

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.*

IN CONCLUSION... DR. NICK OUELLETTE SUPERINTENDENT

We have had an outstanding year at OA & BCIG Schools. Our kids and staff have represented our communities on a variety of stages from state competitions to performing for our local patrons. Our kids are the reason so many people work so hard in and around our districts. Our greatest asset we have is our kids. As we continue to move forward as a strong educational community we will continually need to keep in mind what is best for our greatest asset, our children. I believe we have some of the greatest people working for our districts who do just that.

This would include the teacher that works with students to make sure all kids are learning, to the maintenance individuals who ensure that our students and staff have the best possible learning environment. Also, our associates that work one on one with our kids to meet their individual needs, to our administrators whose work leads to a way that improves student achievement. From our kitchen staff that ensure our kids are able to concentrate on learning and not hunger during the day, to the secretaries and central office staff who answer questions of parents and staff throughout the year to put people at ease.

*HAVE A FUN &
SAFE SUMMER!*

Also, the bus drivers who have dedicated themselves to guaranteeing our kids get to school safely while providing a welcoming start to their day, to the coaches of the district who try to motivate our kids to reach their fullest potential. From the school board members who work to balance the needs of the students with the wants of the communities, to the countless other volunteers who give freely of their time to the students of the district.

All of these individuals have worked hard this year to make sure that all of our kids have the best possible educational experience they can. To everyone that is employed by the district, volunteers for the district, or supports the districts, I say thank you and have a great summer break.



Breakfast & Lunch Menus for May 2014

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p><i>In accordance with Federal Law and USDA policy, this institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.</i></p> <p><i>Skim & 1% Milk, Fruit and Juice served daily</i></p> <p><i>All breads are whole grain</i> <i>*Available only at the high school</i></p>			<p>1 BCIG B: Pumpkin Choc. Chip Coffeecake, Yogurt BCIG L: Turkey Burger, Bun, Calico Beans, Cole Slaw, Pickled Beets, Mixed Fruit, Banana OA B: Blueberry Waffle OA L: Egg Omelet, Long John, Yogurt, OJ</p>	<p>2 BCIG B: Ham, Egg, Cheese Bar, Toast BCIG L: BBQ Chicken Breast/Bun, Corn, Sweet Potato Fries, Rocky Road Pudding, Applesauce, Orange OA B: Sausage/Egg Cheese on Bun OA L: Chicken Patty/Bun, Gr. Beans, Radishes, Roma Lettuce, Ranch, Strawberries</p>
<p>5 BCIG B: Pancakes, Sausage Link BCIG L: Elem: Fish Sticks, HS: Fish Sandwich, Smiley Fries, Mari. Veggie Salad, Un-crustable, PeachCups, Apple OA B: Cereal Bar, Cheese Stick OA L: Bean, Cheese Burrito, Broccoli, Peas, Salsa, Roma Lettuce, Ranch, Pineapple</p>	<p>6 BCIG B: Cereal, Toast BCIG L: Beef Tips, Mashed Potatoes, Gr. Beans, Butter Sandwich, Pineapple, Apple OA B: Breakfast Pizza OA L: Mac & Cheese, Cooked Carrots, Roma Lettuce, Ranch, Applesauce, Apricots</p>	<p>7 BCIG B: Cheese Omelet, Toast BCIG L: Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Veggie Bar, Pears, Orange OA B: Cinnamon Rolls OA L: Popcorn Chicken, Corn, SMB, Red Pepper Strips, Frozen Yogurt, Peaches</p>	<p>8 BCIG B: Long John, *Cereal BCIG L: Teriyaki Chicken, Seasoned Rice, Cooked Carrots, Spinach Salad, Breadstick, Mand. Oranges, Apple OA B: Muffin/HB Egg OA L: Maidrites/Bun, Potato Wedges, Pickle, Roma Lettuce, Ranch, Tropical Fruit, Animal Crackers</p>	<p>9 BCIG B: Wrap & Salsa BCIG L: Pepperoni Pizza, Peas, Cyclone Salad, *PB Sandwich, Applesauce, Orange OA B: Wrap & Salsa OA L: Cheese Filled Breadstix, Marinara Sauce, Cukes, Romaine Lettuce, Ranch, Mixed Fruit</p>
<p>12 BCIG B: Sausage & Pancake Wrap BCIG L: French Toast Stix, Sausage, Hash Browns, Carrot, Celery Stix, Straw. Cup, Apple OA B: Nutri Grain Bar, Yogurt OA L: Hamburger/Bun, Corn, Onion, Tomato, Corn, Cinn. Applesauce, Fruit Juice</p>	<p>13 BCIG B: Cereal, Toast BCIG L: Taco-In-A-Bag, Lettuce, Tomato, Cheese, Salsa, Black Bean Salad, Animal Crackers, Peaches OA B: Bagel OA L: French Toast Stix, Syrup, BAbby Carrots, Yogurt Tubes, OJ</p>	<p>14 BCIG B: Cheese Omelet, Toast BCIG L: Pork Patty/Bun, Veggie Bar, Mixed Fruit, Orange OA B: Long John OA L: Pork Patty/Bun, Cooked Carrots, Roma. Lettuce, Ranch, Red Pepper Strips, Banana</p>	<p>15 BCIG B: B'fast Round, *Cereal BCIG L: chicken Nuggets, Corn, Broccoli w/ Cheese Sauce, Butter Sand., Pineapple, Banana OA B: Sausage Pancake OA L: Chicken Nuggets, Peas, SMB, Apple Slices, Rice Krispy Bar</p>	<p>16 BCIG B: Egg Patty, Bacon, Toast BCIG L: Hamburger/Bun, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Pickled Beets, Apricots, Apple OA B: Egg & Toast OA L: Grilled Cheese, Carrots, Radishes, Cottage Cheese, Mixed Fruit</p>
<p>19 BCIG B: Pancakes, Sausage link BCIG L: Orange Chicken, Brown Rice, Cooked Carrots, Broc-Cauli Salad, Applesauce, Orange OA B: Cook's Choice OA L: Cook's Choice</p>	<p>20 BCIG B: Cereal, Oatmeal BCIG L: BBQ Pork Rib/Bun, Mixed Veggies, Spinach Salad, Pears, Apple OA B: Cook's Choice OA L: Cook's Choice</p>	<p>21 BCIG B: Cheese Omelet, Toast BCIG L: Mini Chicken Drumsticks, Veggie Bar, Mandarin Oranges, Apple OA B: Cook's Choice OA L: Cook's Choice</p>	<p>22 BCIG B: Blueberry Muffin, Yogurt BCIG L: Cheese Stix w/ Marinara, Gr. Beans, Mari. Veggie Salad, Peaches, Banana OA B: Cook's Choice OA L: Cook's Choice</p>	<p>23 BCIG B: Wrap & Salsa BCIG L: Chicken Patty/Bun, Smiley Fries, Calico Beans, Mixed Fruit, Apple OA B: Cook's Choice OA L: Cook's Choice</p>
<p>26 <i>No Classes</i> <i>Memorial Day</i></p> 	<p>27 BCIG B: Cheese Omelet, Toast BCIG L: Crispito, Spanish Rice, Lettuce, Tomato, Salsa, Cheese, Corn, Apricots, Fresh Fruit OA B: Cook's Choice OA L: Cook's Choice</p>	<p>28 BCIG B: Cereal, Toast BCIG L: Elem: Crispito Lunch, HS: Hot Dog/Bun, Fries, Veggie Bar, Pineapple, Fresh Fruit OA B: Cook's Choice OA L: Cook's Choice</p>	<p>29 BCIG B: Cereal, Pop Tart BCIG L: Turkey & Cheese Sandwich, Fresh Veggies, Ranch, Sherrbert, Applesauce Cup, Fresh Fruit OA B: Cook's Choice OA L: Cook's Choice</p>	

FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE ELIGIBILITY FOR SCHOOL MEAL ACCOUNTS

Children need healthy meals to learn. It is the policy of the OA and BCIG Community School Districts to offer healthy breakfast and lunch to all students registered and attending a district attendance center. The OA and BCIG Food Service departments are federally funded; therefore, not authorized to extend credit for unpaid school meals. If you are having financial difficulties – We Want to Help You! The OA and BCIG School Districts encourage families to complete an Iowa Eligibility Application for free or reduced-price school meals. One application will cover all of your children attending any of the OA and/or BCIG Community School District buildings. If you qualify, your child(ren) may eat free or reduced-price school meals. Reduced price breakfasts cost \$.30 and reduced price lunches cost \$.40. A la carte items, second entrees, second meals, juice and extra milks are not included in the free or reduced-price school meal offerings and can only be purchased from a school meal account carrying a positive balance or with cash at the point of service.

Foster children, homeless, runaway and migrant children, children who receive food assistance or FIP and children enrolled in Head Start all qualify for free school meals. Your children can get free or reduced-price school meals if your household income is within the free or reduced-price limits on the Federal Income Guidelines when you complete your Iowa Eligibility Application. You or your children do not have to be U.S. citizens to qualify for free or reduced price school meals.

We cannot approve an application that is not complete and signed, so be sure to complete all required information. One completed Iowa Eligibility Application per family listing all of the people living in your household, related or not, that share income and expenses is required. College students, who still use your home address as their permanent address, are considered a part of the household. You may apply for free or reduced-price school meals any time during the school year, especially if your income goes down, household size increases, you lose your job or you become eligible for Food Assistance, FIP or other benefits. At Verification time you may be asked to provide written proof of your income information; however, do NOT provide proof at the time you complete your application. If you disagree with the school's decision concerning the eligibility determination of your application, you may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to: Superintendent Dr. Nick Ouellette, 900 John Montgomery Drive, Ida Grove, Iowa 51445, (712)-364-3687 OR 600 S Maple Street, Odebolt, Iowa 51458, (712)668-2289.

