

OA-BCIG INSIGHTS

The newsletter of the Odebolt-Arthur and Battle Creek-Ida Grove Community School Districts



From the Superintendent Mr. Terry Kenealy, Superintendent

Petition for Reorganization

At the March 14 joint regular board meeting the Odebolt-Arthur and Battle Creek-Ida Grove Community School Districts Board of Directors approved the final draft from the school district's attorney of the petition for reorganization. The final approved draft of the petition follows:

Before the Boards of Directors of the Northwest Area Education Agency (Area XII) and the Prairie Lakes Area Education Agency (Area VIII) Petition For Reorganization

WE, the undersigned eligible electors of the Odebolt-Arthur Community School District and of the Battle Creek-Ida Grove Community School District hereby petition the Northwest Area Education Agency (Area XII) pursuant to Section 275.12 of the Code of Iowa to conduct a hearing with the Prairie Lakes Area Education Agency (Area VIII) pursuant to Section 275.15 and Section 275.16 of the Code of Iowa at which time the following petition shall be considered by the joint Area Education Agency Boards of Directors.

1. That the Odebolt-Arthur Community School District and the Battle Creek-Ida Grove Community School District be merged and consolidated into a new community school district to be known as the Odebolt Arthur Battle Creek Ida Grove Community School District to include the area as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof and comprising all of the territory of the two existing districts.

2. That the Odebolt-Arthur Community School District and the Battle Creek-Ida Grove Community School District believe that the proposed school district conforms with the plans developed by the two involved area education agencies but if such petition does not conform

they pray that the plans of the two involved area education agencies be changed to conform to the proposed district.

3. That the districts believe that all necessary studies and surveys have been conducted which are a prerequisite to this proposed reorganization.

4. That the number of directors shall eventually be seven and that they be selected and elected pursuant to Section 275.41 and Section 275.12 (2) (c), Code of Iowa with six members being residents of six single-member director districts and one member elected at large, all voted on by electors of the entire school district. Pursuant to Section 275.41, the Odebolt- Arthur Board of Directors shall appoint two members of the initial board and the Battle Creek- Ida Grove Board of Directors shall appoint four members of the initial board. The remaining member of the initial board is to be appointed by the members of the initial board or by special election in the absence of such appointment.

5. That neither of the districts involved have approved the issuance of general obligation bonds at an election pursuant to Section 296.6 of the Code of Iowa during the preceding six month period

6. That the assets and liabilities of the districts be merged.

7. That the proposed school district will contain a combined enrollment well in excess of the minimum enrollment prescribed by Section 275.3, Code of Iowa.

8. That following a hearing as required in accordance with Section 275.15, Code of Iowa, and the approval of both area education agencies' Boards of Directors, a special election be held as required by Section 275.18, Code of Iowa, and that such other proceedings be had as are required in accordance with Chapter 275 of the Code of Iowa in order to effectuate the

reorganization requested in this Petition.

9. That pursuant to Section 275.12(6), Code of Iowa, Petitioners request that the voters of both Districts be permitted to vote on a revenue purpose statement as provided in Section 423F.3, Code of Iowa at the election conducted under Section 275.18, Code of Iowa.

The next step in the process rests with the community members of each district. It takes valid signatures that comprise twenty percent (20%) of the registered voters in each school district or four hundred (400) valid registered voter signatures, whichever is less in a given school district, to move the petition for reorganization forward for a review and public hearing by the Northwest AEA and Prairie Lakes AEA Boards of Directors.

As of March 11, 2016, there are 2,565 active registered voters in the Battle Creek-Ida Grove Community School District. Twenty percent (20%) of 2,565 equals 513 signatures so for Battle Creek-Ida Grove the number of valid registered voter signatures will be four hundred (400).

As of March 11, 2016, there are 1,374 active registered voters in the Odebolt-Arthur Community School District. Twenty percent (20%) of 1,374 equals 275 valid signatures that will need to be collected for the petition to move forward on behalf of the Odebolt-Arthur School District.

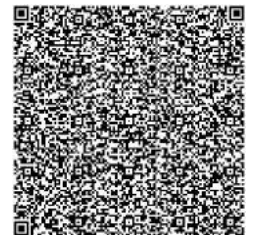
In the near future the process to gather valid signatures on the petition for reorganization will begin. If you have questions or need additional information please don't hesitate to contact me or one of the members of the two school boards. In addition, go to the 'reorganization' link on the front page of the OA-BCIG website at www.oabcig.org for information on the issue of

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Tip of the Month

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reorganization, answers to frequently asked questions and other information about the two school districts. Our goal is to assist the members of our communities to have the best possible information that will help to inform the district's patrons on the issues involved.

2016-2017 School Calendar

Also at the meeting on Monday, March 14 the Odebolt-Arthur and Battle Creek Community School Districts Boards of Directors approved a school calendar for the 2016-2017 school year. Perhaps the biggest change to the school calendar for next year is how Wednesday early dismissals for

professional development will be scheduled. Next school year there are fifteen (15) early dismissals at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesdays for professional development. The Wednesdays that will have the 1:00 p.m. early dismissal are marked on the school calendar. The 2016-2017 calendar can be found on the district website.

