

OA-BCIG INSIGHTS

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



From the Superintendent Mr. Terry Kenealy, Superintendent

BCIG Elementary School Addition Update

On Tuesday, January 3, 2017, the students and staff officially began to occupy and utilize the new addition to the elementary school in Ida Grove. The addition includes four full sized classrooms, one smaller classroom/meeting room, a full sized gym with locker rooms, restrooms, and a concession stand.

The kindergarten classes have moved into three of the new classrooms and the KEY program for five year old students occupies the fourth classroom. The physical education department moved into the new gym. The special education department and the Title I program moved into the vacated classrooms. The Chamber of Commerce sponsored a 'Ribbon Cutting' on Thursday, January 5 and an Open House was scheduled for Sunday, January 28 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. that allowed parents and patrons to tour the building.

Joint Facilities Committee Update

The Joint Facilities Committee met with the representatives of HAILA ASP in December and were scheduled to meet with them again on January 25, 2017. HAILA met with staff members in both districts during the month of January to gather additional information on facility and program needs related to the elementary/middle school building in Odebolt and the high school building in Ida Grove.

In addition, representatives from HAILA (architects), EDA (mechanical and electrical engineers) and Estes Construction - ICAT were in the district during the month of January conducting building assessments and gathering additional information on program needs as they work to assist the two districts in finalizing a Joint Master Facilities Plan. HAILA, EDA and Estes Construction - ICAT will begin reporting their findings, thoughts, and ideas to both school boards and the committee in February.

Petition for Reorganization

As of Monday, January 9, 2017, the OA-BCIG Central Office had received petitions in support of a vote for reorganization that included 273 signatures out of a minimum needed of 284 signatures on behalf of the Odebolt-Arthur Community School District and petitions that included 421 signatures out of a minimum needed of 400 signatures on behalf of the Battle Creek-Ida Grove Community School District.

The final day to submit signatures on behalf of the petition for reorganization is Friday,

March 10, 2017, so that the signatures can be officially counted and validated prior to the petition being submitted to the Northwest AEA and the Prairie Lakes AEA on Wednesday, March 15, 2017 for their consideration with a targeted special election date on Tuesday, June 27, 2017.

School Calendar for 2017-2018

The calendar development process began in January and options should be ready for the school board to review and consider at the February 13, 2017 joint regular board meeting. When drafts of potential calendars are finalized we will make them available for parents, staff and patrons to review and to provide input on as we work to move forward with this process. Please don't hesitate to contact us with your thoughts or ideas on the school calendar.

State Supplemental Aid

The governor's budget recommendation for the next two fiscal years included an increase of State Supplemental Aid of 2%. On average, General Fund budgets increase approximately 3.5% on an annual basis. The following is a brief explanation on how the 2% increase in State Supplemental Aid would impact the General Fund Budget in Fiscal Year 2018 if expenditures only grow at an estimated 3%.

Odebolt-Arthur:

2016-2017 General Fund Budget of Expenditures: \$5,184,763

2017-2018 Estimated Expenditures with 3% Increase: \$5,340,305 (+155,542)

Projected 2% Increase in State Supplemental Aid: \$22,350

Projected General Fund Projected Shortfall: \$-133,192

Battle Creek-Ida Grove:

2016-2017 General Fund Budget of Expenditures: \$8,779,998

2017-2018 Estimated Expenditures with 3% Increase: \$9,043,397 (+263,399)

Projected 2% Increase in State Supplemental Aid: \$86,341

Projected General Fund Projected Shortfall: \$-177,058

The two school boards will be working to develop and approve budgets for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. Over the past decade or so the average increase in State Supplemental Aid has

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Tip of the Month

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averaged right around 2% with school district expenditure increases running around the 3.5% average. There are certain costs in school district budgets that typically increase and the school boards are not able to control those for the most part. As a result, school districts have been losing ground financially most of those years. Our school boards will be working to find ways to reduce costs for next school year and plan for budget savings over the next five fiscal years in order to maintain a strong financial foundation to support our educational programs.

Promise of Iowa Campaign

At the January joint regular board meeting the two school boards approved a resolution to join the Iowa Association of School Board's Promise of Iowa Public Education Campaign. The campaign is focused on promoting the quality of Iowa's public schools and the need for the State of Iowa to continue to make quality public schools it's first priority investing strategically at the state and local levels, allowing greater flexibility at the local

level to maximize resources, supporting equity and fairness in public education funding, ensuring sustainability of funding for public education and making state funding decisions on time.