Not everyone has to complete an Iowa Eligibility Application to receive free school meal benefits for their children. School enrollment records are compared to DHS records to identify children who are members of households receiving Food Assistance or FIP benefits. If ANY of your children are identified during this process ALL of your children will be directly certified to receive free school meal benefits. If you are notified by the school of your children's eligibility, parents need to do nothing further for their children to receive free school meals. Some eligible children may not be identified by this process and those

households should receive a letter of direct certification from DHS. Children on these letters will receive free school meal benefits only if parents provide this letter to the school.

BCIG does participate in the Special Milk Program for ½ day Alternative Kindergarten students. Your child may be eligible for free milk if you complete the Iowa Eligibility Application. Recess Milk is not part of the free meal program. Students who qualify for free or reduced-price school meals will receive milk with their meal; a second milk is not free.

If you have any questions relating to free or reduced-price school meals or would like help completing the Iowa Eligibility Application contact Wanda Schiernbeck at the BCIG Central Office, 900 John Montgomery Drive in Ida Grove or call 712-364-3687 or email wschiernbeck@oabcig.org.

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CURRICULUM CLIPS
ALICIA NELSON,
DIRECTOR



STEM AND STEAM IN OUR SCHOOLS

The Governor's STEM Advisory Council has recently approved ten rigorous and engaging STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) programs for Iowa schools to participate in for the 2014-2015 school year. These programs are made possible through the Scale-Up grant applications offered to pre-K through 12th grade educators around the state. STEAM is making its way into schools as well, with the "A" standing for "Arts", incorporated with STEM education. Each building within OA and BCIG Schools took part in the grants in the 2013-2014 school year, with full district access to the Defined STEM site and several teachers writing and implementing specific grants for use in their classrooms.

"Seeing children actively engaged in STEM in classrooms and afterschool programs across Iowa is what the Council is all about," said Lt. Gov. Kim Reynolds, co-chair of the Governor's STEM Advisory Council. In 2012-13, around 40,000 students participated in Scale-Up programming across Iowa. That number may potentially climb to over 100,000 this school year once year two data is collected! Math and science test scores as well interest in STEM careers were higher among Iowa's Scale-Up participants in year one, and we're hoping to see that trend continue in our schools.

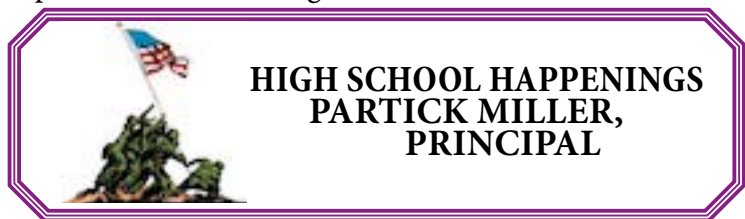
A West Des Moines-based communications firm, Strategic America, was chosen to design the \$150,000 public awareness campaign that will "focus on making sure students in Iowa are competitive with those in other states and countries when it comes to STEM education and interest". Data shows that this will be critical in the next decade, as projected STEM-related job growth will increase by 16 percent due to the recovering economy and our growing reliance on technology. (<http://www.iowastem.gov/PSA>, 2014). Recent data shows there are 3.4 STEM-related jobs for every

one unemployed individual.

The New campaign – with its catchy logo, core messages, billboard advertisements, statewide events and public relations – are paid for out of the \$5.2 million appropriated from the Iowa Legislature to the Governor’s STEM Advisory Council this fiscal year. Strategic America has donated \$160,000 in time and human resources to complete the project.

Featured in the campaign is Pinterest C.E.O, Ben Silbermann, saying: “The greatest thing to hit the entertainment industry didn’t come from an entertainer. It was an engineer who invented video gaming. The person who changed the face of music wasn’t a pop singer. He was a math major – inventor of digital music. And one of the most popular sites online, Pinterest, was created by... me, Ben Silbermann, from Des Moines, Iowa. Greatness STEMs from Iowans actively engaged in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics”.

For O.A. and B.C.I.G. schools, it is exciting to report that there already two times as many teachers applying for Scale-Up grants so far for the upcoming school year with time still remaining to apply. STEM and STEAM can be incorporated into all curriculum areas, enhancing the quality and rigor of education through overlapping concepts and understandings.



The following was taken from: “Experts offer tips to help students succeed in their first year in college” (<https://news.uns.purdue.edu/x/2009b/090827KochFreshmen.html>)

* MAKE FRIENDS WITH PEOPLE WHO SHARE SIMILAR GOALS

“The first item on your to-do list should be to make friends,” Koch says. “Not to party, but to make relationships with your peers. You should attend as many orientation activities as possible, and if your school has an academic learning community where students in similar majors are housed together, you should join that. There, you’ll find students who are going through the same things, taking the same classes.

Gardner points out that the single biggest influence on students is other students. “You should pay attention to who you associate with because you are going to become like them. If they like to party every night, you will, too.”

