

OA-BCIG INSIGHTS

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



From the Superintendent Mr. Terry Kenealy, Superintendent

Website Information on Reorganization Issues and Other Items

The Odebolt-Arthur Community School District School Board and the Battle Creek-Ida Grove Community School District School Board would like to provide the parents, patrons and students of our communities with as much information as possible about the issues related to the topic of reorganization, our school finances, school facilities and provide answers to any and all questions that you may have.

In order to provide you with that information, the OA-BCIG website has added a tab titled "Click to view information on [reorganization](#)" on the homepage that is located in the upper middle of the page just below the pictures. The tab will open up to a page that includes answers to a series of questions that have been asked about reorganization, information about the board work sessions and board meetings, information about facilities projects and other information.

In addition, the reorganization page includes an email address, reorg@oabcig.org. Parents, patrons, students or staff may use that email address to send questions to the district that will be added to the information on the page with the answers to the question to the best of our ability. It is our hope that the school community will find this information helpful and timely. Please, if you have questions or need additional information, don't hesitate to use this email address or simply contact me and I will work to get you the answers and information that you need.

Petition Language

On Monday evening, January 11, the school board members worked on potential language to be included in the a reorganization petition. During that meeting the Battle Creek-Ida Grove Community School District Board of Directors approved language in paragraph 4 that would determine how the new board would be created. The Odebolt-Arthur Community School District Board of Directors tabled the discussion that will continue at an upcoming Joint Board Work Session that is currently still being scheduled. The petition language 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.

Paragraph 4 describes how the makeup of the new board would be determined based on the language approved by the Battle Creek-Ida Grove Board of Directors on January 11. The Odebolt-Arthur Board of Directors tabled the discussion and the conversation will continue at an upcoming work session that is not yet scheduled.

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 three multi-member director districts (two per multi-member district) voted on only by residents of the multi-member district that the director would represent and one member elected at large voted on by electors of the entire school

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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 as an at-large board member.

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.

If you have questions, would like additional information, if you would like to schedule a time to meet with me or if you would like to schedule a time for me to meet with a group or organization that you belong to, please don't hesitate to

contact me. I would enjoy meeting with you or your organization. You can contact me at 712-364-3687 at the Central Office in Ida Grove, at 712-668-2289 at the Superintendent's Office in Odebolt or by email at tkenealy@oabcig.org.



The OA BCIG Family and Consumer Science classes would like to thank Roger Bumann and the Ida County Pork Producers for their generous donation.

BCIG Elementary Happenings

Mr. Alan Henderson, BCIG Elem. Principal

Iowa Assessment Dates at BCIG Elementary

The Iowa Assessment tests will be given at BCIG Elementary the week of Feb. 8-12, 2016. Tests will be given in grades 2-5. Please mark those days on your calendar. It is important that students are well rested, have proper nutrition, and adequate exercise in order to do their best on the tests. Students will have the opportunity to earn some rewards each day by trying their best on each tests. They can earn these tickets daily.

Lost and Found

If you are noticing that items are not coming home the way they should, please come and check the lost and found at school. We seem to have many items that make there way there each week.

STC Students Participate in Mock Interviews

Mrs. Kari Hadden, Business Instructor

On December 15, the students in the School-to-Career class participated in mock interviews with area business and education professionals. Prior to the mock interview, students prepared a portfolio containing a cover letter, resume, references, as well as certificates from school and community activities or other items demonstrating competencies such as teamwork and responsibility. Students then were paired with area business and education professionals to participate in a mock interview, giving students the opportunity to learn more about the interview process. We would like to thank the following business and education professionals for their help in this process.

Chelsea Gross, Ida Grove Rec Center, interviewed Devon Fritz
Clay Miller, United Bank of Iowa, interviewed Clayton Mandernach
Jeremy Parks, Hultgren Implement, interviewed Sierra Brotherson
Alan Henderson, Battle Creek-Ida Grove Elementary, interviewed Rhondee Cranston
Doug Mogensen, Odebolt-Arthur Elementary, interviewed Brenna Neville
Mary Werkmeister, Lake View Veterinary Clinic, interviewed Baylee Knop
Jeff Ogren, Midwest Industries, interviewed Benton Phillips



OA Elementary & OA-BCIG Middle School Happenings

Mr. Doug Mogensen, Principal

December seemed to go by quickly, and before the holiday break some of our students were able to spread a little holiday cheer. Our elementary students performed well at the elementary winter concert. Mrs. Johnson had the students singing and dancing. Students were well rehearsed and put on a great show. The 5th grade band performed and showed me how much they have progressed since picking up an instrument. The middle school band and choir performed for the community at a local bank and nursing home. The elementary students enjoyed games, crafts, and snacks the last day before break. Our Parent Teacher Community Partnership group organized the events along with Mr. Hugo, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Lyons, and Mrs. Johnson. I thank the PTC for giving a helping hand at our school.