Iowa's community schools create opportunities for more than 480,000 public school students. Locally the Odebolt-Arthur Community School District and the Battle Creek-Ida Grove Community School District provide those opportunities for approximately 1,000 of those public school students. It is imperative that the State of Iowa and our lawmakers prioritize the state's investment in our community schools so that our two school districts do not have to eliminate potential opportunities for our children. We hope that you will participate in the Promise of Iowa Public Education Campaign along with us. Information on how you can become involved in the campaign will be made available in the near future.

Please let me know if you have any questions, thoughts, or ideas.

High School Happenings

Mr. Patrick Miller, OA-BCIG High School Principal

Iowa Assessments at the high school will be held in early February. 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.

Valentines Day is rapidly approaching and with that we normally have a variety of flowers and balloons delivered to school. Our process has been to have the items delivered near the end of the day and then distributed to students right before they leave for the day. We will continue to use that system this year.

Iowa Assessment Testing Schedule 2016-17

*Seniors will not be required to be at school during Iowa Assessments. They can plan to be at school by the ending time for each assessment listed below.

Monday, February 6

8:25-8:35 Take attendance and distribute materials to students
8:35-9:20 *Reading* (40 minutes)

Tuesday, February 7

8:25-8:35 Take attendance and distribute materials to students
8:35-9:20 *Mathematics* (40 minutes)

Wednesday, February 8

8:25-8:35 Take attendance and distribute materials to students
8:35-9:20 *Science* (40 minutes)

Thursday, February 9

8:25-8:35 Take attendance and distribute materials to students
8:35-9:20 *Social Studies* (40 minutes)

Friday, February 10

8:25-8:35 Take attendance and distribute materials to students
8:35-8:55 *Sample test* (20 minutes)



BCIG 5th grade TAG students read novels by author, Gary Paulsen, during 2nd Quarter and invited Ida County Naturalist, Danielle Bennett, to share some information about survival skills. They learned about the rule of "3" in basic survival, safest sources of water to drink, what berries are safe to eat, and how to spot poison ivy ("Leaves of 3, Leave it be!"), and knot tying. On February 3, the entire 5th grade will go to the Moorehead Conservation Center to learn the basics of shelter building and 5th grade TAG students will lead learning sessions on knot tying.

Love & Logic Parent Classes

Who: Anyone in Sac County / OA-BCIG School District who is interested in learning the techniques necessary to become a Love and Logic Parent!

When: January 25, February 15, March 15, April 5, April 19

Time: 6:15 p.m.-8:00 p.m. healthy snack will be provided.

Where: OA-BCIG High School--use north door

Childcare: We will provide childcare services for free.

Call Jayne (712-662-7921/jwillhelm@newopp.org) **or April** (712-887-0752/awells@oabcig.org) **to register for class.**



Robotics Team

Mrs. Susie Maass, Robotics Advisor

Robotics team, Radical Impact, has competed in one competition so far this year. They were unable to attend their second competition due to inclement weather. The team will compete in Omaha on January 28 and in Council Bluffs on February 4. The team consists of Trey Rohlk, Amanda Gunderson, Ellie Dierson and Hunter Maass. This year's competition is VEX: Starstruck.



Guidance Notes

Mrs. Megan Dooley, High School Counselor

Financial Aid Night for Juniors & FAFSA

On **Thursday, February 9 at 6:00 pm** in the **high school cafeteria**, we will be hosting Iowa College Access Network (ICAN) for a Financial Aid Night for juniors and their parents. This will be the **ONLY** chance for the juniors and their parents to learn about filing the FAFSA for their senior year of high school. This fall was the first year the FAFSA was available to be filed on October 1 instead of waiting until January 1. This recent change in the FAFSA has allowed for students to make better decisions about which college they are going to attend because their financial aid package is available to view at a much earlier date. I strongly encourage all juniors and their parents to make it to this presentation if they are planning on any type of post-secondary education.