* DON’T GO HOME FOR AS LONG AS YOU CAN

Although students may think that going home on weekends and staying in touch with high school friends is a way to ease the adjustment, the experts say the opposite is true.

“We have research that shows the more frequently you go home the less likely you are to survive the first year,” Gardner says. “The worst thing you can do is stay in your room and text old friends from high school about what you are going to do that weekend.”



* JOIN A CLUB OR GROUP

Research has shown that students who joined at least one co-curricular activity were more likely to be successful in their freshman year.

“This is part of finding people who share your interests,” Koch says. “This gives you a reason to be on campus on the weekends and gives you a group of new friends to enjoy. You have to find your niche, but it’s also a great opportunity to try new things.”

* TAKE CARE OF YOUR PHYSICAL HEALTH, INCLUDING MANAGING STRESS

The enormous amount of life change that accompanies the transition to college produces stress, and often students try to deal with it in ways that actually increases the stress - by sleeping less, eating more or drinking alcohol.

“Overeating and drinking alcohol are not only damaging to your health, but they also lower a student’s self-esteem,” Gardner says.

* GO TO CLASS AND DO THE HOMEWORK

“Academics should be your first priority,” Koch says. “This is why finding friends in your classes or through learning communities is important for student success. They’ll literally drag each other out of bed to attend class.”

Koch and Gardner point out that even the best high school students find they need to learn new academic behaviors in college.

“Students may be brilliant, so they never had to study in high school or really pay attention in class,” Koch says. “They can find themselves on academic probation at the end of their first semester in college. They need to know they have to go to class, take good notes and read the assigned materials, even if they could get good grades without doing that before.”

* MAINTAIN YOUR PERSONAL STANDARDS

Life away from home has many opportunities and temptations, and many of these are exaggerated by immature peers. Students who put their personal values at risk can damage their self-esteem, which will have an impact on their college career. Poor decisions about drinking alcohol, relationships or overspending and credit card debt can put students at risk.

* PARENTS SHOULD BE PREPARED FOR A TEXT OR E-MAIL MESSAGE SAYING THINGS AREN’T GOING WELL

Parents have a role to play in students’ success, too, Koch says, although it is less direct than when the students were in high school.

“You have to allow the student to grow and to let go, but not let go completely,” Koch says. “Read the resource material for parents the college provides so that if the student calls and says they are struggling, you can offer good information about resources as well as emotional support. Both are important.”



SENIOR INFORMATION – 2014

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."

Colors: Black, Purple, Silver

FRIDAY, MAY 2: Senior Service Day

MONDAY, MAY 5TH: Seniors may pick up caps and gowns from Mrs. Sadler this week. Early pick up guarantees easier alterations in case of a mistake.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14:

Seniors will check out of ALL classes. Non-teaching signatures are to be obtained during study halls. Seniors will turn in completed sheets to their 8th hour teacher. Please note, checking out includes making sure all academic and financial obligations are taken care of. **All senior grades must be completed and turned in to teachers when you check out of that class – no exceptions!**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14:

Senior Supper/Video and Senior Awards Night in the HS cafeteria. Dinner will begin at 5:45 p.m. with the senior video to be shown after dinner. Senior Awards will be presented in the gymnasium following the video. **Please bring your cap (tassel on the left) and gown or you will not be allowed to participate in ceremonies.** Seniors will march in as practiced. Award recipients are to meet in the back of the gym after the ceremony for newspaper pictures EXCEPT those receiving the BCIG Foundation Scholarships, Harold and Leone Godbersen Family Foundation, and First State Bank, who are to meet on the risers for a picture immediately following the presentation. **ANYONE WHO IS PLANNING TO PRESENT AN AWARD/SCHOLARSHIP ON SENIOR NIGHT SHOULD CONTACT TASHA AT THE HS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE (364-3371)**

THURSDAY, MAY 15:

Seniors last day! Breakfast at 8:30 a.m. Practice for commencement beginning at 9:00 a.m. – meet in the cafeteria and be ready to go. When practice has been satisfactorily completed, seniors will be dismissed.

SUNDAY, MAY 18:

Graduation is at 2:00 p.m. Be in cap, gown and honor cords by 1:30. Be lined up and ready to march in by 1:50. Gowns may be turned in after graduation ceremonies in the choir room or they must be brought to the H.S. office by noon on Monday, May 19th. You will receive your diploma when your gown is returned. Please remember this ceremony is for you, your family and friends – give it the respect it is due.

Commencement will include the following awards INSTEAD of on awards night: present Valedictorian and Salutatorian, presentation of gold and silver honor cords and academic letters.



SENIOR DINNER AND AWARDS

Every May, the OA-BCIG Student Council honors the graduating seniors by hosting a dinner. This year, the 2014 Senior Class Dinner is set for Wednesday, May 14th in the high school cafeteria. Serving will begin at 5:45 pm. with Staley's of Charter Oak catering.

Each senior may request up to 3 tickets total due to limited space in the cafeteria. The senior's ticket is paid for, however, the additional tickets will cost \$10 per ticket to purchase. The meal this year will consist of Staley's fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, tossed lettuce salad, macaroni salad, fruit salad and an ice cream cup.

