

OA-BCIG INSIGHTS

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



From the Superintendent Mr. Terry Kenealy, Superintendent

Asbestos Abatement Project

During a joint special board meeting and work session, the Battle Creek-Ida Grove Board of Directors reviewed bids received on Tuesday, October 27 from six different companies to complete an asbestos abatement project at Battle Creek-Ida Grove Elementary School in conjunction with the BCIG Elementary building project. The asbestos abatement project base bid is intended to remove the asbestos that currently encases the plumbing in the building's tunnels that will be disturbed when the new plumbing is installed as part of the geothermal installation portion of the building project and remove asbestos laced floor tiles that will be disturbed in existing classrooms when the new geothermal units are installed in those classrooms as part of the project.

An alternate bid to remove the asbestos laced insulation on the pipes in the plumbing chases that go to the existing bathrooms was also considered as part of the bid process. The BCIG Board approved the base bid from Bockmann Incorporated of \$34,600 and their alternate bid of \$8,800 for a total cost for asbestos abatement of \$43,400. The work is scheduled to begin in the near future and will take place at the end of each school day through the evening hours.

Joint Work Session and Potential Members Combined Facilities Study Committee

During the joint work session on October 27 the board members finalized who to initially invite to be part of combined facilities study committee. Portions of the

letter of invitation follows and identifies the mission of the committee:

"At the Odebolt-Arthur and Battle Creek-Ida Grove Community School District's Joint Regular Board Meeting on October 12, 2015, both school boards approved the creation of a combined Facilities Study Committee to conduct a comprehensive review of the facilities and grounds for both the Elementary and Middle School in Odebolt and the High School facility and grounds in Ida Grove. The review would include academic and activity program needs, program and facility equity needs, program and facility handicapped accessibility needs and other needs that may be identified during this process.

Both school boards acknowledge the important role each of the school buildings currently play as the districts strive to offer adequate academic and activity programming for each of our students today and that each of those facilities will continue to play an essential role in providing appropriate programming for all students for many years to come. With that in mind, the Odebolt-Arthur and Battle Creek-Ida Grove Community School District's Boards of Education have determined that we need to develop a combined, comprehensive facility and grounds master plan that will identify the strengths of each facility and the needs of each facility so that formal plans can be drawn up to adequately improve each of the facilities.

The combined Facilities Study Committee will begin that work on behalf of the Odebolt-Arthur and Battle

Creek-Ida Grove school communities. This letter is a formal invitation to you on behalf of the partner school districts to join this committee and assist in developing plans to improve each of these facilities in the two school districts.

The initial meeting of the combined Facilities Study Committee is scheduled for Monday, November 16 at 6:30 p.m. in the Odebolt-Arthur Elementary School Library. That evening there will be a short presentation on the structure and process of the committee work, a review of the programming currently being provided in that facility, a tour of the entire facility and then a discussion of what was learned from the tour and earlier presentation. The second meeting in late November or early December will be held at the OA-BCIG High School and will follow a similar format.

Thank you for considering this invitation to become part of this important committee. I hope that you will be able to join this combined effort on behalf of the Odebolt-Arthur and Battle Creek-Ida Grove Community School Districts to plan for the long term future of these facilities."

There will be school administrators and essential personnel also invited to attend the meetings to serve in advisory roles as the committee works to identify the strengths and needs of the district's facilities and grounds.

Next Steps Regarding the Issue of Reorganization

During the joint work session, board members reviewed information and discussed some of the next steps in the reorganization

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Tip of the Month

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process which included the following list of items:

- Processes/formats to communicate, gather information, disperse information, answer questions and engage our communities in the discussion
 - A hypothetical timeline for a referendum in September of 2016 as an example:
1. Development of petition and ballot language
 2. Petition deadline to submit to the AEA if Special Election is September 13, 2016 would be approximately May 27, 2016
 3. Deadline for the Combined AEA Board Hearing on the Petition would be approximately July 29, 2016 to submit to the County Auditors in

time for a September 13, 2016 election

Certified Enrollment for 2016

The following reflects the official numbers that were submitted to the Department of Education compared to last year in regards to each district's certified enrollment as of October 1, 2015.

Battle Creek-Ida Grove	
<u>15-16 K-12</u>	<u>14-15 K-12</u>
638.51	649.84 (-11.33)
Odebolt-Arthur	
<u>15-16 K-12</u>	<u>14-15 K-12</u>
339.10	331.10 (+8.00)

The number listed above for fiscal year 2015-2016 is the one the Department of Management will use on the Aid and Levy Worksheet for the 2016-2017 fiscal year to determine state aid and budget authority for each school district. If everything else in the state aid formula

remained the same, which rarely happens, Battle Creek-Ida Grove would lose \$73,033 in state aid and budget authority and Odebolt-Arthur would gain \$51,568 in state aid and budget authority.