Other highlights include:

- The first day of school will be Wednesday, August 24, 2016.
- The end of the first semester will be Thursday, January 12, 2017.
- Spring Break/Easter Break will be Friday,

April 14, 2017 and Monday, April 17, 2017.

- There will be staff work/flex days on the Friday following the end of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd quarters during the year.
- Total instructional hours scheduled are 1,128.5 hours during the school year.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with questions, with your suggestions or ideas, or if you need additional information. Thanks for all of your support for the Odebolt-Arthur and Battle Creek-Ida Grove Community School Districts.

PRESENTERS FOR SENIOR AWARDS NIGHT

Anyone who is planning to present an award/scholarship at senior awards night needs to contact Tasha (ttromp@oabcig.org) at the high school office or guidance counselor Mrs. Lensch (alensch@oabcig.org) **BY MAY 4 (364-3371)** so we can get you on the program.

BCIG Elementary Happenings

Mr. Alan Henderson, BCIG Elem. Principal

With the ITBS data coming in we will be taking some time to look at that information as we plan for next year. Each year we go through a data analysis and break down the data by grade level to look and see what we can change to meet the needs of students within our system.

Just a reminder that as the weather gets nicer, students still need to bring jackets. Students must wear coats outside if the temperature is below 65 degrees.

Only through a strong partnership can we work together to make your child the most successful he or she can be. Continue to read with your child on a regular basis. When you read to your child you are building fluency and a love of reading with your child. Thank you for all of your parental support. We truly could not do it without you.

High School Happenings

Mr. Patrick Miller, Principal

In the Spring of 2015 our students had the opportunity to be one of the few pilot schools to participate in OECD testing. The OECD test is based on the International PISA test. The test provided us with a great deal of information that our high school staff is now combing through. Some highlights from our first full day of data mining include:

- OA-BCIG falls above the top 10% achieving schools in students feeling they are being treated fairly by teachers.
- We are near the mean in math, reading, and science results compared to other schools in the United States. We also fall near the mean globally.
- Our students fall below the mean in seeing a significance in the use of math in their lives, yet they feel they can complete life tasks that require math.
- Our students fell below the mean in seeing a significance in the use of science in their own lives, yet, they perform very well nationally on their ability to complete tasks that require science knowledge and application.

Thank you to all patrons who supported the Falcons over the winter months. Our students, musicians, thespians, teachers, athletes and coaches, as well as parents, put in a great deal of

time and we appreciate your support. We had some up's and down's during the seasons, but one thing remained constant, positive, supportive parents and fans.

While it is hard to guess what our sportsmanship ratings will be for the winter season, I felt our crowds, as well as our athletes and coaches, were very positive towards their opponent and the officials. Thank you for your efforts in making attending our events a positive experience.

Important Senior Dates 2016

Senior DJs: March 31 at KCHE

Senior DJs: May 3 at KDSN

Pick up cap and gowns starting on May 4.

Senior Service Day: May 6

Senior awards night practice: May 17-3:00

Senior Awards Night: May 18 Supper starts at 5:45; Awards start at approximately 7:00

Seniors last full day of school: May 18-sign out from all classes

Seniors last day of school: May 19-Breakfast 8:30;

Commencement Practice 8:45

Senior grades due May 19 at noon

Commencement: May 22-2:00; Seniors be at high school by 1:15

OA Elementary & OA-BCIG Middle School Happenings

Mr. Doug Mogensen, Principal

The elementary students raised over \$6,500 for the American Heart Association during the Jump Rope for Heart campaign. Mr. Hugo had many jump roping lessons during this time and students asked relatives and neighbors for contributions. Six staff members dressed as the Lifesaver Pups to celebrate with the students the importance of helping others and being heart healthy. The "Pups" shared their message by lip syncing to a couple of songs and getting the students up and jumping.

The Read Across America OA celebration took place during the week of February 29. Activities which supported reading took place on March 4. With the help of some members of the Parent-Teacher-Community-Partnership, students took part in listening to guest readers from the high school and middle school, participated in physical activities related to the *Charlotte's Web* story and

enjoyed some "spider" cupcakes. The day ended with a school celebration and game show over the *Charlotte's Web* story and Wilbur the pig showing up to receive a kiss from me. The students really enjoyed seeing me kiss Wilbur. It was an enjoyable celebration around the importance of reading.

TAG night was March 8. Eighth grade TAG students organized the event along with Mrs. Jensen. During the event parents and students took part in challenges which included an egg drop, glider creation, and trivia questions. Students 3rd grade from 8th grade gave a short presentation of what things they were doing in TAG. TAG Night is a great way to promote and share the learning that takes place at OA-BCIG.

