

OA-BCIG INSIGHT

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



From the Superintendent Dr. Nick Ouellette

A Season of Thanks.....

As we head into the next few months I think it is important for us to remember all of the good things we have in our lives and say thank you. First, I would like to say thank you to all of our Veterans from all of our communities that have either served or are currently serving our country. The sacrifice these individuals have made for us is nothing short of amazing. As a small appreciation for the tremendous service these men and women have done for us we will be hosting several Veteran's Day activities around the districts to show our appreciation. Throughout the newsletter and on our website you will be able to find out the details of the events and hopefully you will join us for one of them.

Another thing I am thankful for is the kids that we have in our districts. I am always amazed when I go into classrooms at what great things our kids are doing. In addition, I am thankful for how well they have come together as an OABCIG community. The one thing I hear over and over again by our staff is that when you walk into our buildings you would have a hard time trying to figure out who is from which district. Our kids are our most valuable asset we have in our communities and I will tell you they are flourishing in working, interacting, and relating to one another. You will always find individual situations that may not be as positive as we would like (we will continue to work to improve those situations), but overall I am thankful and proud of our kids.

One thing that I am thankful for that some may find somewhat odd is our enrollment numbers. This year our certified enrollment is for OA is 331.4 which is down only 2.3 students from the previous year and BCIG certified

enrollment is 649.84 which is up by .91 students from the previous year. Some may ask why I am thankful for those numbers, because as long as we can maintain enrollment we can continue to serve students at a high level. Over the past five years our enrollment in both districts has been very steady, no big gains, but no big losses either. We have in our history with both districts, years where we were losing 20-30 kids a year which puts tremendous pressure on our districts to maintain staff and programs. So although I wish we were up many more students, I am thankful we are not down 20 or 30.

In closing, I understand we are going through a very trying time for our two districts. I understand that emotions are high on all sides and that people are looking at who is getting what. I would ask everyone to step back for a minute and think about what they truly want for all kids of our districts and work to move away from one side vs. the other. Instead, focus our energy and passion around building the best educational community that we can for OABCIG. My hope is that eventually there will be only one side, and that is of the OABCIG District. Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter and be vested in our districts. Please have a peaceful Thanksgiving and enjoyable holiday season.



BCIG Elementary Happenings Mr. Alan Henderson, Principal

Last year we received an early literacy grant through the state of Iowa. Our teachers have gone through a training process to evaluate all students in the area of reading. We are now setting up weekly progress monitoring for students who showed up as needing extra help. Interventions are put in place to help students grow in the area of need. This would be extra time outside of the normal reading day. Interventions are sometimes with the classroom teacher, sometimes with the Title I teacher, or an At-Risk teacher. Usually a 15-20 minute time slot is set aside during an intervention 3x a week.

We will be testing students again in January and in April to see how they have improved throughout the year. This process has helped us to identify students and make sure we are getting to those students who really need it. I do believe the state will continue to implement this work in math in the near future.

Upcoming Events for BCIG Elementary

- Nov. 4th will be our 1st through 4th Grade fall concert
- Nov. 21st 5th Grade wax museum
- Nov. 26th-28th Thanksgiving Break

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

High School News	2
Robotics Club	4
Elementary News	5
Veterans Day Meal	8
Vocal/Band News	9
Menus	11
Fall Musical	12

ADMINISTRATION

- Dr. Nick Ouellette
nouvellette@oabcig.org
Superintendent
- Mr. Patrick Miller
pmiller@oabcig.org
OA-BCIG HS Principal
- Mr. Alan Henderson
ahenderson@oabcig.org
BCIG Elem. Principal
- Mr. Doug Mogensen
dmogensen@oabcig.org
OA K-5 & OA-BCIG 6-8
Principal

High School Happenings Mr. Patrick Miller, Principal

Semester Tests

A reminder that 1st Semester ends on December 23rd. This means that semester tests will be held on December 22 and 23. All students will be allowed open campus during those periods they do not have tests, and during lunch hour. If you do NOT want your child to have open campus, please contact the office at 364-3371 and let us know.