Conclusion

If you have questions, thoughts, ideas or information to share, please don't hesitate to contact me. The board members and I want to hear from you and encourage your input.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a very blessed and joyous Christmas season and a great new year in 2016. May you enjoy the holiday season with family and friends and if you do travel may your journey be safe and trouble free.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Guidance Notes

Mrs. Angela Lensch, High School Counselor

Fill Out the FAFSA Night – February 9

A representative from Iowa College Access Network (ICAN) will be at OA-BCIG High School on February 9 to assist families in filling out the 2016 FAFSA. More details including times and needed documentation to bring along will be made available at a later date.

Dollars for Scholars

Recently all success groups were given an introductory lesson on beginning or updating their Dollars for Scholars applications. Students should all be in their Dollars for Scholars account and be doing some ongoing input of information freshman-seniors. It's never too early to get a head start. Application log in can be found here- <https://public.dollarsforscholars.org/index.php?action=userLogin> or may be accessed via the school website under Student Resources, Dollars for Students. If your student is struggling to get on or has questions, send them my way.

Contact Information

If you ever need anything, I can be reached by email alensch@oabcig.org or phone 712-364-3371. You can also visit my website at <https://sites.google.com/a/oabcig.org/mrs-lensch-oa-bcig-professional-school-counseling/>. There you will find more information about the OA-BCIG counseling department, updates, scholarship opportunities, and important assessment information.



Service club members sponsored a luncheon at Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

ACT Testing Dates and Deadlines

Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)	Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)
Dec. 12, 2015	Nov. 6	Nov. 7-20	April 9, 2016	March 4	March 5-18
Feb. 6, 2016	Jan. 8, 2016	Jan. 9-15, 2016	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.

OA Elementary & OA-BCIG Middle School Happenings

Mr. Doug Mogensen, Principal

Thank you all for the great turnout during Parent/Teacher conferences which were held on November 3 and 5. We had about 65% of our parents in the middle school attend conferences. And as always, the elementary scheduled conferences were well attended by both students and parents. We are committed to inform parents and guardians about the progress of their children and will continue to work to communicate with them. I encourage parents/guardians to continue communicating with the school and teachers so that together we can help our students achieve at their highest levels.

The elementary teachers and I thank the Parent Teacher Community group and all who donated for organizing and helping with the activities for the Harvest Party. The students enjoyed the activities.

Red Ribbon Week began with a group of fifth grade TAG students visiting classrooms to introduce the importance of respecting others and themselves and by saying no to drugs and alcohol. The same

group of students ended the week with a skit for the elementary on the dangers of drugs and how bad decisions can negatively affect the future. They shared the story of a tragic car crash. All the teachers were involved when they were asked to dance to “show respect” and “say oh no” to drugs. The message was clear, presented well, and well received. Each day was a dress up day to remind students about the importance of making good choices. The middle school students spent time during Falcon Time to decorate doors with sayings about saying no to drugs.

The holidays are coming, although many parents look forward to having their children home from school, the few days together can become stressful because kids are all excited about their holiday celebrations. The holidays are one of those odd times that combine a lot of fun with a lot of stress from last minute shopping, family dinners, and travel. One way of reducing the stress that comes with having the kids at home is to generate a

plan. Structure times when things need to be completed, have a backup plan if an activity does not get accomplished. Sit down with your children to help them plan their own day. Include them in some of the holiday cooking or craft activities. If possible, plan one to one fun with each of your children. Kids really enjoy having a parent all to themselves and typically will try to do whatever they can to have this ‘special’ time with a parent. Make the holiday break a family event of sharing, laughter, and fun without worrying about having to get everything done.

Please remember: December 10 is the winter concert for OA Elementary. The high school winter concert is December 14. The last day of school in December is the 22nd. The winter break is December 23 to January 1. Classes will resume on January 4. Teachers in the elementary will be sending home information regarding the holiday party they will be having on the 22nd.

High School Happenings

Mr. Patrick Miller, Principal

A reminder that the high school will be administering semester tests on January 14 and 15. All students have open campus **unless we are notified by parents** that they do not want their child leaving the building. Please call the office with any questions.

If you do not follow OA-BCIG on Twitter you missed the fact that over 70% of the senior class made the Gold or Silver Honor Roll 1st Quarter, over 60% of sophomores made the honor roll, and over 50% of both juniors and freshman. We applaud their academic achievement and hope that you continue to push and support them to strive for excellence in the classroom.

A reminder that as parents you can sign up thru JMC to receive notification if your child is missing an assignment, or is receiving a low grade. Please call Mrs. Weeda at the high school for more information.

Congratulations to all those who auditioned for all state music. While no students were chosen they should feel proud of their efforts. We always want students to set goals, and do all they can to reach them.