New Opportunities, DCAT/ICPC and OA-BCIG Schools will be presenting **Love and Logic: Parenting the Love and Logic Way**, a series of 4 FREE classes designed to help give parents the tools to have positive interactions with their children and create an empowering environment for them. See more information at: www.idacoloveandlogic.com

WHO: Anyone from Sac/Ida Counties
WHEN: April 13, 20, 27, and May 4
TIME: 6:00-8:00 p.m. Snack provided
WHERE: OA-BCIG High School (use North door)
 Childcare provided FREE by OA-BCIG Service Club
CONTACT: Jayne 712-662-7921, April 712-887-0752 or Brenna 712-830-8245

Robotics Advances to State Competition

Mrs. Susie Maass, Robotics Coach

There were a total of 48 teams represented at the Iowa Robotics Championship in Coralville on March 4-5. The teams were then divided into a Black and Gold division (24 teams in each division).

Team Overload competed in 5 qualifying matches with different alliances in the Gold division. They won 3 of their 5 matches. At the end of the qualifying matches, Team Overload was ranked 8th in the Gold division. They were selected to compete in the semifinals for the Gold division with two other team alliances. When advancing to the semifinals and finals, each alliance competes in a best two out of three, head to head competition, with the winning alliance advancing on to the finals. Their alliance team had to compete in all three matches and the scores were close, but in the end, their alliance did not advance to the finals of the Gold division. Members of Team Overload included Emma Endrulat, Amanda Gunderson, and Trey Rohlk.



Congratulations to girls' bowling coach Roger Christensen on being awarded the "Golden Plaque Award for Distinguished Coaching" that is presented by the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union. He received his award at the Iowa 1A state bowling tournament in February.

Upcoming Event

BCIG 4th Grade Hobby Day will be Friday, April 22, 2016.

The show will be from 2:00-3:00 pm in Mrs. Snyder's, Mrs. Nettles', and Ms. Steil's 4th Grade classrooms.

Everyone is invited to attend!!

Driver's Education

The first session of driver's education is already underway. There will be another session offered in June. The cost of the class is \$350. If your student has their permit, and you would like them to take the June session, pick up an enrollment form at either the HS or the MS office. **STUDENTS MUST ALREADY HAVE THEIR PERMIT BEFORE THEY CAN REGISTER FOR THE CLASS.**

To register for the class, return the enrollment form, 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 11, 2016. Class size is limited to 36 students. Forms are also available on our website.

Speech Contest News

Ms. Kariann Jurgenson, Speech Coach

The OA-BCIG speech team has concluded a fun and successful season. Several students competed at the District Individual Speech Contest at Kuemper High School on February 27. They competed in musical theatre (Bailey Ross, Carrie Miller, Courtney Peters), improvisational acting (Stephen Stangl), storytelling (Bree Henningsen, Vandy Mosier, Courtney Peters), after-dinner speaking (Dallas Hare), Poetry (Marzia Shivers, Stephen Stangl), prose (Bree Henningsen, William Lozier), and literary program (Bailey Ross, Vandy Mosier). Students who earned I ratings moved on to the state contest.

State Individual Speech Contest was hosted by Woodbury Central on March 12. Dallas Hare received straight IIs for his after-dinner speaking. Courtney Peters (Storytelling) and Bailey Ross (musical theatre) received a mixed II in their events. Receiving mixed I ratings were Courtney Peters in musical theatre and Bailey Ross in literary program. Vandy Mosier (literary program) and Stephen Stangl (poetry, improvisational acting) received straight I ratings. Congratulations to all who competed this year and improved their communication skills.

In addition to competing in contests, speech students were able to share their talents during the past month. The choral reading group performed its *Silver Screen Spectacular* as part of the pops concert. The one act play performed *While Shakespeare Slept* for students at the middle school. Finally, Courtney Peters and Bailey Ross (musical theatre) and Marzia Shivers (poetry) shared their contest pieces during Las Vegas Night.

Special congratulations to Stephen Stangl for being selected to perform his improvisational acting at this year's Individual All-State Festival which will be held on Monday, April 4 at the University of Northern Iowa.



Nurses Notes

Mrs. Tiffany Lindberg, School Nurse



With the warm weather quickly approaching, here are some health tips to keep in mind. Allergens and pollens are making their way into the warm outdoors, so allergy season may be upon us. Typically allergies are symptom management, taking allergy medication as needed, hard candy or cough drops to ease a sore or dry throat, and if needed sinus headache medicine for those painful sinus headaches.

Summer will also be here before we know it. Some summer safety tips to remember:

1. Use sunscreen, even when it is cloudy outside. Protecting your skin from the sun will decrease severe sunburns and skin cancer.
2. Don't forget the bug spray for those pesky mosquitoes. Mosquitoes can carry diseases that can make a person sick. Not to mention the bites can be irritating.
3. Wear a helmet when riding bicycle or any motorized recreational vehicles. Head injuries can leave a lifelong impact. So always protect your melon.
4. Stay active and drink plenty of water. It is recommended for children to have at least 60 minutes of physical activity every day. With that activity, make sure your child remains well hydrated.

Library Listings

Mrs. Mary Rohlk, K-12 Librarian

Keep those pop tabs coming in! Seventy pounds were delivered to the Ronald McDonald House of Siouxland in the name of OA-BCIG Schools. Twenty-five pounds came from BCIG Elementary and 45 pounds came from the OA Elementary/OA-BCIG Middle School. High school tabs will be delivered in the future.