Following the dinner, the senior video will be shown at 6:30pm with the awards ceremony immediately following in the gym. The awards program should begin at approximately 6:45pm. Please feel free to invite additional family and friends to the awards ceremony.

Letters concerning the dinner will be sent to senior parents the last week in April. Please return the RSVP by the date requested in the letter.

Questions concerning the dinner may be directed to Cindy Wilcke at the high school 364-3371 or email cwilcke@oabcig.org

DRIVERS EDUCATION:

The second session offered is scheduled to start in June. The cost of the class is \$350.00. If your student has their permit, and you would like them to take the June session, pick up enrollment form at either the HS or the MS office. To register for the class, return the enrollment form from the driving academy, a copy of the students permit and a deposit of any amount. **MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO OA-BCIG.** The total of the fee must be paid no later than May 12th, 2014.



BUSINESS UPDATES KURT BROWN, INSTRUCTOR

The Personal Finance class and the Economics classes will have the opportunity to learn more about the process of setting financial goals and how to accomplish personal financial skills from two different sources.

Mr. Brian Waller is representing Junior Achievement. Brian has volunteered his time to teach several lessons to our High School classes. The students will learn about supply and demand, credit, budgeting, loans, credit cards, and many other topics. As Mr. Waller says, teaching kids about business!

Junior Achievement (JA) empowers young people to own their economic success. Our volunteer-delivered, K-12 programs foster work-readiness, entrepreneurship and financial literacy skills. JA's experiential learning inspires kids to dream big and reach their potential. Junior Achievement of Central Iowa helps young people connect with relevant learning and the importance of staying in school. JA sparks students to develop competitive skills and confidence.

Mr. Waller also sponsored our students in the Stock Market Challenge held at JA BizTown in West Des Moines this spring. Our students competed against other schools buying and selling stocks in a very realistic simulation. Our students did very well, coming close to winning the competition falling a few minutes short in the end. All of them agreed that it was a very good learning experience.

We appreciate the time, effort, and financial support that Mr. Waller has given the business department and the school not only this year, but in the past.

The Iowa College Access Network (ICAN) will come and present financial literacy information to both classes. The Personal Finance Class will be working on the activity Life Store. They will learn about setting financial goals, credit, insurance, budgeting, saving, needs and wants. The Economics class will be working on an activity called credit and money management. They will learn not only about credit and money management but also budgeting, savings, credit, student loans, credit cards, and identity theft.

The Iowa College Access Network (ICAN) has served the educational community and the students of Iowa since 1998. ICAN's mission is to empower Iowans to achieve their educational and career goals through statewide comprehensive outreach, initiatives and partnerships with schools, groups and businesses. ICAN helps more than 300,000 students, parents and education professionals prepare for college each year.

We appreciate the opportunity to have our students participate in these activities.



FFA UPDATES BY RACHEL STOBERL, INSTRUCTOR

The FFA has been very busy! March 27th we had our annual banquet. Several members received awards including: Greenhand Degree, Chapter Degree, Iowa Degree (Kirstin Weber), DeKalb Academic Accomplishment Award (Trevor Schnuckel), Star Farmer (Tristen Goettsch), Star Greenhand (Skylar Reis). We served delicious pork chops grilled by Trevor Schnuckel and salads from Aunt B's. Thank you all who attended.

April 9th we also held our annual Tractor Day. Twenty FFA members drove tractors to the school. We had 112 elementary students come up and check out the tractors, receive coloring books, and FFA stickers. After school, FFA members grilled out in the shop.

Later this on this month we will be attending a livestock judging at Dordt college and the State Leadership conference in Ames, Iowa.

MUSIC NOTES BY LINDA JOHNSON, VOCAL TEACHER 2014 STATE SOLO/SMALL ENSEMBLE CONTEST RESULTS

I RATINGS (SUPERIOR) Vocal Solos: Anna Dewey, Dalton Clausen, and Seth Wheeler. **Vocal Duets:** Anna Dewey/Eliot Clough, Jessica Gunderson/Amanda Gunderson, Carrie Miller/Rachelle Duff. **Vocal Quartet:** Olivia Freese, Anna Dewey, Darian Ernst, Eliot Clough. **Vocal Octet:** Olivia Freese, Taylor Marshall, Ana Dewey, Taylor Young, Darian Ernst, Jacob Olson and Eliot Clough. **Women's Triple Trio:** Olivia Freese, Taylor Marshall, Anna Dewey, Taylor Johnson, Kelsey Schlender, Tanya Burow, Rachelle Duff, Amanda Gunderson, and Jessica Gunderson.