College Prep Advice

Junior Year

- Choose your classes carefully. Make sure your course selections are in line with the core classes needed for college admission. Work with your high school guidance counselor and review the general recommendations for college-bound students.
- Remember that the grades you earn this year will be the ones college admissions officials will see when you apply.
- Consider an early start. Many schools accept applications from students who wish to take college courses while still in high school. These courses can be used to reduce the number of classes you need to take once you get to college, or to satisfy a college's high school course requirements.
- Take the ACT or SAT in the spring. Taking the test during the spring of your junior year allows you to take the test again in the summer before or the fall of your senior year if you're not happy with your score. These standardized test scores are heavily considered by most college admission officials, so prepare well. Your high school counselor can recommend

books, websites and classes to help you prepare. If you are looking at a 2 year college the COMPASS, or comparable tests can replace the ACT, again, contact your counselor.

- Attempt to narrow your list of prospective schools to between three and five by the end of the year. If your list is longer, it becomes difficult to keep track of admission procedures and deadlines.
- Assemble your application materials. Start compiling your application materials in the fall, especially if the application requires a recommendation from a teacher.
- Study financial-aid terms and procedures. Attend a financial-aid information session at your high school, if possible, and develop a strategy for finding scholarships. Be wary of scholarship search services that charge a fee. Instead, use various Internet search engines and discuss opportunities with your guidance counselor.
- Arrange campus visits. Visits to prospective colleges are critical at this point. Review your priorities, attend college fairs, and find time to research your options.

Senior Year

- Register to take the ACT or SAT in early fall if you haven't taken one of them already, or if you want to try to improve the score you received as a junior. Your guidance counselor can help you find websites, books or classes to help you prepare for the tests.
- Arrange campus visits. If you have not

yet visited, or need a second visit to help you decide, make time to visit the campuses you're considering.

- Apply for admission to the three to five colleges or universities on your short list. Check each school's website for its specific application deadline. Also, review how on-campus housing applications are processed and how housing is assigned.
- After you're admitted, sign up for housing and orientation right away.
- Keep your grades up. College admission is granted on a tentative basis, and a school may rescind your admission if your grades fall or if you do not complete the required high school courses. Stay in close touch with your high-school counselor.
- Apply for financial aid, even if you don't think you'll need it. The U.S. government designed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to help colleges nationwide establish a student's need for financial assistance. However, the FAFSA also is widely used to determine a student's eligibility for certain scholarships and grants.
- Continue to search for scholarships, keeping in mind that many have application deadlines relatively early in the fall of your senior year. Use resources available through your local library, websites, your high school guidance office and your parents' employers.

Source: <http://www.desmoinesregister.com/story/news/education/2014/09/21/iowa-college-guide-university-checklist/15569047/>

ACT Testing Dates and Deadlines

Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)
Sept. 13, 2014	Aug. 8, 2014	Aug. 9–22, 2014
Oct. 25, 2014	Sept. 19, 2014	Sept. 20–Oct. 3, 2014
Dec. 13, 2014	Nov. 7, 2014	Nov. 8–21, 2014
Feb. 7, 2015*	Jan. 9, 2015	Jan. 10–16, 2015
April 18, 2015	March 13, 2015	March 14–27, 2015
June 13, 2015	May 8, 2015	May 9–22, 2015

The testing site is Denison Community High School.

IMPORTANT DATES

Get them on your Calendars

January 27th: 2:15 pm ICAN Life Store

January 27th: 6:00 pm ICAN College Planning

January 27th: 7:00 pm ICAN Financial Aid

February 18th: 6:00 pm FAFSA Day

Guidance Notes

Mrs. Angela Lensch, High School Counselor

College Representative Visits

Colleges will be sending representatives to visit with our interested students. A list of these colleges will be updated when scheduled. Watch for posting of these in newsletters, on my website, and in the school. Students need to get a pass from me at least one day ahead of time.