Labels for Education (Campbell Soup labels) will be discontinuing their program this summer. We need your help to earn one more iPad before this program ends. We need 6,000 more labels. Please send them to BCIG Elementary before May 2.

Thank you for supporting our Odebolt Arthur book fair. Once again it was a success. Profit figures were not available before the press deadline.



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Labels for Education example

Guidance Notes

Mrs. Angela Lensch, High School Counselor

Students recently took the Iowa Assessments, a series of tests measuring important aspects of the Iowa Core. You should have received your child's results at the Spring Parent Teacher Conferences. Your student's scores on the Iowa Assessments can be used to: understand how your student performs in key areas such as reading, writing, math, science, and social studies. They help identify your student's relative strengths and limitations in these key areas, monitor your student's performance over time, and compare your student's performance to other students in the nation. They also provide information about your student's proficiency level as defined by the state of Iowa

Your student's scores are presented in various ways including: National Standard Score (NSS) is a score that describes performance on an achievement continuum from Kindergarten through 12th grade. The NSS allows you to monitor your student's growth and compare performance from year to year. The NSS is also used in Iowa to determine your student's level of proficiency in reading, mathematics, and science. An explanation of the levels of proficiency can be found at: <http://itp.education.uiowa.edu/ia/documents/Proficient.pdf> National Percentile Rank (NPR) is a score that describes the relative comparison of your student's performance to other students in the

nation who are in the same grade and were tested at the same time of year. An NPR of 80 means that your student's performance was better than 80% of the students who took the test.

If you have any questions when presented your student's scores, feel free to give me a call at 712-364-3371.

ACT Testing Dates and Deadlines

Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)
April 9, 2016	March 4	March 5-18
June 11, 2016	May 6	May 7-20
ACT OA-BCIG Code- 162129		

ACT materials are available in the high school guidance office.

Register on-line at: www.act.org.

Our testing site is at Denison Community High School.

One Book, One School

Mrs. Shelly Spotts, BCIG Title I/Reading Recovery

On Friday, March 11, BCIG Elementary celebrated the reading of our One Book, One School selection for this school year, *Charlotte's Web*. The students had a terrific time, enjoying three different centers during the school day. They made spider webs with the BCIG PTP, learned about spiders and their habitats from Kristen Haynes of the Ida County Conservation Center and made pig noses with Kandice Moore and Laura Johnk from the Iowa State Extension Service. FFA high school volunteers also helped the students with the different centers. The BCIG Elementary Parent Teacher Partnership (PTP) would like to give a special thank you to everyone who participated in the One Book, One School *Charlotte's Web* Activity Day. Thank you to all of the students and parents for reading the book at home over the last few months.

Reading to your children is one of the most important things you can do as a parent. We encourage you to keep reading at home to your children and encourage them to read to you, as well. Thank you to the teachers and staff who helped support this book at school. Thank you to the PTP volunteers, Ida County Conservation, ISU Extension Office, Mrs. Clark and the OA-BCIG High School FFA students for their help with organizing activities and grab bags for the students. Thank you to Bree Henningsen for bringing in two live pigs for the kids to visit with during the activity rotations. Thank you to Best of Barb's Catering for designing tasty spider cookies for the students to enjoy. We had a great time reading and celebrating the book *Charlotte's Web* this year. We can't wait for next year's book.



Studying the Digestive System

Mrs. Ashley Wittrock, OA 4th Grade

In Mrs. Wittrock's 4th grade science class we have been working on a unit for the human body, and we were wrapping up our lesson on the digestive system. We did an experiment to see what happens when food enters the stomach. The students observed how the soda dissolved the cracker and related it to our digestive system. We had fun conducting this experiment in class!



Art Club News

Mrs. Kate Beyke, Adviser

The art club is busy working on the fine arts mural designed by Amy Cutshall, a senior at OA-BCIG High School. The design incorporates band, choir, art and drama with lots of expressive imagery and fun colors that show how exciting the fine arts are at our school. We have finished drawing out the design and have started painting! The mural will be finished by the end of the school year and hung in the fine arts wing of the high school.

Join us on May 5, in the cafeteria for a silent art auction to benefit the art club. The silent auction will start before the concert that night and the highest bidders will be able to take their pieces home with them. Refreshments and snacks will also be available. The proceeds will go towards equipment and supplies for the art department and help with expenses on the art club trip. Thanks for your continued support of the arts!

CUM Folder Destruction

Class of 2013 (BCIG District) & Class of 2011 (OA District) - your cum folders will be shredded this summer. If you would like to keep this folder, call the high school before June 1, 2016 and ask for it to be saved. You can then pick up your folder anytime in June.

One Hundred Cans for 100th Day

Mrs. Kandi Ehrig, BCIG 1st Grade

The BCIG kindergarten and first grade classrooms collected cans for the 100th day of school for our local food pantry. All the classes collected cans for a total of over 500 cans. Kris Gunderson and Phil Sykes came and talked to the students about the food pantry and picked the cans up.