As the winter sports season begins, another reminder on challenging yourself to demonstrate great sportsmanship at all events. While it is easy to get frustrated when calls do not seem to go our way, just remember, you never have as good an angle on the play as the officials do. They will miss a few calls, but screaming at them certainly does not change the call, nor will it change calls going forward. Treat them as you want to be treated. Focus on our students positive efforts, cheer for them and support them with class win or lose. I read a quote recently that I think speaks to how all of our athletes hope our fans act: “You can discover more about a person in an hour of play than a year of conversation” Plato.

The Food & Cuisine class of OA-BCIG would like to thank all of the veterans who have served our country. We would also like to thank the Ida County Beef Producers, and Pat Phillips of Food Pride for donating the supplies for our veterans’ meal. Also, a special thank you to the Ida Grove Rec Center for letting us host this meal at their facility.



BCIG Elementary Happenings

Mr. Alan Henderson, Principal

Christmas break is something my own family looks forward to every year. However, after a few short days, my kids say they are bored even with a ton of things to do. One of those things to help fill that time is activities in math and reading.

What a great opportunity to introduce your child to some of your favorite Christmas books you remember as a child. Take the time to do some book talks with your kids and share in experiencing a book for the first time. Some books are good just to listen to, others you can take turns reading back and forth. Even rereading a favorite several times out loud helps students build their fluency.

In math there are many math games to play online and in person. On the OA-BCIG website there are recommendations of math games for students to participate in. You can Google free math games; there are a ton of them as well. A simple card game you can do is take a deck of cards and flip two over and add or multiply them, roll some dice and do the same.

Take some time this season to have some fun with your child and continue to learn more in the areas of reading and math. Have a great Christmas season.



Driver's Education Registration

Registration for driver's education will **begin in January, 2016, after winter break**. Forms will be available in both the OA-BCIG MS and OA-BCIG HS offices. Students must have their driver's permit before registering. A copy of the permit will be made when the student registers.

The total fee for 2015-2016 is **\$350.00**. **A deposit of any amount must be made at the time of registration**. The total amount will be due 3 weeks prior to the start of class. All driver's education registrations and payments must be turned in to the middle school secretary or high school secretary.

Please be aware that this course does take a big time commitment for students to successfully complete. Only one make-up in-class time will be offered after the regular scheduled classes are complete. Unexcused absences or missing more than one class may require the student to repeat the class the following year. All requirements must be met in one year.

CLASSROOM TIME: 30 hours required

DRIVING TIME: 12 hours (6 hours driving, 6 hours riding)

An outside of class driving log is also required. Instructors will be responsible for setting all other class requirements. These requirements will be detailed on the first day of class.

At this time we are not sure of the times, dates or number of sessions that be will offered.

Upon successful completion of the course, the student's completion certificate will be kept at the HS until needed for a school permit or license. It is suggested that parents retain these certificates until the student is 18 years of age.

Talented & Gifted News

Mrs. Staci Rohlk, TAG Instructor

Today A Reader, Tomorrow A Leader

The 3rd grade Enrichment students have been focusing on reading non-fiction books by author, Seymour Simon, as well as their CAFE goal of expanding vocabulary. They are reading ebooks found on MackinVia (available on our school website under parent or student resources and you can ask your child how to access or contact the library for more information).

The 4th grade TAG class has been reading a comic strip novel series entitled "Science Court: To Serve and Observe." They are creating their own science comic strips on an internet website. Their creations will share information with others about science topics that they find interesting.

The 5th grade TAG class has been reading novels and ebooks by author, Gary Paulsen. Students will be researching various outdoor survival skills. They will be creating presentations and sharing them with the 5th grade classes.

The Road Less Traveled Conference

OA-BCIG had seven high school students who attended a career exploration conference for girls in grades 9-10 that is sponsored by the Program for Women in Science & Engineering at ISU in Ames. The purpose of this conference is to gain an

increased awareness and understanding of career opportunities in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. The conference format included career exploration workshops led by women working in science, engineering, and other technical fields, as well as tours of ISU labs and facilities.



IBEA Fall Conference

Mrs. Kari Hadden, Business Instructor

The Iowa Business Education Association held its annual fall convention at Stoney Creek Inn in Johnston, IA October 25-26. The theme, "IBEA: Picking Up Steam in 2015," provided the framework for the focus of the conference which included many engaging and informative sessions.

Kari Hadden from OA-BCIG High School was one of more than 115 Iowa business educators who attended the convention. Presenters from industry, education, and publishing companies provided timely information on a wide range of topics offered during the conference. Breakout sessions included topics on entrepreneurship, accounting, technology, marketing, and personal finance. Roundtable discussions were held to facilitate sharing of methods in a variety of subjects. There were also sessions on regional business advisory committees and teacher externships. Represented by exhibitors were business education textbooks and software, student professional organizations, and businesses with educational and personal interests for teachers.

This year's keynote speaker was Adam Carroll. He is a formidable presence in the world of financial education, consumer behavior and college financing. His documentary "Broke, Busted & Disgusted" (about the student loan debt epidemic) was launched this summer and has already impacted tens of thousands of students and families. His book, *Winning the Money Game*, is a frequently used tool and curriculum supplement in high schools and community colleges all over the country. Adam's passion is helping people live bigger lives by understanding their money behavior and harnessing their earnings for maximum benefit.