Thursday, February 9 at 6:00 pm
High School Cafeteria

Topics will include:

- Financial Aid Process
- FAFSA Application Review
- Understanding FAFSA Results
- Understanding Costs – College Comparisons
- Financial Aid Options
- Scholarships Process
- Where to Go for Help

Iowa Assessments

Freshmen, sophomores, and juniors will be taking the Iowa Assessments the week of February 6-10 during the first few hours of the day. Seniors will not be required to be at the school during

the times we will be testing the week of IA Assessments. The testing schedule is posted on our high school announcements page.

Scheduling/Registration for 2017-18

We will begin scheduling for next year this month with all students. This is a great time for parents to have discussions with their high school student about what they plan to do post-graduation and think about what courses they would like to take prior to registration.

ASVAB

On **Tuesday, March 14 at 8:30 am**, all juniors will be taking the ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Ability Battery). Juniors will be taking the ASVAB at St. Paul's Lutheran Church for most of the morning. The ASVAB is a tool used to help students identify their aptitude or ability and connect each student's aptitude or ability to different types of career areas. This tool is also used to determine academic and occupational success in the military (although no requirement for military enlistment, this is a free resource provided to students).

Scholarships

More and more scholarships are being posted on Mrs. Dooley's counseling website each week. They include national, state, and local scholarships. Applications for Dollars for Scholars are due on **March 15**. When requesting transcripts, please use Mrs. Dooley as your school official. Seniors, please be sure to login and complete this application and check the counseling website for scholarships you may be eligible for at <https://sites.google.com/a/oabcig.org/guidance-oa-bcig/scholarships>. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Dooley at mdooley@oabcig.org or call the school 712-364-3371.

ACT TEST DATES & DEADLINES

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.

Test Date	Registration Deadline
February 11, 2017	January 13, 2017
April 8, 2017	March 3, 2017
June 10, 2017	May 5, 2017

OA Elementary & OA-BCIG Middle School Happenings

Mr. Doug Mogensen, Principal

To OA-BCIG families:

In a recent staff meeting, I shared with teachers my thoughts and a TED talk video about increasing workplace happiness. I shared this so that our happiness will positively affect our students. The video reminds us that we can choose the lens in which we want to see things. These things are the events and daily happenings that stir the emotions inside us. These emotions can often be understood as happy or mad - positive or negative.

I sometimes forget about seeing the positive when the emotions begin stirring in me because of the events that surround me. I respond negatively; I get caught up in the negative and find it difficult to change my thoughts. If I try to change my behavior and thoughts when the events take place, it may be too late - my feelings and thoughts remain negative. This reminds me about something I read recently. *"It is impossible to build a bridge during an earthquake, but if you plan and build before the quake you can reach the other side."* Shawn Achor, an American happiness researcher, author, and speaker known for his advocacy of positive psychology, suggests we start building the bridge now. He suggests we look for three things for which we are grateful and to do this every day for twenty days, journal our thoughts, exercise, meditate, and participate in random acts of kindness. My hope is that OA Elementary and OA-BCIG Middle School can continue to spread some happiness and take advantage of the positivity we create.

Library Listings

Mrs. Mary Rohlk, K-12 Librarian

Where in the world is Cinderella? This appeared to be the lesson that fifth grade library students worked on lately. The real lesson objectives included working with a partner, researching, note taking, retelling a story, reading with a partner, identifying story elements, comparing story elements, and sharing to a group.

The students spent time researching a country using the database, Culturegrams. Then as a class, they orally retold the story of the traditional Cinderella that most children probably know. Some classes knew this story better than others! The next step was to read a multicultural version of Cinderella from the country or geographic region that they researched. The final part of this project was to identify story and/or illustration elements that were supported by their research. Students worked with partners and shared their findings with their class.



In December the BCIG Elementary had an assembly to kick off our One Book, One School reading for the year. The students were given the book, *Frindle* by Andrew Clements. The BCIG PTP donated the books for all students, PK-5. Above, Jim and Ann Holst, dressed as Santa's elves, read the first chapter out loud to the students. The students also had a Christmas Sing A Long, under the direction of Renee Fritz.

January has been a very busy month with student assessments, ball games, wrestling, band and vocal contests and has gone by quickly as well. The middle school students were involved in their interdisciplinary units, themed units of study over different curricular areas, January 16-17. The 6th grade learned more about the Middle Ages through various activities, the 7th grade learned survival skills in many aspects of life, and the 8th grade built Rube Goldberg machines.