II RATINGS Vocal Solos: Amanda Gunderson, Olivia Freese, Darian Ernst, Elle McCormick, Connor Musel, Taylor Young, Bailey Ross, and Carrie Miller. **Vocal Duets:** Connor Musel/Hunter Musel. **Men's Triple Trio:** Darian Ernst, Dustin Samaniego, Connor Musel, Jacob Olson, Hunter Musel, Dalton Clausen, Eliot Clough, Jacob Henderson, and Blake Netherton. **Mixed Triple Quartet:** Olivia Freese, Elle McCormick, Kaylea Killian, Anna Dewey, Taylor Young, Jessica Gunderson, Darian Ernst, Jacob Olson, Dustin Samaniego, Eliot Clough, Cole Veltri, Elliott Bengford. **Men's Triple Quartet:** Darian Ernst, Dustin Samaniego, Connor Musel, Hunter Musel, Jacob Olson, Connor Christiansen, Dalton Clausen, Cole Veltri, Jacob Henderson, Eliot Clough, Blake Netherton, and Seth Wheeler. **Chamber Choir:** Grace Lozier, Taylor Johnson, Kaylea Killian, Paton Allen, Elle McCormick, Olivia Freese, Anna Dewey, Amanda Gunderson, Jessica Gunderson, Rachelle Duff, Tanya Burow, Erin Fineran, Darian Ernst, Connor Musel, Hunter Musel, Jacob Olson, Blake Netherton, Eliot Clough, Wyatt Pierce, and Austin Hugeback.



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

Happy Spring! I hope everyone found some time to relax and enjoy spring break. I was able to get away and spend some time with my family and visit some family members living in Minnesota. When students and staff returned to school after the break, the elementary bathroom area as well as the hallway in the science area of the middle school took on a different look. These are part of building improvements that are underway and will continue over the summer break.

The school year has gone by quickly, and it seems like yesterday we opened our doors for our Fall Open House. There are a lot of great things happening at OA Elementary and OA-BCIG Middle School that we are very proud of. We try to create an environment where students feel safe and learning is top priority. We will continue to work with parents to make sure this happens.

The excitement about the book fair that was held in April was great to see. Many parents, grandparents, and students visited the Book Fair held in the new media center during conference times. Many positive remarks were made about the new space. Book Fair sales were over \$3000, a 65% increase in sales from last year with a book profit over \$2000. Together the middle school and elementary received over 250 books.

Families donated nearly \$200 for All for Books. All of this money went towards elementary library books. Thank you all for the purchases and donations and especially Mary Rohlk and Traci Allen for making this a huge success. We hope to see students reading all summer.

May 6th will be the 6th grade orientation visit to the Middle School. This will include a guided tour, information about classes and expectations for next year, and time to answer questions. Eighth grade students will visit the high school for their orientation on May 15. There are many field trips in May, and many Middle School students will be busy running track. May is a very busy month with field trips, field day and various other activities. We will always try to keep parents updated as best as possible to all the upcoming events we have at OA-BCIG.

As the summer approaches, kids are often more restless and distracted at school. You can help make sure that their last weeks of school are productive by ensuring that they begin the day with a nutritious breakfast. Studies show a good breakfast makes kids more alert, less distractible and better behaved in school; it even improves their test scores. Let's keep our children focused by making sure they begin every school day with a balanced meal at home or at school.

GO FALCONS!

With the end of the year approaching, we will continue to hold high expectations for academic output, behavior, and attendance. Teachers will expect hard work and continue to assign learning activities as we still have much teaching and learning to do. I want to thank you all for your help and support this year. I very much appreciate your support as well as feedback and suggestions; we can't always tell how our actions and responses to issues are perceived by students or parents, so your input is very important to us.



**JOSIE WULF EARNS INVENT IOWA MERITORIOUS AWARD
BY MISSY JENSEN, MS TAG INSTRUCTOR**

Josie Wulf entered her invention, The Charging Chamber, in the 2014 State Invent Iowa competition. The Charging Chamber is a shelving unit that can charge many electronic devices at once while keeping them organized and out of the way. There were over 250 inventions submitted at the state level. The Invent Iowa Program has two rounds of evaluation at the State Competition. In the first round, Josie's invention was in the top 15% and advanced to the second round. Wulf was then asked to submit a short video of her invention presentation. In the Invent Iowa Awards Round, The Charging Chamber was designated as a Meritorious Award Winner. Her invention was among the top 19 inventions. Wulf will receive a \$100 award and a Meritorious Certificate. She can also participate in the next level, the Invent Iowa Scholarship Competition. Josie Wulf is a sixth grader at OA-BCIG Middle School and participates in the Talented and Gifted Program. The Charging Chamber took first place at OA-BCIG's local Invent Iowa competition.

MS SOCIAL STUDIES BY DAVID WINTERROWD

On Wednesday, May 14th, the sixth graders will once again have the opportunity to attend the Living History Farms in Des Moines in conjunction with their Iowa History class. While there, students will attend the three-hundred year farm tour which includes stops at the three period farms (1700, 1850 pioneer farm and the 1900 farm), as well as a tour of the city of Walnut Grove. Tours will include a description and demonstration of the routines of daily life for each time period by historical interpreters dressed in period clothing at each site.