In January, the middle school students were involved in their interdisciplinary units - themed units of study over different curricular areas. This took place on January 19 and 20. The 6th grade learned more about the Middle Ages through various activities, the 7th grade learned survival skills, and the 8th grade built Rube Goldberg machines. Middle school students have taken some diagnostic tests (Aimsweb-tests) in the early part of January to give us some important information on how students are progressing in the areas of math, reading, and language arts (writing).

Iowa Assessments Coming Up:

The elementary and middle school teachers and students are beginning to get ready for Iowa Assessments. Teachers will be sharing with students test taking tips and ideas of how to do their best on the tests. Plans are now in place for the Iowa Assessments which will be spread over 2 weeks in February for grades 2-11. I ask parents to remind students to get good rest and to eat a good breakfast during the testing time and all the time. I expect students to do their best on these assessments, showing what they know and following the test taking strategies. When students give their best effort, then the data collected is an accurate portrayal of what are students are learning.

February Dates to Remember:

February 8 Iowa Assessments will begin. The tests will take place over a two-week period. The Parent Teacher Community Partnership will help out and provide snacks during this time.

February 11 is the middle school **pops concert**.

February 12 will be the **Valentine party** for the elementary.

February 16 - Hoagie sales begin.

All Wednesdays in February are 2:00 early out days for teacher professional development.

High School Happenings

Mr. Patrick Miller, Principal

Iowa Assessments at the high school will be held from February 8 to February 12. As you know the Iowa Assessments are one tool that measure how effective schools are. While we have typically performed well at OA-BCIG we know we can always improve. Motivation can be a key factor in how each student scores. We ask that you encourage your child to perform to the best of his or her ability. To me, achieving near or at your potential is as important as the scores themselves. We will provide sample questions to students prior to taking the tests in early February to help all students prepare.

Last Spring OA-BCIG was one of 16 schools in Iowa chosen to participate in the OECD test which is based upon the International PISA test measuring achievement in math, reading and science. Over the next few months I will provide you information on how OA-BCIG performed. First, in relation to the other schools in Iowa. While the scores are a bit complicated, I will provide a summary of the results in each area. In the overall distribution of student performance in math OA-BCIG ranked 3rd.

In the overall distribution of student performance in science OA-BCIG ranked 6th. In the overall distribution of student performance in reading OA-BCIG ranked 7th. While we are proud of finishing in the top half of selected schools, OA-BCIG faired even better when taking into account socio-economic considerations. OA-BCIG finished in the top 2 in each category when compared to schools of a similar student population. We found a great deal to be proud of in our results.

As you may be aware the Iowa Department of Education has created a system that ranks schools on certain areas including: Proficiency on IA Assessments, Closing the Achievement Gap (between subgroups on Iowa Assessments), College and Career Ready Growth, Annual Expected Growth, College and Career Readiness, Graduation Rate, Average Daily Attendance and Staff Retention.

Schools were then grouped into one of six categories: Exceptional (3% of Iowa HS), High-Performing (10% of Iowa HS), Commendable (38% of Iowa HS), Acceptable (38% of Iowa HS), Needs Improvement (9% of Iowa HS) and Priority (3% of Iowa HS). OA-BCIG High School received a Commendable rating, scoring in the upper third of that category. There are areas that we see need improvement and we will spend time during the second semester working to achieve a higher score in those categories.



CLASS OF 2016

Class Song: Photograph by Nickelback

Class Flower: Calla Lily

Class Motto: "Our lives are before us, our past is behind us,
but our memories are forever with us."



OA Elem. & OA-BCIG Middle School Guidance News

Mrs. Jo Lyons, OA Elem. & OA-BCIG Middle School Guidance

The Iowa Assessment tests will be given to the OA Elementary the weeks of February 8-12 and 15-19. The tests will include reading comprehension, mathematics, computation, and science. The middle school will also take social studies. Pencils and erasers are being provided for the tests by the school. For best test results, make sure your child has a good night's rest and a healthy breakfast.