School-to-Career Program Changes

Mrs. Kari Hadden, Business Instructor

The School-to Career Program at OA-BCIG High School provides students with an opportunity to learn beyond the classroom by participating in work experience outside of the school setting. Students have the opportunity to learn job related skills as well as the soft skills that are transferrable to new employment situations.

New requirements have begun this year and will continue into next year. Starting in the Fall of 2016, **only seniors** will be given the opportunity to participate in the work experience portion of this program. In addition, in order to sign up for the work experience portion of the program, students must take the **STC class** as either a junior or a senior. The class is one semester in length and provides students the opportunity to do a little more career research and develop the job seeking skills through the creation of a portfolio and participation in a mock interview.

Students may participate in the work experience either semester or both semesters of their senior year as long as they have taken or are enrolled in the STC class. The work experience needs to be a **new** learning opportunity since students receive high school credit for this learning experience. **The work experience must be approved by the STC Coordinator and may not be for a parent or other family member.** Students need to be prepared to work between 12 to 15 hours per week and may work days when school is not in session. Most of the work experience positions will be paid positions, with the exception of teacher aide positions at the local elementary schools. This is a semester to year-long placement that must be set up **prior** to the start of the school year or spring semester each year. Students may not drop into this program or drop from this program in mid-semester.

This program and its guidelines replace the Work Release program. Students interested in participating in the work experience opportunity during their senior year need to plan to sign up for the STC class for Fall 2016.

Businesses or employers who are interested in training high school students to become better future employee may contact Kari Hadden, STC Coordinator, at khadden@oabcig.org to have your business added to the list of contacts for student placement.

Robotics Club News

Mrs. Susie Maass, Robotics Coach

Robotics club is in full swing as the competition season is fast approaching. One of the teams, named Captain Claw is competing with VEX robotics and their first competition is November 13 in Centerville, IA. Their game is called "Nothing but Net". They have designed a robot to place as many round objects into the various nets around the arena. They earn extra points if they place the bonus objects in certain scoring goals.

Team 7620 - Team Overload will be competing in the First Tech Challenge. Their game is called FIRST RES-Q. Teams earn points for their Alliance by: 1) cleaning up the disaster Area by placing Debris Inside Alliance-specific Mountain Goals or Floor Goals, 2) releasing Climbers to ride a Zip Line to safety, and 3) relocating Climbers to Shelters.

Each team will compete in at least three competitions throughout the season.

Thank You to Our Yearbook Sponsors

The OA-BCIG yearbook staff would like to thank the following businesses for helping support/advertise in our 2015-2016 student publication: Hoefling Trucking.

If any other business would like to help sponsor or run an advertisement in the yearbook, please contact Heidi Beck at the high school (364-3371) or email her (hbeck@oabcig.org). Thank you once again to all of our sponsors!

Middle School TAG News

Mrs. Missy Jensen, MS TAG Instructor

On Thursday, October 22, twelve OA-BCIG Talented and Gifted girls in 8th grade attended Iowa State University's *Taking the Road Less Traveled* exploration conference. The conference was held at the Memorial Union on the campus of ISU in Ames, Iowa. The purpose of the day-long conference was to expose young women to careers in science, technology, engineering and math-related areas. The conference format included career exploration workshops led by women working in science, engineering, and other technical fields. The girls participated in hands-on activities and attended four different sessions. The girls gained an increased awareness and understanding of career opportunities in the STEM fields.

Talented and Gifted instructor Missy Jensen organized and chaperoned the trip. Students attending were Cora Hansen, Jennifer Godbersen, Sarah Petersen, Lexi Neville, Josie Wulf, Abby Bender, Nicole Lozier, Danielle Lozier, Amber Lozier, Taylor Oldham, Kylee Weber, and Corin Bower.



Red Ribbon Week

Mrs. Missy Jensen, OA Elem. TAG Instructor

OA Elementary celebrated Red Ribbon Week October 26-29. The 5th grade Talented and Gifted students planned fun activities for the elementary students. On Monday, each of the classes participated in three "Minute to Win It" games while learning facts about Red Ribbon Week. The students had fun while gaining knowledge about living a drug free life. Each day the students dressed up showing their support to take a stand against drug and alcohol abuse. The 5th graders ended the week by performing an original skit for preschool-5th grade. The students were entertained and learned important life lessons. The skit ended by involving the teachers and students in a dance to "Show Respect," "and Say Oh No" to drugs. Members of the planning group were Keith Hausman, Vince Hoefling, Griffin Diersen, Josh Peters, Jordyn Loger, Krista Sibenaller, and Kaylee Oxendale.