Row 1: Sam Lansink, Avery Mason, Eidan Skirvin, Will Godbersen, Ashlynn Renze, Macy VanWyhe, Isabella Mumm, Quinlan Halle, Kendra Corbin

Row 2: Jenessa Kolar, Kris Gunderson, Phil Sykes



SENIORS

Start bringing in candid group photos from elementary, middle school, and high school to use in the senior video which will be shown at senior awards night. Photos can be given to Mrs. Beck or emailed to her at hbeck@oabcig.org. Please have them turned in by **April 15, 2016**.

OA Elem. & OA-BCIG Middle School TAG News Mrs. Missy Jensen, TAG Instructor

On Tuesday, March 8 at 6:00 pm the Odebolt-Arthur Elementary and OA-BCIG Middle School Talented and Gifted Program hosted a “Family Challenge Night.” The 3rd-8th grade talented and gifted students each shared an activity or project they worked on during the 2015-2016 school year. The 8th grade students then presented two STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) challenges and a trivia game. The families were challenged to build a device to protect an egg from cracking when dropped from a distance of 4 feet. The second challenge was to build a glider. The families were led through the engineering design process. Each family followed a series of steps to come up with a solution to accomplish their goal. Over 50 families had fun participating in the family challenge night. The 8th graders did an outstanding job making sure the night ran smoothly. Mrs. Jensen, the K-8th grade Talented and Gifted teacher, organized the event.

The 8th grade TAG students have been busy with small group projects. Four OA-BCIG Middle School talented and gifted students presented their LEGO robot projects to the BCIG 4th & 5th grade TAG students on February 19. Sam Devitt, Corin Bower and Abby Bender modeled how to program a LEGO robot through a maze. The 8th grade talented and gifted students have been building and programming the robots for a month. It was a great experience to teach and challenge younger students. Later that day Nicole Lozier, Jennifer Godbersen, Danielle Lozier and Amber Lozier visited the Odebolt Nursing Home. These four students were able to interview residents. The students asked about their life and enjoyed hearing advice and stories from the past. After the interview, the students volunteered by helping at BINGO and socializing with the residents.

During the month of February Mrs. Schulte’s and Mrs. Kraft’s 1st grade

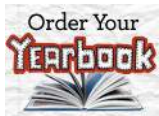
students were challenged to think like civil engineers. They began their engineering lesson with the storybook “Javier Builds a Bridge,” about a boy who needed a safe footbridge to get to his island play fort. The students performed a controlled test of three types of bridges to see how much weight the bridges could support. They used what they learned about balance and force as they experimented with beam, arch, and suspension bridges. The students then applied their knowledge of balance, forces, and civil engineering as they imagined, planned, created, tested, and improved their own bridges. The first graders were actively involved in this lesson. The “Designing Bridges” lesson was purchased with a grant from the Iowa STEM Initiative. It was presented as a part of the science curriculum with help from the Talented and Gifted teacher, Melissa Jensen and 8th grade students, Cora Hansen, Leighton Barnum, Abby Bender and Hunter Maass.



FFA News

Mrs. Taylor Clark, FFA Advisor

The month of February went by too fast! We took Daltyn Swanger, Jaden Uhl, and Calli Wareham to KAYL in Storm Lake to do PSAs for FFA week. We then had a busy FFA week as we initiated Greenhand Degree recipients, and our officers visited the 8th graders to do leadership and recruitment activities. Four members traveled to Lake City during FFA week to compete in career development events. Skylar Reis and Daltyn Swanger took the Chapter Quiz, Tiffanie Rigby took the Greenhand Quiz, and Rhett Ketelsen earned Alternate to Districts in Extemporaneous Speaking. The chapter also prepared a breakfast for the high school teachers during national breakfast week. We had our annual FFA banquet on March 14 and drive your tractor to school day was March 21. We look forward to the State Leadership Convention coming up in April!



Time is Running Out to Order Your 2016 Yearbook

Time is quickly running out to get your 2015-2016 OA-BCIG yearbook ordered. Yearbooks feature school photos of all students in the district from preschool-seniors, faculty, extracurricular groups/teams, and special events/activities at the high school throughout the school year.

Last day to order is May 4, 2016. Cost is \$50.

Order online now by going to www.jostensyearbooks.com OR click the link on the school website www.oabcig.org to pay by credit/debit card. To pay by cash/check, send money to the high school. The 2016 yearbook will be delivered in late August/early September 2016. Questions?? Contact Heidi Beck at 364-3371 or hbeck@oabcig.org.



Talented & Gifted News

Mrs. Staci Rohlk, TAG Instructor

BCIG Elementary Science Enrichment

First graders learned about gravity, potential and kinetic energy, and skills associated to working in teams during a STEM enrichment activity with high school TAG students when they built, tested, and modified a non-electronic pinball machine.

BCIG Elementary Talented and Gifted

STEM, robotics, and computer sciences offer ever expanding learning opportunities and our 4th/5th grade TAG robotics teams had tremendous educational experiences in February and March. Three 8th grade TAG students spent a work session with them and shared more extensive computer programming of robotic bricks. The teams concluded the unit with a presentation and tour of Gomaco's Research & Development Plant I factory. The presentation of the 3D engineering software explained how the computer design work relates to R&D and the production process. Students realized the many similarities between what they did during the construction and programming of their LEGO robots and what Gomaco does on a much larger scale.

