there are many people, like school, there is an increased risk of spreading illnesses. Illnesses can range from a mild cold to more serious conditions like Influenza. Influenza viruses spread mainly from person to person through the coughing or sneezing of people with influenza. Sometimes people may become infected by touching something with flu viruses on it and then touching their own mouth or nose. Most healthy adults would be able to infect others beginning one day before symptoms develop and up to five days after becoming sick. That means that you may be able to pass on the flu to someone else before you know you are sick, as well as while you are sick. Here at school we have been seeing the Influenza virus.

SOME SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF INFLUENZA INCLUDE:

- Fever (typically more than 100° F)
- Headache
- Extreme tiredness
- Dry cough
- Sore throat
- Runny or stuffy nose
- Muscle aches
- Stomach symptoms, such as nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea, also can occur but are more common in children than adults

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO PREVENT OR REDUCE THE SPREAD?

- Get vaccinated.
- Stay home when ill. Anyone suspected of having the influenza should not attend work or school. Please refer to the school's exclusion policy in the handbook.
- Wash hands often.
- Cover coughs and sneezes.
- Use hand sanitizer when hand washing is not possible.
- Avoid close contact; individuals should avoid sharing of saliva by not sharing glasses, forks, spoons, toothbrushes, etc.
- Clean surfaces frequently with a disinfectant solution.
- If ill, consult a health care provider.



BCIG Fourth grade students learned about Googledoc presentations and citing their sources. Each student created a book report presentation and showed it to their class. After presenting, they answered their classmates' questions.



**LINES FROM THE LIBRARY
MARY ROHLK,
HEAD LIBRARIAN**

PLEASE HELP BUILD OUR LIBRARY COLLECTION FOR OUR NEW ELEMENTARY LIBRARY!

The Odebolt Arthur Elementary Library will be hosting their annual Scholastic Book Fair during parent teacher conferences, March 11 & 13. The book fair will also be open during the school day, March 10-13. A special grandparent event is planned for March 12. The book fair will be open from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Come alone or shop with your grandchildren, a special drawing will be held during this event. Enter your grandchild to win a book.

There are several ways for the community to support the book fair. 1. Purchase books for your children or grandchildren at the book fair. The school receives 50-60% of each purchase. 2. Order from the Online book fair. This link can be found on our book fair webpage, <http://goo.gl/EbLcs4>. Spread the word to family from afar. Anyone may order from the online fair, but the books will be shipped to our school. 3. Support the "All for Books" campaign. All donated money goes towards books for our school library. In turn, Scholastic donates to an organization which supports children experiencing a distressed situation. Scholastic donates one book for each dollar donated to OA during this campaign. If you would like to write a check, please make it payable to Odebolt Arthur Schools. All for Books donations may be sent with your student or dropped off at the building office between March 3rd and March 10th.

We hope to see you at the book fair!



**ELEMENTARY EDICTS
ALAN HENDERSON
BCIG PRINCIPAL**

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES:

Conferences will be held March 11th and 13th. This is a great time to set aside and visit with your classroom teacher. One way to make sure you get to ask the questions you want is to write them down. Time often goes fast, this is one way to make sure you get to ask what you want. We set this time aside to make sure you get an opportunity to visit. You may also call and set up a time any other time. We want you to know what is going on at school and have an opportunity to know what we are teaching and why. Parents are very important to our school. Even we see the your child for many hours a day, research says that parents have the largest impact on student values and beliefs.

We will be having a spring break this year from March 14th to March 23rd. One way to continue to work with your child on school material is to sit down and do a project or two together.

Take some time to read a book to your child. Learn about and search for some constellations. Take the time to design and build something: mouse trap car, an air compressed rocket, do the coke experiment, build a fort together, write and put on a fashion show. Students love to be creative, encourage them to use their creativity instead of watching TV the whole time. Make this a time to do some activities together and enjoy the break from school.

READING RECOVERY® TEACHERS HELP STRUGGLING BEGINNING READERS SUCCEED

Struggling first grade readers in Battle Creek Ida Grove Elementary are part of a nationwide scale-up of Reading Recovery that is producing “large positive effects on student literacy performance overall, and these positive effects were also large for ELL students and students in rural schools.” An article that appeared in Education Week, Dec 2013, states that, “Over a school year, participating pupils progressed nearly two months faster than similar peers who did not take part in the intervention, and gained nearly 30 percent more learning than the average first grader nationally.”

These promising findings were reported in a recent report issued by the Consortium for Policy Research in Education (CPRE) evaluating a 5-year grant awarded by the U.S. Department of Education’s Investing in Innovation (i3) fund to The Ohio State University. The fund is allowing local school districts to train new Reading Recovery teachers and teach more children having difficulty with reading and writing.

Reading Recovery is an evidence-based, short-term early intervention designed to help the lowest-achieving first graders accelerate their learning and reach class average in reading and writing in 12-20 weeks. Effective early intervention for students at the bottom of their class prevents reading failure and the long-term problems associated with low literacy skills.

Trained teachers work part day teaching Reading Recovery lessons to the lowest-achieving first-grade students in their school. During the rest of their day they teach other students, often as classroom teachers or Title I teachers with small groups of struggling readers. On average, each teacher trained in Reading Recovery worked with 44 students—8 in Reading Recovery and 36 more in their other roles—in the 2012-13 school year.