Red Ribbon Week Door Decorating Contest

Mrs. Jo Lyons, OA Elem./OA-BCIG MS Counselor

The OA-BCIG Middle School participated in Red Ribbon Week by decorating classroom doors during Falcon Time. The students worked hard and enjoyed coming up with different themes for their door. Congratulations to Mr. Allen's Falcon Time for creating the winning door! Mr. Allen's Falcon Time includes Geo Ehrig, Morgan Godbersen, Marley Hewitt, Shalea Kruckenber, Owen Luft, Ayden Mason, JT Sholty, and Trust Wells.



Dance Team

Mrs. Kelsie Nettles, Dance Team Coach



Congratulations to Riley Snyder for placing 6th at the State Solo Dance Competition receiving a Division I rating. Leah Lierman received a Division I rating, placing 11th and Brittany Hamann received a Division II rating. Great job girls!

The dance team will be performing at the State Dance Team Competition December 3. Pom will perform at 5:40 and Hip Hop will perform at 7:15 at Wells Fargo Arena. They will also be performing on December 8, 11, and 18 at half-time of the boy's basketball games.



MADRIGAL DINNER

The OA-BCIG High School Music Department will host the 2015 Madrigal dinner. The dinner will take place at the high school, **Monday, December 7** in Ida Grove at **6:30 p.m.** Tickets for the show will go on sale December 1-7.

You can call the high school for more information or to order your tickets!

Middle School Mock Trial Results

Mrs. Missy Jensen, TAG Instructor

OA-BCIG's Middle School Mock Trial teams did an excellent job of representing our school at the M.S. Mock Trial Competition in Rock Rapids on Saturday, November 7. Each team competed in two rounds of competition. The **Purple Team** finished 1-1 and **placed 7th** in our region with 224.25 points. The **Silver Team** finished 1-1 and **placed 8th** with 216 points. The top three teams move on to state. Fourteen teams competed in our region. Both OA-BCIG teams should be congratulated on outstanding performances against tough competition. The students were prepared and defended their case with confidence. Nominated for Outstanding Performances were witnesses: Nicole Lozier and Josie Wulf and attorneys: Danielle Lozier and Sarah Petersen. Talented and Gifted Teacher, Missy Jensen and Attorney, Peter Goldsmith coached the teams.

Purple team members included Josie Wulf, Abby Bender, Nicole Lozier, Jennifer Godbersen, Sarah Petersen, Danielle Lozier, Amber Lozier, Kylee Weber, Cora Hansen, and Hunter Maass.

Silver team members included Trust Wells, Emma Schirmacher, Anna Winterrowd, Truman Clark, Elle Schroeder, Cade Ernst, Joie Matthies, Eric Sibenaller, Chris Mace, and Garrett Nichols.

FFA News

Mrs. Taylor Clark, FFA Adviser

The OA-BCIG FFA trapshoot team headed to Denison for another competition and Kenny Hausman brought home the gold again, hitting 48-50 targets. Early morning, Tuesday, October 27, four students and I left for Louisville, Kentucky, for the National FFA Convention. On our way to the convention, we toured CAT in Peoria. Once in Louisville, we spent the majority of our time at the convention where the students attended general sessions and student leadership development workshops. During the five-day trip, we also managed to squeeze in some additional tours at Louisville Slugger, Peerless Distillery, Churchill Downs, and Keeneland Racetrack.

FFA fruit, meat, and cheese orders will be delivered December 9.



Program for Talented and Gifted Students Code No. 604.3

The board recognizes some students require programming beyond the regular education program. The board will identify students with special abilities and provide education programming.

It is the responsibility of the superintendent to develop a talented and gifted program which provides for identifying students, for program evaluation, and for training of employees.

Corporal Punishment Code No. 506.5

Corporal punishment is defined as the intentional physical punishment of a student and is prohibited. It includes the use of unreasonable or unnecessary physical force or physical contact made with the intent to harm or cause pain. No employee is prohibited from:

- Using reasonable and necessary force, not designed or intended to cause pain, in order to accomplish any of the following:
 - ◊ To quell a disturbance or prevent an act that threatens physical harm to any person
 - ◊ To obtain possession of a weapon or other dangerous object within a pupil's control
 - ◊ For the purposes of self-defense or defense of others as provided for in Iowa Code Section 704.3
 - ◊ For the protection of property as provided for in Iowa Code section 704.4 or 704.5
 - ◊ To remove a disruptive pupil from class or any area of school premises, or from school-sponsored activities off school premises
 - ◊ To protect a student from the self-infliction of harm
 - ◊ To protect the safety of others
- Using incidental, minor or reasonable contact to maintain order and control.

Reasonable physical force should be commensurate with the circumstances of the situation. The following factors should be considered in using reasonable physical force for the reasons stated in this policy:

1. The size and physical, mental and psychological condition of the student;
2. The nature of the student's behavior or misconduct provoking the use of physical force;
3. The instrumentality used in applying the physical force;
4. The extent and nature of resulting injury to the student, if any;
5. The motivation of the school employee using physical force.