Middle school and elementary students have been assessed again using the STAR test in reading and math. The data is used to identify students who are in need of assistance in the form of interventions. The grade teams analyze the data to help them determine student needs. Using the results of the test and information from our STAR testing, teachers will determine which students need interventions and monitored for progress.

Elementary students began taking the second FAST reading assessment in mid-January. The information from this reading screening test helps us get an overall picture of how our teaching is meeting the needs of the students.

During a recent professional development day, teachers worked through an intruder scenario during a tabletop drill. Teachers were given the scenario that there was an active killer in the office and given some more details. Teachers talked about communication, running, barricading (hiding), and fighting and helping

students survive. We will continue to have these kinds of drills to help staff be prepared.

Iowa Assessments

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:

Iowa Assessments will begin **February 6**. 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 9 is the middle school **winter concert**.

February 14 will be the **Valentine party** for the elementary.

February 14 - Hoagie sales begin.

February 1 and 15 are 1:00 early out days for teacher professional development.



During the One Book, One School assembly in December at BCIG Elementary, the students watched a video entitled, "Where is the Frindle?". Maggie Buns and some of the staff were in the video, searching for a Frindle in the school. Above, Randy Nepper (a.k.a. SuperRandy) found the Frindle and is carrying it into the gym for the students to see.

School-to-Career Program

Mrs. Kari Hadden, STC Coordinator

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.

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. The work experience positions will be paid positions. 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 in to 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 as a junior or senior.

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.

Mock Interviews for STC Students

Mrs. Kari Hadden, Business Instructor

On December 15 and 16, the students in the School-to-Career class participated in mock interviews with area businesses. 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 businesses 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.

Clay Miller, United Bank of Iowa, interviewed Elliott Bengford
Tom Gray & Byron Hare, Noteboom Implement, interviewed Adam Grote, Andrew Mace, and Hayden Roeder
Dan Skivin, GOMACO, interviewed Skyler Wareham and Gabe Malcom
Ange Johnson, Morningside Care Center, interviewed Amelia Masters
Mary Werkmeister, Lake View Veterinary Clinic, interviewed Ty Tollufson
Vicki Beckman, Beckman Motors, interviewed Jeren McKibbin

TAG News

Mrs. Staci Rohlk, TAG Instructor

BCIG Elementary Mindset Learning Enrichment

In preparation for the upcoming Iowa Assessment testing, the third, fourth, and fifth grade classrooms have experienced enrichment activities to 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.)

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.

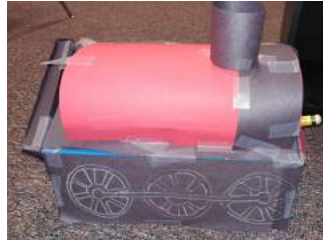
Affordable Activities That Can Benefit the Brain

Society demands a lot of our children throughout their educational career and lifetime. Do you ever just want to enjoy some time with your kiddos that is unplugged and affordable...connect, create, color? Some simple activities that can provide brain benefits for children at any age...coloring and dot-to-dot! These pastimes help the brain develop cognitively, psychologically and creatively. Coloring stimulates the areas of the brain responsible for the senses and improving fine motor skills while promoting repetition, patterning, and detail. It actually trains the brain to focus as it generates wellness and quietness by relaxing the amygdala (the fear center of the brain). Coloring is known to promote self-expression and enhance creativity. Individuals who practice dot-to-dot activities can enrich skills such as counting, mapping, and concentration due to using both the right and left side of the brain at the same time.

Book in a Bag, Box, or Basketball

Mrs. Kaye Otto, HS English Instructor

Mrs. Otto's Composition/Literature I students were asked to complete a "Book in a Bag, Box, or Basketball" PBL reading prior to Christmas break. Each student selected a book of their choice – typically fiction, but some also selected biographies or non-fiction as well. With two weeks to read and develop the book report, students came up with props like an apron, a train, and a house. As reminders of their plot line, ten items were also collected to put inside the container, and removed as the presentation developed. Other requirements included: direct connections to the text, using direct quotes from the text, presenting with sufficient volume and clear enunciation, looking into the audience, a comfortable posture, and correct grammar usage. Overall, the presentations were a lot of fun and very impressive. It was a great experience. Another similar, but different book report will be assigned the fourth quarter.



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.