OA-BCIG 9-12 TAG

Several of our high school students interested in a career in health care will be attending Backstage Pass at University of Nebraska Medical Center. This day of programming offers an insider's view of the College of Allied Health Professions' programs: Clinical Laboratory Science, Clinical Perfusion, CT, CVIT, Cytotechnology, Diagnostic Medical Sonography, Medical Nutrition, MRI, Physical Therapy, Physician Assistant, Radiation Therapy and Radiography.



Prom

Mrs. Donna Rasmussen, Junior Class Sponsor

The OA-BCIG junior-senior prom will be Saturday, April 23, 2016, at the Skate Palace in Ida Grove. The junior class has been meeting over the last few weeks as committees, designing invitations for prom, planning the menu, and wrapping up details for décor. The theme for this year is "Masquerade Ball" with a color theme of black, red and gold. Decorated masks will be the backdrop for our evening of elegance. Table decor will take a classic theme with candelabras, flowers, and feathers in the centerpieces.

The OA-BCIG High School gym will be used for the grand march kicking off the prom.

Open House: Skate Palace 3:00-4:30 p.m.

Grand March: 5:15 p.m.-6:15 p.m. **High School Gym**--public MUST be in the gym and enter from the north doors or west doors near the office.

After Prom Information

Mrs. Becky Veltri, After-Prom Committee

After Prom will take place at The Mark in Elkhorn, NE this year. It is a huge family fun center that has 40 lanes of bowling, an arcade, laser tag, a simulator ride, 3 gym courts for volleyball or basketball, dodgeball & bubble ball. The Mark hosts about 25 After Prom parties for area schools each year. We have been working hard to try something new this year and are excited to provide this fun opportunity for our kids.

Our charter buses will leave from the high school at 12:30 a.m., after a security check, and return around 9:00 a.m. Sunday morning.

If you would like more info on The Mark, go to www.themarkomaha.com.

For more specific information about the details of our trip, go to the school website www.oabcig.org. Click on the Activities menu, then High School Activities, then Prom. Scroll down to see the After Prom info and documents.

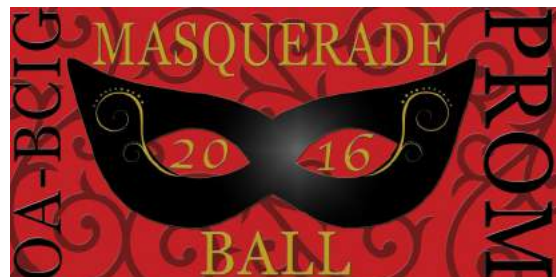
Appetizers/Reception: 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. (all students must be at the Skate Palace by 6:30)

Pictures: 5:30--7:00 p.m.

Dinner and Program: 7:00 p.m.

Dance: 8:30-11:30 p.m.

After Prom: Leaving from OA-BCIG High School to The Mark in Omaha



Falcon Driveway or Sidewalk Painting

Get your driveway or sidewalk painted to show your school pride! The cost for the driveway painting is \$20. Please fill out this order form and turn it into the high school office no later than April 22, with payment.

We will be out to paint your driveway or sidewalk as soon as we can!



Name : _____

Phone # : _____

Address : _____

You need to be present when the stencil is being painted, so when would be the most convenient time? Check ALL that apply. Someone will contact you to set up an official time.

- a. After school from 4 – 6 pm.
- b. Evenings 6-8 pm.
- c. Weekends
- d. Other _____

You must agree to the following guidelines before the stencil will be applied:


- a. You are responsible to have the area cleared off and cleaned BEFORE the stencil will be applied.
- b. You must be present when the stencil is applied.
- c. The stencil is **NON-REFUNDABLE**.
- d. Full payment of the stencil is due the day it is applied.

I have read and agree to the above guidelines.