Upon request, the student's parents shall be given an explanation of the reasons for physical force.

It shall be the responsibility of the superintendent to develop administrative regulations regarding this policy.

Library Listings Mrs. Mary Rohlk, K-12 Librarian

The BCIG Elementary book fair once again was a great success. Even though sales were down slightly, we earned a little over \$2900 to put towards library books. The students and their families also donated \$370 that went towards books in the All for Books program. Scholastic will donate 370 books towards organizations that support children in distressed situations.

The library staff would also like to thank the PTP volunteers that helped set up, tore down, wrote wish lists, or assisted with before school sales. We could not have done it without you!

The kindergarten and first grade students learned about different author/illustrators. We studied Norman Bridwell, Eric Carle, and Lois Ehlert. Students created collage pictures using techniques from Lois Ehlert. The first grade used torn construction paper while kindergarten created leaf creations similar to those in the book, *Leaf Man*.



REMINDER FOR SENIORS: The yearbook needs **one portrait (vertical) senior photo** and **one baby photo** of each senior. The baby photo will be returned as soon as it is scanned and the senior photo will be kept and used for the senior collage that will hang in the cafeteria. In order to guarantee you will be in the yearbook, photos must be submitted to Mrs. Beck by **NO LATER** than **February 1**.

Even if you or your professional photographer email a photo to Mrs. Beck, you still need to submit an actual wallet as soon as you get one. For questions, please contact hbeck@oabcig.org or call 364-3371.

Weapons Code No. 502.6

The OA & BCIG boards believe weapons and other dangerous objects and look-a-likes in school district facilities cause material and substantial disruption to the school environment or present a threat to the health and safety of students, employees and visitors on the school district premises or property within the jurisdiction of the school district.

School district facilities are not an appropriate place for weapons or dangerous objects and look-a-likes. Weapons and other dangerous objects and look-a-likes shall be taken from students and others who bring them onto the school district property or onto property within the jurisdiction of the school district or from students who are within the control of the school district.

Parents of students found to possess a weapon or dangerous objects or look-a-likes on school property shall be notified of the incident. Possession or confiscation of weapons or dangerous objects shall be reported to the law enforcement officials, and the student will be subject to disciplinary action including suspension or expulsion.

Students possessing firearms at school will be expelled for not less than twelve months. The superintendent shall have the authority to recommend this expulsion requirement be modified for a student on a case-by-case basis. For purposes of this portion of this policy, the term "firearm" includes, but is not limited to, any weapon which is designed to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive, the frame or receiver of any such weapon, a muffler or silencer for such a weapon, or any explosive, incendiary or poison gas.

Weapons under the control of law enforcement officials, weapons and other dangerous objects or look-a-likes of persons authorized by the principal for other educational purposes, and weapons that are lawfully stored in a locked vehicle on school property are exempt from this policy. It shall be the responsibility of the superintendent, in conjunction with the principal, to develop administrative regulations regarding this policy.

Smoking, Drinking, Drugs Code No. 502.7

The OA & BCIG boards prohibit the distribution, dispensing, manufacture, possession, use or being under the influence of beer, wine, alcohol, tobacco, other controlled substance, or "look alike" substances that appear to be tobacco, beer, wine, alcohol or controlled substances by students while on school district property or on property within the jurisdiction of the school district; while on school-owned and/or operated school or chartered vehicles; while attending or engaged in school activities; and while away from school grounds if the misconduct will directly affect the good order, efficient management and welfare of the school district.

The board believes such illegal, unauthorized or contraband materials generally cause material and substantial disruption to the school environment or present a threat to the health and safety of students, employees or visitors.

Violation of this policy by students will result in disciplinary action including suspension or expulsion. Use, purchase or being in possession of cigarettes, tobacco or tobacco products for those under the age of eighteen, may be reported to the local law enforcement authorities. Possession, use or being under the influence of beer, wine, alcohol and/or of a controlled substance may also be reported to the local law enforcement authorities.

Students who violate the terms of this policy may be required to satisfactorily complete a substance abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved by the school board. If such student fails to satisfactorily complete such a program, the student may be subject to discipline including suspension or expulsion.

The board believes the substance abuse prevention program will include:




- Age-appropriate, developmentally-based drug and alcohol curriculum for students in grades kindergarten through twelve, which address the legal, social and health consequences of tobacco, drug and alcohol use and which provide information about effective techniques for resisting peer pressure to use tobacco, drugs or alcohol;
- A statement to students that the use of illicit drugs and the unlawful possession and use of alcohol is wrong and harmful;
- Standards of conduct for students that clearly prohibit, at a minimum, the unlawful possession, use, being under the influence of or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol by students on school premises or as part of any of its activities;
- A clear statement that disciplinary sanctions, up to and including suspensions or expulsion and referral for prosecution, will be imposed on students who violate this policy and a description of those sanctions;
- A statement that students may be required to successfully complete an appropriate rehabilitation program.
- Information about drug and alcohol counseling and rehabilitation and re-entry programs available to students.
- A requirement that parents and students be given a copy of the standards of conduct and the statement of disciplinary sanctions required; and
- Notification to parents and students that compliance with the standards of conduct is mandatory.