OA Elem. & Middle School Guidance Notes

Mrs. Jo Lyons, Elem./Middle School Counselor

Iowa Assessments

The OA Elementary and OA-BCIG Middle School will begin the Iowa Assessments on February 6. Iowa Assessments provide information about your child's academic achievement to help them excel and succeed. More detailed information will be sent out closer to testing dates.

Girl Talk

Girl Talk will be offered at the OA-BCIG Middle School at the end of February for 5th and 6th grade girls. *Girl Talk* is a series of discussions designed to facilitate communication about the future between girls and their moms or caregivers.

Parenting preteens can be a challenge. Preteen girls are trying to understand what is happening to their bodies. The *Girl Talk* program promotes positive self-esteem while helping daughters and moms or other female role models communicate about the future.

Girl Talk is sponsored by Iowa State University Extension and Outreach in Sac County. The dates are February 28, mothers only, and then March 7, 20, 28, for moms and daughters. Each of the four sessions lasts about two hours, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The sessions will be held at the middle school library. Flyers will be sent home with the girls by the end of January.

Student Conduct on School Transportation

Code No. 711.2

Students utilizing school transportation will conduct themselves in an orderly manner fitting to their age level and maturity with mutual respect and consideration for the rights of the school vehicle driver and the other passengers. Students who fail to behave in an orderly manner will be subject to disciplinary measures.

The driver will have the authority to maintain order on the school vehicle. It is the responsibility of the driver to report

misconduct to the building administrator.

After three warnings for bad conduct, the building principal will have the authority to suspend transportation privileges of the student or impose other appropriate discipline.

It is the responsibility of the superintendent, in conjunction with the building principal, to develop administrative regulations regarding student conduct and discipline when utilizing school district transportation.

Section 504 Student and Parent Rights

Code No. 102.E4

The Odebolt-Arthur Community School District and the Battle Creek-Ida Grove Community School District does not discriminate in its educational programs and activities on the basis of a student's disability. It has been determined that your child has a qualifying disability for which accommodations may need to be made to meet his or her individual needs as adequately as the needs of other students. As a parent, you have the right to the following:

- Participation of your child in school district programs and activities, including extracurricular programs and activities, to the maximum extent appropriate, free of discrimination based upon the student's disability and at the same level as students without disabilities;
- Receipt of free educational services to the extent they are provided to students without disabilities;
- Receipt of information about your child and your child's educational programs and activities in your native language;
- Notice of identification of your child as having a qualifying disability for which accommodations may need to be made and notice prior to evaluation and placement of your child and right to periodically request a re-evaluation of your child;
- Inspect and review your child's educational records including a right to copy those records for a reasonable fee; you also have the right to ask the school district to amend your child's educational records if you feel the information in the records is misleading or inaccurate; should the school district refuse to amend the records, you have a right to a hearing and to place an explanatory letter in your child's file explaining why you feel the records are misleading or inaccurate;
- Hearing before an impartial hearing officer if you disagree with your child's evaluation or placement, you have a right to counsel at the hearing and have the decision of the impartial hearing officer reviewed.

Inquiries concerning the school district's compliance with the regulations implementing Title VI, Title IX, and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), §504 or *Iowa Code §280.3* should be directed to: Doug Mogensen, OA Elementary Principal, 600 S. Maple Street, Odebolt, IA 51458, Phone (712) 668-2827 or Alan Henderson, BCIG Elementary Principal, 403 Barnes Street, Ida Grove, IA 51445, Phone (712) 364-2360 who has been designated by the school district to coordinate the school districts' efforts to comply with the regulations implementing Title VI, Title IX, the ADA, §504 and *Iowa Code §280.3*.



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, 2017, in order to be approved for the 2017/2018 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 superintendent.

FFA News

Ms. Tess Mittag, FFA Advisor

The OA-BCIG FFA Chapter had a busy and successful first semester! First off, FFA fruit sales were a HUGE success! We want to thank all those in the community that supported us by buying fruit, meat, cheese, candy or cookie dough. Also, the OA-BCIG FFA Chapter wants to thank everyone who attended and supported our annual FFA Soup Supper. We collected over \$1,000 dollars to go towards our FFA scholarship fund!