Battle Creek Ida Grove has trained one new Reading Recovery teacher using funds from the i3 grant since 2010. However, Battle Creek Ida Grove Elementary has been involved with Reading Recovery since the fall of 1993. Over the last twenty years, seven Reading Recovery teachers have provided intervention lessons for students in the district. Nearly 300 at-risk readers have participated in reading recovery lessons during this time. An average of 65% of the students who remained in the intervention for up to twenty weeks were able to read at grade level upon completion of the intervention. Mr. Alan Henderson, BCIG Elementary Principal, also sees the benefits of Reading Recovery for our struggling students. He quotes, “I believe that Reading Recovery helps students who need that boost in confidence to become a reader. It increases their willingness to try in a one on one situation. To find out more about Reading Recovery go to their website www.rrcna.org.

20TH ANNUAL WHITEY THOMPSON HIKE-BIKE-A-THON

WHEN: Wednesday, May 7, 2014
WHERE: Starts/ends at the Skate Palace in Ida Grove
PRIZES: Chance to win:
*A bike
*Nike shoes
*Chamber Bucks

• ALL participants with 15 letters receive a free t-shirt!

SAFETY: UBI employees and volunteers stationed along the route

REFRESHMENTS: After event at the Skate Palace

TRANSPORTATION: Bikes/kids will be picked up in Odebolt and transported to Ida Grove

HOW IT WORKS:

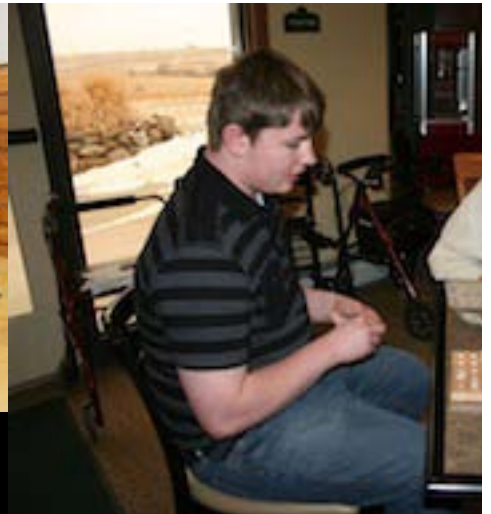
- Student will receive brochure/consent form the week of March 10.
- Student will be given a packet of sponsor letters when they return the signed consent form to school.
- Completed sponsor letters must be returned to any school or United Bank of Iowa office by **Friday, March 28**.

NOTE: It is very important to return sponsor letters by March 28. The letters are sent as a bulk mailing, so late packets cause delays and cost extra postage.

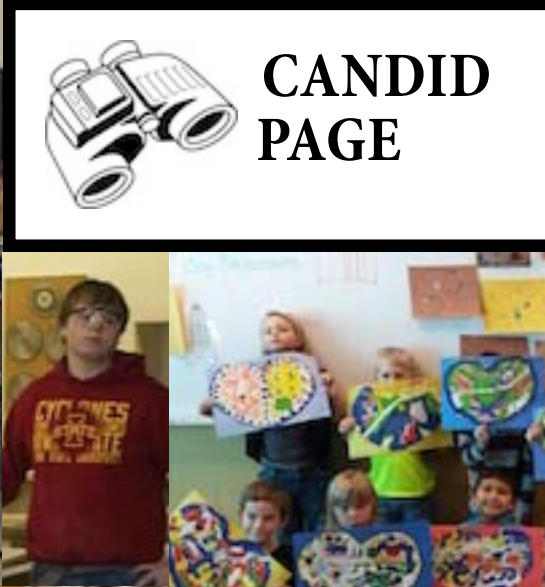
****Students who turn in packets late may not get a t-shirt.**

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Activity Calendar for March 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 District Speech Contests for Individual Events
2	3 HS Mock Trial Competition @ Sioux City WVC Jr/Sr High School Choir Festival @ Lawton 4:00pm MS WR @ Sgt. Bluff	4 NWICDA MS Clinic @ Hawarden 3:30pm MS Instrumental Contests @ Odebolt 4:00pm MS WR @ Spencer	5 ASVAB Test for Juniors 5:30pm Music Boosters meeting	6 <i>End of 3rd quarter</i> Music Booster's Las Vegas Night 5:00pm dinner 6:00pm games @ HS	7 No School <i>Teacher Workday</i>	8 All-Iowa Honor Dance Team Performance 8:00am Booster Club 6th-8th Boys BB Tourney @ Odebolt
	10 Beginning of 4th Quarter OA Elem. Book Fair @ Elem. Library 6:30pm School Board Meeting	11 2:30pm dismissal OA Elementary Book Fair 4:00-7:30pm Parent-Teacher Conferences	12 OA Elementary Book Fair HS Blood Drive 6:00pm Athletic Boosters Meeting	13 2:30pm dismissal OA Elementary Book Fair 4:00-7:30pm Parent-Teacher Conferences	14 No School *OA Elementary Book Fair *8:30-11:30am Dance Camp *Dance Night 4:30-6:00pm Dinner 4:30-6:45pm Chance Booths open 7:00pm Dance Performances	15 State Speech Contests for Individual Events
16	17 No School <i>Spring Break</i>  WVC HS Quiz Bowl @ Sloan	18 No School <i>Spring Break</i>	19 No School <i>Spring Break</i>	20 No School <i>Spring Break</i>	21 No School <i>Spring Break</i> Morningside Jazz Band Clinic @ Sioux City	22 WVC Indoor Track Meet @ BVU 
	24 WVC Jr/Sr High School Band Festival @ Correctionville 10:00am-12:00pm Edinsight Training @ HS	25 MS Music Frozen Food Sales Begin *Parent Ed Night @ HS *3:30pm Hoagie Assembly @ MS	26	27 WVC Art Show @ Merville 7:00pm FFA Banquet @ HS	28	29 10:00am USD Indoor Co-ed Track Meet @ Vermillion, SD
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