In the afternoon, students will get a chance to participate in many "hands-on" activities on both the farms and businesses in the fictional city of Walnut Grove. Some of the businesses/places of Walnut Grove include the bank, general store, printing/newspaper shop, schoolhouse, church, blacksmiths, broom maker, and the Flynn mansion.

Cost will be \$6/student, and are asked to bring a sack lunch. Students will be able to stop briefly in the general store to purchase old fashioned candy, sasparilla, and various other trinkets and souvenirs, but are asked not to bring large amounts of money with them.



**BCIG ELEMENTARY EDICTS
ALAN HENDERSON,
PRINCIPAL**



HARD TO BELIEVE IT IS MAY!

As we get close to the end of the year, one always takes the time to take a look back and see what has happened. This is the first for PK-5 to be in one building. It has been good to have interactions among all the grade levels. We have thoroughly enjoyed the new addition. Students have had a great time in the library and the calm setting it brings to the building. The new playground and along with the new cement has been a great place for kids to play. We have lots of places to spread out and many things to do.

One of the things that I have been excited about is the parents of our district. It has been good to see several volunteers in our building on a regular basis. I can't tell you how much that means to have someone commit to coming in to our building. One Highlight has been one of our volunteers Don. He has come in and had a huge impact in some of the boys' lives. Don has been a great volunteer for our school! I want to thank all of our parents for the way they have supported the school. The PTP has helped recognize teachers in a positive way. They helped with meals at parent teacher conferences. They have helped with supplies to the classroom. BCIG is lucky to have so many parents involved in our school. Thank you.

This summer continue to visit the public library and get good books to read over the summer. Continue to play games and work on math on a regular basis. Look for those websites that students can play and learn on at the same time. As you travel the more you stop and look at new things helps build experiences that students can use in the classroom in all they do. We will continue to work hard through May, enjoy your summer and enjoy some quality time with your child this summer.

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**OA ELEMENTARY
ROUND UP**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 7TH
9:00AM - 10:00AM**

PRESCHOOL ROOM



5TH GRADE SCIENCE BY STACI ROHLK

The BCIG 5th grade science classes have been incorporating several STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) projects throughout the school year and are looking forward to having Jon Devitt, Midwest's Vice President of Engineering, in our classroom on Tuesday, May 6th. Our 5th grade scientists will then tour the Midwest plant on Friday, May 23rd. We are so excited to have this fantastic opportunity in our classroom.

HOBBY DAY COMING SOON

The 30th Annual Hobby Day for 4th grade is Friday, May 2 at the BCIG Elementary. The public may attend from 2:00-3:00 PM in Mrs. Snyder and Mrs. Nettles' classrooms.



**LIBRARY LINES
MARY ROHLK
HEAD LIBRARIAN**

LIBRARY BOOKS

As the school year winds down, please make sure all library books are returned. If your child is missing a library book, please check with the library to see if it accidentally went back to the shelf without being checked in. If a book cannot be found, please check with the library staff as to the replacement cost. All books need to be returned or paid for by the end of the year.

BOX TOPS, LABELS FOR EDUCATION, AND OUR FAMILY UPC LABELS

Please turn in all of these donations prior to Friday, May 9. These items need to be processed before the end of the year. Please do not hold box tops over the summer for next year as there are many box tops that will expire June 1 and June 30, 2014. The school receives zero money for expired box tops. The other label forms do not expire.

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LIBRARY CURRICULUM NOTES

Second grade learned about the elements of fairy tales and the more popular form, fractured fairy tales. These are the stories that use the theme of the traditional story but in a different way. The students retold the traditional story of the Three Little Pigs and then listened to The Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig. The students then identified what was the same and what was different between the stories.

Third grade learned about various genres of literature. Some of the genres explored were realistic fiction, historical fiction, adventure, fantasy, and science fiction better known as Sci Fi. Ask your child which genre they prefer to read.

Fourth grade learned about working on a shared document or presentation. Using their chromebooks, the students worked simultaneously on the same project. Two classes worked on a shared document without talking, while another class worked on one project, each working on a different presentation slide. The students also learned about professional etiquette when working on a shared project.

Fifth grade spent several lessons on evaluating websites for credibility. After being given several hoax sites to evaluate why they were not good sites, each class was given two almost identical sites. Half of the class evaluated each site. They knew that one group had a valid site while the other group had a hoax site. Each group had to discuss and work together to decide and give reasons as to why their site was either a hoax or a credible source.



NEWS FROM THE NURSE ANGIE KASTNER

Wow, I can't believe that we are talking about next year already. In planning for next year there are some important health related requirements that parents need to be aware of.

Immunizations: the State of Iowa requires all students to have a current immunization record on file for each student. Recently, in 2009 and again in 2013 the state made changes to the immunizations requirements so it is important to note that certain vaccines many now be required for your child.