Coming up on the FFA agenda are State Fair nominations and FFA Leadership Development Events. Beef weigh-ins went smoothly, any student wishing to show FFA sheep, goats, or pigs need to let Ms. Mittag know as soon as possible so that FFA tags can get ordered. Any livestock planning to be shown at the Iowa State Fair have to be nominated online. Email Ms. Mittag with any FFA livestock or showing questions. Our annual OA-BCIG FFA banquet will be coming up as well, date to be announced. If there are any questions about upcoming FFA events, please don't hesitate to contact Ms. Mittag at tmittag@oabcig.org.



Iowa Assessment Tests at BCIG Elementary

The Iowa Assessment tests will be given in grades 2-5 at BCIG Elementary the week of **February 6-10, 2017**. 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.



High School Winter Formal

Saturday, February 18th

8:00-11:00 p.m.



ANNUAL HOAGIE SALES

February 14– February 28



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

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ODEBOLT-ARTHUR/BATTLE CREEK-IDA GROVE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICTS

MILITARY RECRUITER OPT OUT FORM

(To Prevent School Officials from releasing Student's Personal Information to Military Recruiters)

Student Name: _____

Date: _____

Dear Administrator of Odebolt-Arthur/Battle Creek-Ida Grove Community High School,

I understand that the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 allows a student or a student's parent/guardian to prevent the release of personal information to military recruiters.

_____ I request that the above student's name, address and telephone number not be released to military recruiters.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

_____ I am 18 years old and I request that my name, address and telephone number not be released to military recruiters.

Signature of Student: _____


The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (Section 9528) requires that high schools must provide military recruiters access to student names, addresses and telephone listings. Parents or students may request that this information **not** be provided without written parental/guardian consent and districts must comply with all such requests.

The completion and return of this form serves as your request to withhold release of the student's private information to Military Recruiters.

Activity Calendar for February 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 2:00-4:00 BCIG Elem. Addition Open House	30 IHSMA Show Choir Festival @ Denison 3:30 Bowling vs. LeMars 4:45 WR JV @ MOC-FV Tournament 6:00 JV/V B BB @ WVC (TBD)	31 6:00 JV/V G BB @ WVC (TBD) 	FEBRUARY 1 1:00 Dismissal State Jazz Choir Festival	2 3:45 Bowling @ Harlan 4:00 7/8 WR @ Mapleton 6:00 JVR/JV G BB vs. Boyer Valley 6:00 V B BB @ WVC (TBD)	3 4:00 Bowling vs. Denison 4:00 7/8 WR @ LeMars 6:00 V G BB @ WVC (TBD)	4 Robotics Meet @ CB State Lg. Group Speech @ Spencer 8:00 Future Stars BB @ Odebolt 12:00 WR Sectionals @ Westwood 6:00 WVC G/B BB Finals @ Ida Grove
5	6 4:00 7/8 WR @ SSC 4:30 JV G/B BB vs. Spencer 6:00 V G/B BB vs. Spencer	7 WR Dual Team Tourney 4:00 8th G BB @ Denison 4:00 7th G BB vs. Denison @ Odebolt	8 NAEP Test - 8th Grade	9 4:00 Bowl vs. Sioux Central 6:00 Financial Aid Night 7:00 MS Winter Concert	10 Iowa Assessments	11 ACT Testing Booster Club 6-8th G BB Tourney Kiwanis G/B 4-5th BB Tourney WR Districts @ TBD 7:00 2A G BB Regionals
12	13 1A/2A B BB Districts 6:30 School Board Mtg. @ BCIG Elem.	14 Hoagie Sales Begin 1A/2A G BB Regionals OA Elem. Valentine's Party Bowl State Qualifying 4:00 7/8 WR @ Early	15 1:00 Dismissal State Dual Team Wrestling 6:00 Love & Logic Class @ high school	16 1A/2A B BB Districts 	17 State Wrestling - Des Moines 1A/2A G BB Regionals	18 All State Speech Festival 8:00-11:00 HS Winter Formal
19	20 1A/2A G BB Regional Finals Bowling State Meet NWIBA MS/HS District Jazz Festival	21 1A/2A BB Districts Lewis & Clark Jazz Festival 4:00 7/8 WR @ Mapleton	22	23 4:00 7/8 WR @ SSC 7:00 HS Pops Concert	24 5:30-8:00 BCIG Elem. Family Fun Night	25 District Indv. Speech Contest @ TBD BVU MS/HS Honor Band Festival 1A/2A B BB Substate
26	27 WVC MS/HS Choir Festival @ Holstein 4:00 7/8 WR @ Sgt. Bluff	28 Hoagie Sales End 4:00 7/8 WR @ Spencer	MARCH 1 1:00 Dismissal 	2 6:00 OA Elem/MS TAG Family Challenge Night	3 Read Across America	4 Booster Club 6-8th B BB Tourney
Girls State Basketball Tournament - Des Moines						
All Iowa Honor Dance - Des Moines						