The OA-BCIG Middle School Student Council arranged a food drive during the last couple weeks of December. The Falcon Time students collected items to donate to the Community Basket in Ida Grove. Community Basket provides for the communities of Arthur, Battle Creek, Galva, Holstein, Ida Grove, Kiron, and Odebolt. The group of students who collected the most items was Schmidt's Dragons with a total of 102 items. The total of items collected amounted to approximately 550 items! Thank you for all of your help.

(Photo Below) Front row: Ashly Gunderson, Damian Hammer

Back row: Mrs. Schmidt, Mason Knop, Ahren VanDusen, Lauren Lansink, Joie Matthies, Carly Murphy, Landon Treiber, Ethan Hannam



OA 2nd grade students spent a week reading non-fiction and fiction stories about penguins. They then created a non-fiction report on facts they learned about penguins.

OA-BCIG Athletes Hoagie Sales to Begin

OA-BCIG High School and Middle School students will once again be selling hoagie sandwiches February 16 through Tuesday, March 1, with assembly/pick-up/delivery date of March 15. They will be sold in multiples of 2 with a cost of \$3.00 each and a minimum order of 4 hoagies. The famous hoagie is a 6-inch sandwich on a Hy-Vee bakery fresh bun, made with 3 meats and 2 slices of cheese.

Since 1987, a total of 173,575 sandwiches have been sold with 2012 being the best year so far with 12,632 hoagies being sold. This is the major moneymaker each year for the Athletic Department. The funds are used to purchase uniforms, equipment, etc., for all athletes.

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

ANNUAL HOAGIE SALES



February 16 – March 1st

2 Sandwiches for \$6.00

3 Meats: Ham • Turkey • Summer Sausage

2 Cheeses: American • Swiss

Assembly & Delivery Date is Tuesday, March 15

Students in grades 6th – 12th are taking orders.

Call your favorite OA-BCIG student or call the Middle School at 668-2827

Sponsored by the OA-BCIG Athletic Department • 173,575 sold since 1987

Winter Formal

Grades 9-12

February 12, 2016

8:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.



Reading First Literacy Partnership Mrs. Alycia Sporrer, OA Kindergarten Teacher

For the last couple of months, Kelli Blair, from Wells Fargo Advisors in Denison, has been visiting our classroom. Each time she visits she donates two books to our room through a program called Reading First. It is a literacy partnership between Wells Fargo, Desert Arc, and Scholastic, Inc. The students loved having her visit and were sad when she visited on her last day. She sent home a treat bag with them, and we gave her a thank you card with a picture of us holding the books she donated.



Guidance Notes Mrs. Angela Lensch, High School Counselor

Iowa Assessments February 8-12

As students take the Iowa Assessments the second week of February, please remember there are a few key ways your student can be as prepared as possible: get at least 8 hours of sleep each night, eat a healthy breakfast, don't rush through the test, use all of the given time reviewing and double-checking answers, and take deep, calming breaths if nervous.

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

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

The Dollars for Scholars scholarship will close **March 15**. All students should be able to access their Dollars for Scholars account. Remind your student that ongoing input of information is important. 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.

Senior Scholarships

All scholarship information is available for students on Google drive in their senior folder, posted within the school on the bulletin board by the office, and on my school counselor's webpage.

If you have a scholarship application you would like distributed to seniors, please contact me at alensch@oabcig.org or at 712-364-3371/712-830-3366. Students are given monthly lists of available scholarships as well.

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 recently cut apart plastic bags for the Orphan Grain Train who then crochets them into waterproof sleeping mats to send to those less fortunate worldwide.

ACT Testing Dates and Deadlines

Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)	Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)
Feb. 6, 2016	Jan. 8, 2016	Jan. 9-15	June 11, 2016	May 6	May 7-20
April 9, 2016	March 4	March 5-18			
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.



BCIG Elementary students enjoyed building snowmen during recess time.



Iowa Assessments at BCIG Elementary

Mrs. Julie Staley, Guidance Counselor

Iowa Assessments

The Iowa Assessment tests will be given in grades 2-5 at BCIG Elementary Monday through Friday, February 8-12, 2016. Testing will take place first thing in the morning so it is important that students be on time. Please make sure your child is well rested and has had a nutritious breakfast each morning. Let your child know the tests are important and that the child's best effort should be given.