It is the responsibility of the superintendent, in conjunction with the principal, to develop administrative regulations regarding this policy.

Activity Calendar for December 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 4:00 MS Boys BB @ Schleswig 6:00 WR @ Rockwell City 	2 2:00 Dismissal	3 State Dance Competition @ DM 4:00 MS Boys BB 8th @ Denison 4:00 MS Boys BB 7th @ Odebolt 6:00 BCIG 3 rd -5 th Concert 6:00 BB @ RV 6:00 WR @ MVAO	4 Drake Honor Band 3:45 Bowling @ Denison 4:00 JV BB G/B @ KP 6:00 BB @ KP	5 Drake Honor Band 10:00 WR @ MNWW Tourney 3:00 G BB JV/V vs. Riverside @ IG Quiz Bowl tournament @ Lawton Bronson Robotics @ Council Bluffs
6 Mat Rats Youth Wrestling Tourney @ Odebolt	7 4:00 MS Boys BB @ Lake View 6:30 Madrigal dinner @ high school	8 First State Bank Grilling 4:00 JV BB G/B vs. MVAO 6:00 BB vs. MVAO 8:00 Dance Team Performance	9 2:00 Dismissal	10 6:00 BB @ East Sac (Sac City) 6:00 WR vs. KP/WM 7:00 OA Elem K-2 Choir/5th Band Concert	11 4:00 MS Boys BB @ Sloan 4:00 JV BB G/B vs. WM 6:00 BB vs. WM 8:00 Dance Team Performance	12 ACT Testing 12:00 WR @ Emmetsburg Tourney Quiz Bowl tournament @ South O'Brien (Paulina) Robotics @ Council Bluffs
13 	14 4:00 MS Boys BB vs. Alta-Aurelia 5:00 JV WR @ Sgt. Bluff Tourney 5:00 School Board Mtg. @ IG 7:00 HS Winter Concert	15 4:00 MS Boys BB @ Kuemper 6:00 BB vs. Newell Fonda 	16 2:00 Dismissal	17 4:00 Bowling vs. LeMars 4:00 MS Boys BB @ Westside 6:00 JV BB G/B vs. East Sac 6:00 WR @ Lawton Bronson	18 4:00 Bowling vs. MMC-RU 4:00 MS Boys BB 7th vs. RGV @ Odebolt 4:00 MS Boys BB 8th @ Early 4:00 JV BB G/B vs. Ridge View 5:00 MS TAG Soup Supper 6:00 BB vs. Ridge View 8:00 Dance Team Performance	19 
20	21 6:00 BB vs. Storm Lake	22 1:10 OA Elem. Winter Festival	23	24	25 	26
No School-Winter Break						
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
No School-Winter Break						