Breakfast & Lunch Menus for February 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
<p>30 BCIG B: sausage pancake wrap BCIG L: BBQ chicken breast/WG bun, baked beans, carrots, mixed fruit, apple OA B: breakfast bar or cereal, applesauce and toast OA L: lasagna/meat sauce, green beans, veggie sticks, peach cup, bread stick</p>	<p>31 BCIG B: assorted cereal, WG toast BCIG L: scalloped potatoes/ham, corn, cucumbers, *tossed salad, dinner roll, pears, orange OA B: breakfast bites or cereal, pear cup and toast OA L: chicken strips, corn, veggie sticks, pineapple cup, bread & jelly</p>	<p>1 BCIG B: breakfast burrito, salsa BCIG L: chicken patty/WG bun, Elem-mixed green salad, carrots, *salad bar, applesauce cup, orange OA B: breakfast pizza or cereal, peach cup and toast OA L: garlic cheese bread/marinara, spinach salad, veggie sticks, apple slices</p>	<p>2 BCIG B: mini cinnis, *assorted cereal BCIG L: pepperoni pizza, Caesar salad, peas, *PB sandwich, strawberries & bananas, apple OA B: egg & sausage patty or cereal, orange half and toast OA L: cheese quesadilla, refried beans, veggie sticks, banana</p>	<p>3 BCIG B: egg patty, bacon, WG toast BCIG L: meatball sub, sweet potato tots, green beans, peaches, apple OA B: French toast or cereal, banana half and toast OA L: goulash, sweet potato bites, veggie sticks, orange half, bread stick</p>	
<p>6 BCIG B: mini French, toast BCIG L: mandarin orange chicken, broccaulif salad, carrots, brown rice, bread-butter, pineapple, orange OA B: donut or cereal, applesauce and toast OA L: chicken patty/WG bun, corn, veggie sticks, peach cup</p>	<p>7 BCIG B: cereal bar, yogurt BCIG L: BBQ pork rib/WG bun, corn, marinated fresh, veggie salad, mandarin oranges, apple OA B: breakfast stick or cereal, pineapple cup and toast OA L: cheese sticks w/marinara, green beans, veggie sticks, pineapple cup</p>	<p>8 BCIG B: cheese omelet, WG toast BCIG L: chicken tenders, Elem-tossed salad, mixed vegetables, *salad bar, bread-butter, applesauce, orange OA B: waffle or cereal, peach cup and toast OA L: chili, spinach salad, veggie sticks, apple, cinnamon roll</p>	<p>9 BCIG B: glazed donut, *assorted cereal BCIG L: taco-in-a-bag, lettuce, tomato, cheese, salsa, black bean salad, animal crackers, mixed fruit, grapes OA B: cheese omelet or cereal, orange half and toast OA L: nachos, refried beans, veggie sticks, mixed fruit cup</p>	<p>10 BCIG B: breakfast pizza BCIG L: cheeseburger, green beans, baby carrots, cucumbers, pears, apple OA B: breakfast pizza or cereal, banana half and toast OA L: shrimp poppers, string cheese, sweet potato bites, veggie sticks, applesauce cup, bread/jelly</p>	
<p>13 BCIG B: pancakes w/syrup, *sausage BCIG L: chicken alfredo, corn, spinach salad, garlic toast, peaches, apple OA B: breakfast hot pocket or cereal, pear cup and toast OA L: pulled pork/WG bun, green beans, veggie sticks, peach cup</p>	<p>14 BCIG B: assorted cereal, WG toast BCIG L: BBQ shredded pork/WG bun, potato salad, baked beans, M&M cookie, sidekicks, orange OA B: French toast sticks or cereal, pineapple cup and toast OA L: holiday chicken nugget, seasoned French fries, veggie sticks, pineapple cup</p>	<p>15 BCIG B: breakfast wrap, salsa BCIG L: cowboy cavatina, Elem-mixed green, salad, carrots, *salad bar, dinner roll, apricots, apple OA B: biscuit & gravy or cereal, peach cup and toast OA L: cheese pizza, cooked carrots, veggie sticks, apple</p>	<p>16 BCIG B: mini strawberry bagels, *yogurt BCIG L: sausage pizza, Elem-fruitables, cherry tomatoes, celery with PB, strawberry, applesauce cup, banana OA B: hashbrown & sausage or cereal, orange half and toast OA L: taco-in-a-bag, refried beans, veggie sticks, mixed fruit cup</p>	<p>17 BCIG B: egg patty, bacon, WG toast BCIG L: corn dog, tator tots, green beans, *PB sandwich, mandarin, oranges, apple OA B: breakfast boat or cereal, banana half and toast OA L: chicken alfredo, steamed broccoli, veggie sticks, applesauce cup, bread/jelly</p>	
<p>20 BCIG B: breakfast pizza BCIG L: pork patty/WG bun, broccoli w/cheese sauce, corn, pineapple, orange OA B: pancakes or cereal, applesauce cup and toast OA L: grilled cheese, tomato soup, spinach salad, veggie sticks, peach cup</p>	<p>21 BCIG B: pop tart, assorted cereal BCIG L: crispito, lettuce, tomato, cheese, salsa, taco fiesta beans, Spanish rice, mixed fruit, apple OA B: hashbrown & egg patty or cereal, pineapple cup & toast OA L: popcorn chicken, sweet potato bites, veggie sticks, pineapple cup</p>	<p>22 BCIG B: cheese omelet, WG toast BCIG L: chicken nuggets, Elem-cucumbers, cherry tomatoes, peas, *salad bar, applesauce cup, orange OA B: muffin or cereal, peach cup and toast OA L: sloppy joe/WG bun, green beans, veggie sticks, apple crisp</p>	<p>23 BCIG B: ultimate breakfast round, *assorted cereal BCIG L: hot ham & cheese, carrots, brocc-caulif salad, strawberries & bananas, apple OA B: breakfast pizza or cereal, orange half and toast OA L: chicken fajitas, refried beans, veggie sticks, mixed fruit cup</p>	<p>24 BCIG B: egg patty, bacon, WG toast BCIG L: shredded turkey in gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, dinner roll, pears, orange OA B: cinnamon roll or cereal, banana half and toast OA L: beef stroganoff, mashed potatoes, veggie sticks, applesauce cups</p>	
<p>27 BCIG B: sausage, pancake wrap BCIG L: French toast sticks, sausage, cottage cheese, hash brown, celery, baby carrots, peaches, apple OA B: breakfast wrap or cereal, applesauce cup and toast OA L: mac & cheese, lit'l smokies, green beans, veggie sticks, peach cup</p>	<p>28 BCIG B: assorted cereal, WG toast BCIG L: teriyaki chicken/bun, coleslaw, baked beans, apricots, orange OA B: breakfast bites or cereal, pineapple cup and toast OA L: beef hotdog/WG bun, baked beans, veggie sticks, pineapple cup</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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To Postal Patron