Please Replenish Students' School Supplies

Now would be a great time to check with your children on the condition of their school supplies. School supplies are put to hard use over a semester. Folders may be torn, crayons broken, markers dry, pencil supplies depleted, notebooks used up, etc. We work at our best when we have what we need and when it is in good condition. It would be helpful to your child/children to be sure they are as well prepared for school today as they were last fall.



Carter Moser sharing his reading diorama with a KEY student.

Mrs. Warnke's BCIG 2nd graders and Mrs. Henderson's KEY students have paired up to be "Reading Buddies" this year.



Quincy Smith shares her "storyboard" and diorama with KEY student Kolt Spotts.

First Session Driver's Ed Dates

February	March	May
26 th 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	4 th 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	7 th 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
27 th 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	11 th 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	
	31 st 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	
	April	
	9 th 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	
	25 th 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	
	29 th 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	
	30 th 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	

FFA News

Mrs. Taylor Clark, FFA Adviser

FFA fruit sales were a success! We want to thank all those in the community that supported us by buying fruit, meat, cheese, candy or cookie dough. Coming up on the FFA agenda are State Fair nominations. Beef weigh-ins went smooth, any student wishing to show FFA sheep, goats, or pigs need to let Mrs. Clark know as soon as possible so that FFA tags can get ordered. Any livestock planning to be shown at the State Fair have to be nominated online by May 16 (those that aren't required to weigh-in). Email Mrs. Clark with any FFA livestock or showing questions. The annual FFA banquet will be coming up in March as well. Finally, some great news about our hopeful greenhouse. The board has approved the greenhouse project, we will now continue working to secure funds to finance the project. If there are any questions about upcoming FFA events, please don't hesitate to contact Mrs. Clark: tclark@oabcig.org.



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.

Dollars For Scholars Scholarship Tips

Below are some tips for seniors applying for the OA-BCIG Dollars for Scholars scholarship.

1. After you have completed your profile, click on "My Scholarships" to see a list of scholarships that you match.
2. If you've matched to a scholarship, be sure to complete any additional information, essay, or reference it is requesting.
3. Make sure to "submit" the scholarships that you match.
4. Check "My Scholarships" often – you will only match to a scholarship after it is "open". Each scholarship has its own opening date and deadline.
5. Read your email often. The Dollars for Scholars committee will communicate with you through the email address listed on your profile.

The **deadline** for the OA-BCIG Dollars for Scholars scholarships is **March 15**.

NOTE: There are many other local scholarships and their deadlines will vary, so please watch the information from your guidance counselor for specific deadlines.



Steve and Deb Loger have adopted the Odebolt-Arthur first graders for this year's holiday parties. They bring their Sheltie dogs and reading materials to enlighten and entertain the students at each celebration. Recently, they came all decked out in their Christmas attire and brought giggles and smiles to everyone's face.



Open Enrollment

Iowa Open Enrollment law allows parents/guardians to enroll their child in a district other than their district of residence without paying tuition by completing a timely filed open enrollment application. Open Enrollment applications are available from any Iowa School District, Area Education Agency or the State Department of Education. An application must be completed for *each* child and filed with the *receiving school district*.

Open enrollment applications must be filed with the receiving district by March 1 of the school year preceding the school year for which open enrollment is requested. For example, an application must be filed by March 1, 2016, in order to be approved for the 2016/2017 school year. For Kindergarten students the deadline is September 1.

Exceptions to these deadlines are as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

If you have any questions about open enrollment regulations, please contact the Central Office.

Breakfast is the most important meal of the day, it provides brain fuel for school!



School breakfast promotes increased concentration, better academic performance, and better classroom behavior. The OA and BCIG nutrition staff strives to provide a nutritious and delicious breakfast every morning.



Please join us for breakfast – and come back for a delicious, nutritious lunch!!



Eighth grade students gave demonstration speeches to the class. Some of the "how to" speeches included setting traps, swinging golf clubs, CPR, crafts, shirt folding, braiding hair, and dance moves.

LEFT: Ryder Cranston is demonstrating how to make Kool Aid.

RIGHT: Carter Arburg shows us a card trick.



MS Interdisciplinary Units

The OA-BCIG Middle School students participated in Interdisciplinary Units January 19 & 20. The 6th grade studied the Middle Ages and got to build castles. The 7th grade worked on a Survivor unit where students learned CPR, basic first aid, and went snow shoeing. The 8th grade competed in a Rube Goldberg competition. Students were in groups and built an incredible machine that poured food into a bowl. These contraptions were judged by local engineers.