Breakfast & Lunch Menus for November 2015

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
 <p>1 BCIG B: asst. cereal, WG toast BCIG L: BBQ chicken breast/WG bun, sweet potato tots, corn, apple crisp, raisins, orange OA B: breakfast sausage bagel OA L: maidrite w/WG bun, green beans, apple, chocolate pudding, lettuce</p>	<p>2 BCIG B: breakfast wrap, salsa BCIG L: popcorn chicken, tossed salad, cooked carrots, PB sandwich, pears, apple OA B: cinnamon roll, yogurt OA L: super nachos, pineapple, broccoli, carrots, lettuce, dinner roll</p>	<p>3 BCIG B: ultimate breakfast round, *asst. cereal BCIG L: tacos, lettuce, tomato, cheese, salsa, black bean salad, strawberries & bananas, orange OA B: blueberry muffin, string cheese OA L: fish patty w/WG bun, peas, pears, rice crispy bar, lettuce</p>	<p>4 BCIG B: egg patty, bacon, WG toast BCIG L: cheesesticks w/marinara, peas, cucumbers, *spinach salad, jello, pineapple, apple OA B: sausage pancake stick OA L: honey mustard wrap, corn, tomatoes, cucumbers, red peppers, mixed fruit, lettuce</p>	
<p>7 BCIG B: breakfast pizza BCIG L: French toast sticks, sausage, hash brown, celery w/PB cup, carrots sticks, peach cup, orange OA B: donut, HB egg OA L: pork patty, mashed potatoes, corn, applesauce, carrots, lettuce, dinner roll</p>	<p>8 BCIG B: asst. cereal, WG toast BCIG L: mandarin orange chicken, brown rice, carrots, broc-caulif salad, mixed fruit, apple OA B: breakfast pizza OA L: BBQ chicken w/WG bun, cooked carrots, mandarin oranges, cucumbers, red peppers, lettuce</p>	<p>9 BCIG B: cheese omelet, WG toast BCIG L: pork patty/WG bun, Elem-mixed green salad, baked beans, *fresh veggie bar, applesauce, orange OA B: cinn. roll, string cheese OA L: goulash, green beans, pineapple, broccoli, lettuce, dinner roll</p>	<p>10 BCIG B: blueberry muffin, asst. cereal BCIG L: sausage pizza, corn, cherry tomatoes, apricots, grapes OA B: Trix cereal bar, yogurt OA L: chili cripitos, salsa, refried beans, carrots, banana, lettuce</p>	<p>11 BCIG B: mini strawberry bagels, yogurt BCIG L: chicken patty/WG bun, potato wedges, green beans, mandarin oranges, apple OA B: sausage patty, biscuit, gravy OA L: strip steak, WG bun, peas, tomato, onion, tropical fruit, lettuce, cookie</p>
<p>14 BCIG B: pancakes w/syrup, *sausage BCIG L: meatball sub, broccoli salad, corn, rice crispy bar, pears, orange OA B: long john, yogurt OA L: hot ham & cheese, WG bun, corn, broccoli, apricots & pears, lettuce</p>	<p>15 BCIG B: asst. cereal, WG toast BCIG L: scalloped potatoes & ham, peas, *cucumber salad, bread/butter, mixed fruit, apple OA B: ultimate breakfast round, string cheese OA L: pig in a blanket, baked beans, cucumbers, radishes, mixed fruit, lettuce</p>	<p>16 BCIG B: egg & cheese burrito, salsa BCIG L: chicken nuggets, Elem-green beans, Tex Mex pasta salad, *fresh veggie bar, PB sandwich, pineapple, orange OA B: cinn. roll, HB egg OA L: grilled cheese, tomato soup, celery, carrots, peaches, crackers, string cheese</p>	<p>17 BCIG B: glazed donut BCIG L: crispito, lettuce, tomato, cheese, salsa, taco fiesta beans, Spanish rice, applesauce cup, banana OA B: strawberry pancake, yogurt OA L: French toast sticks, yogurt, juice, clementines</p>	<p>18 BCIG B: egg patty, bacon, WG toast BCIG L: hamburger/WG bun, sweet potato tots, tossed salad w/ranch, peaches, apple OA B: toast, cereal, hot chocolate OA L: corn dog, baked chips, pineapple, cauliflower, lettuce</p>
<p>21 BCIG B: sausage breakfast bagel, *Nutrigrain bar BCIG L: chicken drumsticks, au gratin potatoes, green beans, dinner roll, sugar cookie, sidekicks, apple OA B: donut, yogurt OA L: hamburger w/WG bun, French fries, tomatoes, onions, peaches, lettuce, ice cream</p>	<p>22 BCIG B: cereal bar, yogurt BCIG L: BBQ pork rib/WG bun, hash brown, carrots, 3 bean salsa, mandarin oranges, apple OA B: poptarts, string cheese OA L: pepperoni pizza, cucumbers, apples, fresh veggies, lettuce</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>No School-Winter Break</p>				
				
<p>28</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No School-Winter Break</p>			<p>31</p> <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>	
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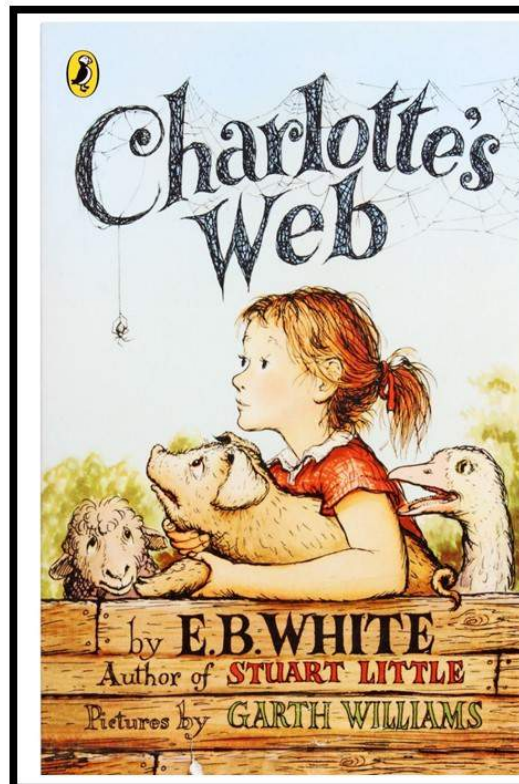
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BCIG ELEMENTARY BOOK GIVEAWAY

The BCIG PTP is providing each BCIG Elementary student with a complimentary book in December. This year's book selection is the classic story of Charlotte's Web.

We encourage parents to read at home with their kids in January and February. We look forward to a celebration of reading this book with a few special activities during school on Friday, March 11th.

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