We will do everything possible to ensure everyone in the BCIG Community becomes the best that he or she can be!

As an agent of the community and society, the OA School's purpose is to provide an environment where all persons shall develop life skills by learning to learn.

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BCIG ELEMENTARY FAMILY FUN NIGHT FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24th: 5:30 – 8:00pm



All BCIG Elementary students and their parents are invited for an evening of fun to help celebrate reading the book FRINDLE!

- ❖ **Free will offering dinner** includes a cheeseburger, chips, lemonade and a variety of homemade desserts donated by the BCIG PTP.
- ❖ **Frindle photo booth** for individual, group and family pictures (take your own photo).
- ❖ All students who complete the **Frindle Scavenger Hunt** will receive a BCIG Elementary special prize.
- ❖ **Celebrate Frindle: Win a Kindle!** \$1 raffle drawing for 4 Amazon Kindles w/ Cases – 2 boys & 2 girls.
- ❖ **Free Student Raffle Drawings** – lots of fun prizes.
- ❖ **Visit different Frindle stations** around the school.
- ❖ Don't forget to **wear your BCIG Elementary t-shirt.**

BCIG ELEMENTARY
PARENT TEACHER PARTNERSHIP

PARENTS AND TEACHERS WORKING TOGETHER TO ACHIEVE SUCCESS AT OUR SCHOOL

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