Talented & Gifted News

Mrs. Staci Rohlk, TAG Instructor

BCIG Elementary Grade Level Enrichment

K-2nd grade students were fortunate to have ISU Student Role Models (sponsored by ISU's Program for Women in Science) demonstrate science enrichment activities. The students participated in challenging hands-on activities that inspired them to develop thinking skills, while enhancing their interest in science, math, and engineering. Students discovered that models are utilized in science and engineering to help study an object when itself is too difficult to study or when it's too expensive to create a full scale version and can be used to test ideas and visualize how something works.

Mindset Learning Sessions

Third, fourth, and fifth grade classrooms have been given the opportunity to experience grade level enrichment activities that inspire a growth mindset. The improvement of brain development is based upon three goals:

- 1) The brain can be trained to become smarter.
- 2) The brain is a muscle that needs to be flexed in order to gain strength.
- 3) Learning is gained through the struggle to improve. (Many famous people weren't born famous and had to struggle in order to become successful.)

BCIG Elementary Talented and Gifted

Fourth and fifth grade TAG and third grade enrichment students are focusing on science and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) projects throughout the third quarter. They will participate in a "yummy" scientific method lab and then begin individual STEM projects experimenting with engineering design, aerodynamics, propulsion, and simple machines. Fourth and fifth graders will also have the opportunity to pair up for an introduction into LEGO robotics construction and programming.

OA-BCIG 9-12 TAG

Our high school TAG students have committed to sharing their talents in giving back to the community through facilitating science experiments in the elementary. During second semester, groups of high school students will teach various weather related hands-on labs with the kindergarten and will be working on STEM related skills by creating pinball machines with the first graders and roller coasters with second graders.



OA Elem. and OA-BCIG Middle School TAG News

Mrs. Missy Jensen, TAG Instructor

On November 9, the OA-BCIG 6th grade and OA 5th grade TAG students participated in the "Iowa 5th/6th Grade Thinking Cap Quiz Bowl" competition. The students were challenged while doing a scholastic, online team competition. The test was self-scoring and consisted of 100 multiple-choice questions. Areas covered included math, geography, sports, spelling, science, literature, English, and general information. This was a team activity with all participants around one computer. Two chances were given to answer correctly. Points were awarded based on how fast they answered as well as accuracy. The TAG teacher, Mrs. Jensen, was the monitor, but no adult help could be given. The Thinking Cap Quiz Bowl is open to all 5th and 6th graders in Iowa. Congratulations to the participants!



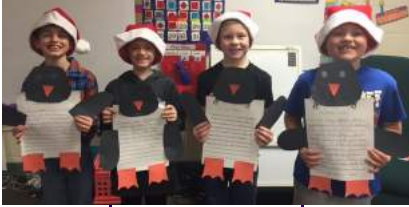


The OA 5th grade team finished with 84% and placed 9th against other 5th grade teams in Iowa. Members of the OA 5th grade team were: Griffin Diersen, Keith Hausman, Vince Hoefling, Jordyn Loger, Kaylee Oxendale, Joshua Peters and Krista Sibenaller.

The 6th grade Challenger Team finished with 85% and placed 26th. The members were: Aidan Bower, Mary Carlson, Jackson Godbersen, Zach Hemer, Caleigh Loger and Alexis Ulrich.


The 6th grade Discovery Team finished with 82% and placed 37th. The members were: Jaxson Claussen, Melissa Hewitt, Nick Larson, Anna Mogensen, Abby Nichols, Nainoa O'Brien and Meadow Olson.