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

WHEN: Wednesday, May 7, 2014

WHERE: Starts/ends at the Skate Palace in Ida Grove

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

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PRESCHOOL REQUIREMENTS:

- 4 doses Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis
- 3 doses Polio
- 3 doses Hib with the final dose in the series > 12 months of age or 1 dose received > 15 months of age.
- 1 dose Measles/Rubella > 12 months of age. (MMR)
- 1 dose Varicella > 12 months of age or history of natural disease.(Chicken Pox)
- 4 doses Pneumococcal; with one dose > 12 months of age

KINDERGARTEN REQUIREMENTS:

- 5 doses Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis with 1 dose received > 4 years of age
- 4 doses Polio with 1 dose received > 4 years of age.
- 2 doses Measles/Rubella; the first dose at 12-18 months of age with the second dose prior to Kindergarten
- 3 doses Hepatitis B if born on or after July 1, 1994.
- 2 doses Varicella the first dose at 12-18 months with the second dose prior to Kindergarten unless the applicant has a reliable history of natural disease.

7TH GRADE REQUIREMENT *NEW* IN 2013:

- 1 booster dose of Tdap (tetanus, and pertussis). All students entering into 7th grade will be required to have this dose to have a current and compliant immunization record here at school.

High School students may want to visit with their health care provider about additional immunizations that may be required for college.

As a reminder if your student is entering Kindergarten or 9th grade please remember to turn in the dental screening form. This form is available at the school, your dental provider, or it can be found at <http://www.idph.state.ia.us/ohds/OralHealth.aspx?prog=OHC&pg=Screenings>



 **CANDID PAGE**



Activity Calendar for May 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
				1 4:00pm MS Track OA-BCIG Relays *4:00pm WVC Boys Golf @ Holstein *4:00pm WVC Girls Golf @ Kingsley *5:00pm HS Track MVAO Co-ed Re- lays @ Mapleton *6:30pm Pre- school/AK Con- cert @ IG	2 BCIG Elementary Hobby Day Senior Service Day	3 IHSRA Rodeo @ Estherville **9:00am OA- BCIG Girls Golf Invite @ Spring Lake **9:00am OA- BCIG Boys Golf Invite @ IG @ Ida Grove **10:00am HS Dance Tryouts
4 Rodeo @ Estherville	5 **HS Baseball Practice Begins **6:30pm OA Elem/OA-BCIG MS TAG Sharing Evening **4:00pm WVC Boys Golf @ Sioux City **4:00pm WVC Girls Golf @ Whispering Creek in Sioux City **4:00pm WVC Coed TR @ Onawa	6 7:00pm MS Spring Concert @ Odebolt 5th Grade Orientation	7 1:00 <i>Dismissal Professional Development</i> **1:30pm 20th Annual Whitey Thompson Hike-Bike-A- Thon **Odebolt PreK New Student Visit Day ** 5:30pm Music Boosters Meeting @ HS Cafeteria	8 7:00pm HS Fine Arts Concert @ IG Gym 	9 4:00pm MS Track @ Manson 4:30pm HS Track Coed Relays @ Sloan	10 IHSRA Rodeo @ Marshalltown State Music Large Group Contests <i>TBD</i>
11 Rodeo @ Marshall- town	12 **HS Softball Practice Begins **4:40pm Boys Track @ Dunlap **9:00am WVC Golf Champions- hips @ LeMars **4:00pm MS Track @ Maple- ton 6:30pm School Board Meeting	13 MS WVC Track Meet @ Early	14 6th Grade Field Trip 5:45 Senior Dinner @ HS Cafeteria 6:45 Senior Awards Night @ HS Gym	15 <i>Seniors Last Day</i> 8th Grade Orientation 3:30pm HS Track State Qualifying Meet <i>TBD</i>	16 10:00am Boys Sectional Golf @ Lake City 1:00pm BCIG Kindergarten Graduation/ Con- cert @ IG HS Gym 7:00pm MS Spring Dance @ Odebolt	17 
18 2:00pm Gradua- tion	19 10:00am Girls District Golf <i>TBD</i> 1:00pm OA Elem. Track Meet	20 7:00pm 5th Band & Vocal Concert @ IG HS Gym	21 	22 State Track @ DesMoines	23 State Track @ DesMoines 10:00am Boys District Golf @ Storm Lake	24 State Track @ DesMoines
25  REMEMBER THOSE WHO SERVED ALL GAVE SOME, SOME GAVE ALL	26 <i>Memorial Day</i>	27 **10:00am Girls Regional Golf <i>TBD</i> **BCIG Elem. Track/Field Day 3-5 in AM K-2 in PM **6:00pm HS Soft- ball vs. East Sac @ Battle Creek	28 6:00pm HS Baseball @ Mapleton 6:00pm HS Softball @ Mapleton	29 <i>Last Day of Classes</i> 6:00pm HS Base- ball vs. Ridge View @ Ida Grove 6:00pm HS Soft- ball vs. Ridge View @ BC	30 <i>Teacher Work Day</i> Boys State Golf @ Livermore IHSRA Rodeo @ Carson	31 Boys State Golf @ Livermore IHSRA Rodeo @ Carson 2:30pm HS Base- ball @ Denison

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