Signature

Questions please call or email Kate Beyke at 712-364-3371 or kbeyke@oabcig.org

Activity Calendar for April 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28 NO SCHOOL - Spring Break	29 NO SCHOOL - Spring Break	30 	31 WVC Art Show @ Lawton	April 1 4:30 HS T @ Ridge View Coed 7:00 MS Dance	2 
3	4 4:00 B Golf @ Sloan 4:00 G Golf @ Menville	5 MS Frozen Food Sales End 4:30 B Track @ MVAO 5:00 G Track @ LeMars	6 2:00 Dismissal	7 8th Grade TAG Field Trip 8:30 OA 2nd Farm Safety Day @ Sac City 4:30 B Track @ Cherokee	8 8th Grade TAG Field Trip 4:30 G Track @ Cherokee	9 2A IHSMA State Solo & Ensemble Contest ACT Testing @ Denison
10	11 4:00 JV B Golf @ Menville 4:00 B Golf @ Kingsley 4:00 G Golf @ Sloan 6:30 School Board Mtg @ IG	12 4:00 JV/V G/B Golf @ Onawa 4:30 B Track @ Harlan 4:30 G Track @ Onawa 7:00 OA 3-5th Grade Spring Concert	13 2:00 Dismissal 	14 4:30 B/G Track @ Manson	15 OA 2nd Grade to the Circus 4:00 SC Frosh Relays 4:00 JV/V B Golf @ Ida Grove 4:00 JV/V G Golf @ Holstein 7:00 HS Spring Play @ Ida Grove	16 Sioux City Relays 7:00 HS Spring Play @ Ida Grove
17	18 Iowa FFA Leadership @ ISU  4:00 JV B Golf @ Menville 4:00 B Golf @ Ida Grove 4:00 G Golf @ MVAO	19 NWICDA 5-7th Honor Choir @ LeMars 4:00 MS Track @ Kingsley 4:30 OA-BCIG Boys Track Meet	20 2:00 Dismissal	21 4:00 MS Track @ Lake City 4:30 OA-BCIG Coed Track Meet 4:30 B Golf @ Spencer	22 4:00 JV/V G/B Golf @ Dunlap 4:00 MS Track @ Early	23 IHSRA Rodeo @ Sidney MS Large Group Contest @ Anthon Prom
24 IHSRA Rodeo @ Sidney	25 4:00 JV B Golf @ Menville 4:00 B Golf @ Quimby 4:00 G Golf @ Holstein 4:00 MS Track @ Sac City	26 4:30 OA-BCIG Girls Track Meet 	27 2:00 Dismissal MS Frozen Food Delivery	28 Drake Relays 4:00 OA-BCIG MS Track Meet 4:00 WVC Golf rain date 4:30 G/B Track @ MVAO 6:30 BCIG Preschool/KEY program	29 OA 3rd Grade to Zoo 4:00 JV/V G/B Golf @ Lake City	30 IHSRA Rodeo @ Estherville 9:00 OA-BCIG B Golf Invite @ Ida Grove 9:00 OA-BCIG G Golf Invite @ Odebolt