Activity Calendar for February 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
 <p>1 3:30 Bowling @ LeMars 4:45 W JV @ MOC tourney 6:00 JV/V G BB WVC @ TBD 6:00 JVR B BB @ Denison</p>	<p>2 6:00 JV/V B BB WVC @ TBD</p> 	<p>3 2:00 Dismissal</p>	<p>4 HS Morningside Jazz Festival @ SC 3:30 Bowling vs. Harlan 4:00 MS W @ Odebolt 4:15 8th G BB @ Cherokee 6:00 V G BB WVC @ TBD</p>	<p>5 ISU Honor Band 4:00 Bowling vs. Denison 4:00 MS W @ LeMars 6:00 V B BB WVC @ TBD</p>	<p>6 ISU Honor Band ACT testing FFA Districts @ Sioux Center Robotics @ Council Bluffs State Lg. Group Speech @ LeMars 8:00 Future Stars Youth BB @ Odebolt 12:00 W Sectionals @ IG 6:00 BB WVC Finals @ Mapleton</p>		
7	Iowa Assessment Testing Week					12	13
	<p>8 4:00 7th G BB vs. Cherokee 4:00 MS W @ Rockwell City 4:45 JV G/B BB @ Spencer 6:15 BB @ Spencer 6:30 School Board Mtg. @ IG</p>	<p>9 Wrestling State Duals 4:00 7th G BB vs. Denison 4:00 8th G BB @ Denison 5:30 FAFSA Planning</p>	<p>10 2:00 Dismissal NW ICDA MS Choral Clinic @ Sloan</p> 	<p>11 4:00 Bowling vs. Sioux Rapids 7:00 MS Pops Concert</p>	<p>12 1:10 OA Elem. Valentines Festival 8:00 HS Winter Formal</p>	<p>13 2A/3A G BB Regionals Robotics @ SC 8:00 Booster Club 6-8th G BB tourney @ Odebolt 12:00 W Districts @ Manson</p>	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
 <p>NWIBA Jazz Festival @ LeMars G/B Track Indoor practices begin 7:00 1A/2A B BB Districts</p>	<p>15 Bowling state qualifying meet @ TBD Hoagie Sales begin 4:00 MS W @ Odebolt 7:00 G BB Regionals (2nd round)</p>	<p>16 Bowling state qualifying meet @ TBD Hoagie Sales begin 4:00 MS W @ Odebolt 7:00 G BB Regionals (2nd round)</p>	<p>17 2:00 Dismissal</p>	State Wrestling Meet		<p>20 IHSSA All-State Lg. Group Festival Quiz Bowl @ Boyden Hull</p> 	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
	<p>22 Bowling State 7:00 G BB Regionals</p>	<p>23 Bowling State HS Lewis & Clark Jazz Festival 4:00 MS W @ Odebolt 7:00 B BB Districts</p>	<p>24 2:00 Dismissal</p>	<p>25 FFA Sub-districts @ Lake City 4:00 MS W @ Rockwell City 7:00 HS Pops Concert</p>	<p>26 6:00-9:00 Driver's Ed</p>	<p>27 8:00-11:00 Driver's Ed BVU Honor Band District Indv. Speech Contest 7:00 B BB Sub-State</p>	
28	29	Girls Basketball State Tournament					
	<p>29 6:00 WVC JH Honor Choir @ IG 4:00 MS W @</p>						

Breakfast & Lunch Menus for February 2016

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>1 BCIG B: breakfast pizza BCIG L: turkey burger/WG bun, baked beans, potato salad, applesauce, orange OA B: donut OA L: super nachos, meat, cheese, broccoli, carrots, peaches, lettuce, dinner roll</p>	<p>2 BCIG B: asst. cereal, WG toast BCIG L: mandarin orange chicken, carrots, broc-caulif salad, br. rice, animal crackers, mixed fruit, apple OA B: sausage pancake stick OA L: chicken patty/WG bun, green beans, cucumbers, radishes, pears, lettuce</p>	<p>3 BCIG B: cheese omelet, WG toast BCIG L: lasagna, Elem-mixed green salad, peas, *fresh veggie bar, bread-butter, pineapple, apple OA B: cinnamon roll OA L: maidrites/WG bun, corn, pineapple, chocolate pudding, lettuce</p>	<p>4 BCIG B: long john, *asst. cereal BCIG L: BBQ pork rib/WG bun, potato wedges, corn, strawberries & bananas, orange OA B: French toast sticks OA L: Mr. Rib/WG bun, cooked carrots, apple, celery, cucumbers, lettuce</p>	<p>5 BCIG B: egg patty, bacon round, WG toast BCIG L: chicken drummies, green beans, SW pasta salad, PB sandwich, mandarin oranges, apple OA B: egg & toast OA L: popcorn chicken, peas, cucumbers, clementines, lettuce, rice krispy bar</p>
<p>8 BCIG B: pancakes w/syrup, *sausage BCIG L: chicken patty/WG bun, sweet potato tots, steamed broccoli, peaches, apple OA B: long john, yogurt OA L: orange chicken, green beans, applesauce, lettuce, dinner roll</p>	<p>9 BCIG B: asst. cereal, WG toast BCIG L: taco-in-a-bag, lettuce, tomato, cheese, salsa, black bean salad, pears, orange OA B: strawberry cream cheese bagel OA L: hamburger/WG bun, tomatoes, pickles, broccoli, pears, lettuce</p>	<p>10 BCIG B: cheese omelet, WG toast BCIG L: fish sandwich, Elem-green beans, cole slaw, *fresh veggie bar, applesauce cup, orange OA B: cinnamon roll, HB egg OA L: grilled cheese, tomato soup, crackers, celery, carrots, mixed fruit</p>	<p>11 BCIG B: mini strawberry bagels, yogurt BCIG L: meatloaf, mashed potatoes & gravy, corn, bread-butter, apricots, grapes OA B: blueberry muffins, yogurt OA L: hot dog/WG bun, baked beans, cucumbers, banana, lettuce</p>	<p>12 BCIG B: breakfast wrap, salsa BCIG L: cheese sticks w/marinara, spinach salad, peas, sidekicks, apple OA B: breakfast wrap OA L: cheese pizza, broccoli, carrots, tropical fruit, red peppers, lettuce</p>
<p>15 BCIG B: sausage breakfast bagel, *Nutrigrain bar BCIG L: meatball sub/WG bun, tator tots, Caesar salad, M&M cookie, mixed fruit, apple OA B: donut OA L: hot ham & cheese/WG bun, peas, peppers, pineapple, cucumbers, radishes, lettuce</p>	<p>16 BCIG B: asst. cereal, WG toast BCIG L: chicken alfredo, steamed broc/cauliflower, corn, bread-butter, pineapple, orange OA B: breakfast pizza OA L: breaded pork patty/WG bun, corn, mandarin oranges, broccoli, cucumbers, lettuce</p>	<p>17 BCIG B: cheese omelet, WG toast BCIG L: chicken strips, Elem-mixed green salad, carrots, *fresh veggie bar, PB sandwich, mandarin oranges, apple OA B: cinnamon roll OA L: taco-in-a-bag, tomatoes, cheese, salsa, refried beans, applesauce, lettuce, animal crackers</p>	<p>18 BCIG B: glazed donut, *asst. cereal BCIG L: BBQ shredded pork/WG bun, baked beans, potato salad, applesauce, banana OA B: pancakes OA L: chicken nuggets, carrots, broccoli, grapes, lettuce, dinner roll</p>	<p>19 BCIG B: asst. cereal, pop tart BCIG L: grilled cheese, tomato soup, carrots, cucumbers, saltines, cottage cheese, peaches, apple OA B: egg & toast OA L: mac & cheese, green beans, peaches, celery, peanut butter cup, lettuce, dinner roll</p>
<p>22 BCIG B: breakfast pizza BCIG L: crispito, lettuce, tomato, cheese, salsa, taco fiesta beans, Spanish rice, pears, orange OA B: long john, string cheese OA L: shredded pork/WG bun, corn, mixed fruit, cucumbers, peppers, cookie, lettuce</p>	<p>23 BCIG B: asst. cereal, WG toast BCIG L: French toast sticks, sausage, hash brown, celery, carrots, blueberries, apple OA B: waffles, yogurt OA L: corn dogs, baked chips, pears, cucumbers, pudding cup, lettuce</p>	<p>24 BCIG B: egg patty, bacon round, WG toast BCIG L: pork patty/WG bun, Elem-mixed green salad, peas, *fresh veggie bar, applesauce cup, orange OA B: cinnamon roll, HB egg OA L: cheese filled breadsticks, cooked carrots, broccoli, baby carrots, tropical fruit, lettuce</p>	<p>25 BCIG B: blueberry muffin, yogurt BCIG L: scalloped potatoes/ham, green beans, marinated fresh veggie salad, bread-butter, sidekicks, banana OA B: poptarts, yogurt OA L: egg, sausage, cheese on WG bun, hash brown, OJ, apple slices, clementines</p>	<p>26 BCIG B: egg & cheese burrito, salsa BCIG L: cheese quesadilla, strawberry romaine salad, corn, mixed fruit, apple OA B: breakfast sausage bagel OA L: shrimp poppers, peas, cucumbers, broccoli, mandarin oranges, lettuce, dinner roll</p>
<p>29 BCIG B: sausage pancake wrap BCIG L: hot ham/cheese, green beans, sweet potato tots, peach cups, apple OA B: donut, HB egg OA L: turkey burger/WG bun, diced potatoes, peaches, radishes, broccoli, lettuce</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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