Breakfast & Lunch Menus for April 2016

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>Milk choice, fruit and juice served daily. All breads are whole grain.</i></p> <p><i>*Available only at the high school.</i></p>		<p>30 BCIG B: cheese omelet, WG toast BCIG L: turkey burger, potato wedges, green beans, strawberry cup, apple OA B: donut, yogurt OA L: cheese stuffed breadstick, marinara sauce, green beans, broccoli, radishes, applesauce, lettuce</p>	<p>31 BCIG B: blueberry muffin, yogurt BCIG L: spaghetti, Caesar salad, peas, garlic toast, mixed fruit, banana OA B: pancakes, HB egg OA L: turkey burger, tomatoes, onion, pickles, baked chips, cucumbers, pears, pudding cup, lettuce</p>	<p>1 BCIG B: egg patty BCIG L: sausage pizza, broccaulif salad, carrots, jello, pears, orange OA B: blueberry muffin OA L: chili crispito, refried beans, salsa, carrots, lettuce, peaches, dinner roll</p>
<p>4 BCIG B: pancakes, syrup, *sausage BCIG L: crsipito, taco fiesta beans, Spanish rice, applesauce, orange OA B: donut, string cheese OA L: maidrites, green beans, pears, cucumbers, lettuce, rice krispy bar</p>	<p>5 BCIG B: asst. cereal, WG toast BCIG L: chicken patty, steamed broccoli, corn, sidekicks, apple OA B: breakfast pizza OA L: beef tips over mashed potatoes, corn, applesauce, red peppers, lettuce, dinner roll</p>	<p>6 BCIG B: cheese omelet, WG toast BCIG L: popcorn chicken, Elem-green beans, Tex-Mex pasta salad, *fresh veggie bar, animal crackers, mandarin oranges, apple OA B: cinnamon roll, yogurt OA L: super nachos, broccoli, carrots, peaches, lettuce, dinner roll</p>	<p>7 BCIG B: long john, *asst. cereal BCIG L: French toast sticks, sausage, hash brown, carrots, celery-PB cup, apricots, banana OA B: poptarts OA L: chicken nuggets, cooked carrots, grapes, broccoli, lettuce, dinner roll</p>	<p>8 BCIG B: breakfast wrap BCIG L: BBQ pork rib, smiley fries, spinach salad, peaches, orange OA B: egg wrap OA L: hot ham & cheese/WG bun, baked beans, clementines, cucumbers, celery, lettuce</p>
<p>11 BCIG B: breakfast pizza BCIG L: Elem-meatloaf, HS-beef tips, mashed potatoes, green beans, bread-butter, mixed fruit, apple OA B: long john, HB egg OA L: cheese filled breadsticks, marinara sauce, applesauce, pudding cup, cucumbers, lettuce</p>	<p>12 BCIG B: asst. cereal, WG toast BCIG L: mandarin orange chicken, br. rice, carrots, broc-caulif salad, pears, apple OA B: ultimate breakfast round OA L: BBQ pork sandwich, peas, carrots, apple, lettuce</p>	<p>13 BCIG B: WG biscuit & gravy, *sausage BCIG L: lasagna, Elem-mixed green salad, *fresh veggie bar, bread-butter, applesauce cup, orange OA B: cinnamon roll, yogurt OA L: grilled cheese, green beans, carrots, pears, cottage cheese, lettuce</p>	<p>14 BCIG B: mini strawberry bagels, yogurt BCIG L: pepperoni pizza, tossed salad w/ranch, corn, strawberries & bananas, orange OA B: egg & cheese burrito OA L: breaded pork patty, mashed potatoes, corn, banana, lettuce, dinner roll</p>	<p>15 BCIG B: egg patty, bacon round, WG toast BCIG L: hamburger, baked beans, potato salad, mandarin oranges, apple OA B: egg omelet & toast OA L: chicken patty, sweet potato tots, peaches, broccoli, lettuce</p>
<p>18 BCIG B: sausage pancake wrap BCIG L: chicken alfredo, green beans, marinated fresh veggie salad, garlic toast, peaches, orange OA B: donut, string cheese OA L: hamburger, tomatoes, onion, pickles, baked beans, pineapple, cucumbers, lettuce</p>	<p>19 BCIG B: asst. cereal, WG toast BCIG L: pork patty, sweet potato tots, broccoli salad, cole slaw, pears, apple OA B: choc. chip pancakes, HB egg OA L: corn dog, baked chips, pineapple cup, broccoli, radishes, lettuce</p>	<p>20 BCIG B: cheese omelet, WG toast BCIG L: chicken nuggets, Elem-cucumbers, carrots w/ranch, *fresh veggie bar, PB sandwich, applesauce, orange OA B: cinn. roll, yogurt OA L: mac & cheese, green beans, mandarin oranges, carrots, lettuce, dinner roll</p>	<p>21 BCIG B: pumpkin choc. chip coffeecake, *asst. cereal BCIG L: taco, black bean salad, rice krispy bar, apricots, banana OA B: cereal bar, HB egg OA L: teriyaki chicken/WG bun, corn, 3 bean salad, mixed fruit, cucumbers, lettuce, cookie</p>	<p>22 BCIG B: breakfast wrap, salsa BCIG L: teriyaki chicken, corn, spinach salad, pineapple, apple OA B: pancake sausage stick OA L: Mr. Rib/WG bun, cooked carrots, apple, broccoli, lettuce</p>
<p>25 BCIG B: mini strawberry bagels, yogurt BCIG L: spaghetti, peas, Caesar salad, garlic toast, mixed fruit, orange OA B: long john, yogurt OA L: bean & cheese burrito, green beans, tropical fruit, cucumbers, red peppers, lettuce, dinner roll</p>	<p>26 BCIG B: asst. cereal, WG toast BCIG L: BBQ shredded pork, baked beans, cole slaw, pears, apple OA B: blueberry muffin, HB egg OA L: hot dog/WG bun, diced potatoes, pears, red peppers, broccoli, lettuce</p>	<p>27 BCIG B: sausage breakfast bagel, *cereal bar BCIG L: scalloped potatoes & ham, Elem-mixed gr. salad, carrots, *veggie bar, bread-butter, mandarin oranges, apple OA B: cinnamon roll, yogurt OA L: taco-in-a-bag, refried beans, applesauce, animal crackers, lettuce</p>	<p>28 BCIG B: glazed donut, *asst. cereal BCIG L: cheesesticks w/marinara, green beans, celery-PB cup, strawberries & bananas, orange OA B: sausage bagel OA L: pepper oni pizza, cucumbers, broccoli, lettuce, banana</p>	<p>29 BCIG B: egg patty, bacon round, WG biscuit BCIG L: turkey burger, smiley fries, carrots, M&M cookies, peaches, apple OA B: poptarts, yogurt OA L: turkey burger/WG bun, tomatoes, onion, pickles, peaches, carrots, lettuce</p>

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BCIG Elementary Live Healthy Iowa Teams

Fourteen staff members joined the Live Healthy Iowa 10-Week Challenge this year. The two teams committed themselves to increase their weekly minutes of physical activity. They also share encouragement and health and fitness ideas. Participants included Shelly Spotts, Cathi Taylor, Cassie Reimers, Robyn White, Janet Snyder, Tiffany Lindberg, Kandi Ehrig, Mr. Kenealy, Julie Staley, Mary Rohlk, Jami Boege, Linda Warnke, Ashley Becker, and Holly Neutzman.



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Math Bee

Mrs. Patricia Winterrowd, MS Math

OA-BCIG seventh and eighth grade math students recently competed in the Northwest AEA Math Bee hosted by Morningside College. The math bee is comprised of five individual timed tests and one team test. On Wednesday, March 9, the seventh grade was represented by Truman Clark, Kylee Dausel, Emma Schirmmacher, Brandon Schmidt, Garrett Nichols, Elle Schroeder, Eric Sibenaller, and Anna Winterrowd. The seventh grade team was recognized for their top ten finish amongst 35 competing teams.

The eighth grade math bee was on Thursday, March 10. Participants were Carson Godbersen, Cora Hansen, Hunter Maass, Sarah

Petersen, Abby Bender, Sam Devitt, Jennifer Godbersen, and Josie Wulf. Hunter Maass received a medal for his top twenty finish and the team was ninth place overall.



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