OA-BCIG Service Club

See what our club has been up to <https://sites.google.com/a/oabcig.org/mrs-lensch-oa-bcig-professional-school-counseling/oa-bcig-social-service-club>

The program is up and running. We have 47 high school students interested in volunteering for service projects within our club. Kudos to our go-getters. I have a good feeling that we will have a fruitful year in regards to various projects to be done.

Actual Service Projects Still Needed: The OABCIG Service club members (grades 9-12) are required to complete service activities as part of their preparation for their service club lettering. Students can help with yard work, painting, reading, cleaning, tutoring, child care, cooking, and a wide variety of other activities. If you could use some help, or know a family, business or organization that needs help, please contact Angela Lensch at alensch@oabcig.org or 712-830-3366.

Senior Scholarships

All scholarship information is available for students on the Google drive, it is also posted on the school website at www.oabcig.org, and on my school counselor's webpage: <https://sites.google.com/a/oabcig.org/mrs-lensch-oa-bcig-professional-school-counseling/scholarships>

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.

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. Finally, you can find Mrs. Lensch's OA-BCIG Counseling Page information on Facebook (https://www.facebook.com/MrsLenschOABCIGCounseling?ref_type=bookmark) or follow me on Twitter @AngelaLensch. Thank you for sharing your student with me!

OA Elementary & OA-BCIG Middle School Happenings

Mr. Doug Mogensen, Principal

A lot of school spirit was shared in the school as students and teachers dressed to support the Falcons during homecoming week. The week was capped off with the Falcon Olympics held in the OA gym. Pk through 8th grade student participated in a series of competitions for fun and to build school spirit. There were such games as an obstacle course, football throw, and balloon pass. All students and staff had a great time with this spirit building event.

OA Elementary students visited the Odebolt Fire station on October 9 where they learned that the firefighter is here to help. Students also learned about what they can do if they encounter a fire.

Veterans Day will be observed at the Odebolt School on Tuesday, November 11 starting at 2:30. Mrs. Jo Lyons, the school counselor, is putting the program together. We will be honoring our local veterans as

well as all who have served. Local veterans who plan to attend, please call the school (668-2827) as we are planning to make a list of those who are honored. We will ask name, dates served, and where most of your service took place.

The middle school fall concert is also taking place on Tuesday, November 11.

No School November 26, 27, and 28 - Thanksgiving Holiday.

Children doing homework can be stressful in any household. The US Department of Education www.ed.gov offers a few suggestions:

- **Set a regular time to do homework.** A scheduled time, preferably not right before bed, works best. A scheduled time to do homework, with the time posted for all to see, may benefit you and your student.

- **Pick a place for homework.** A designated space such as the kitchen or dining room table works well. In front of the TV usually has its problems.
- **Remove distractions.** Turn off the TV and other distractions. All members of the household may want to find a quiet activity during the homework time.
- **Provide supplies and resources.** Have the necessary items needed to complete the homework available. You may need to contact your child's teacher for necessary resources that you may need to complete the homework.
- **Set a good example.** Let your children see you involve yourself in learning activities such as reading or doing math as you balance the checkbook. Talk to your children about what you do at work.



Why is it great to be an OA-BCIG Falcon?
Scan to find out.



Striving for Excellence
video series.



BCIG Elementary Guidance News

Mrs. Julie Staley, BCIG Elem. Counselor

BCIG Elementary participated in the Iowa Healthiest State/Live Healthy Iowa Kids Fall Fitness Day, Wednesday, Oct. 8. All students and school staff grades K-5 walked over a mile on the Ida Grove trail that afternoon. The goal of the program is to encourage students to develop an interest in being physically active. Several parents and community members joined the group for the walk.

The school coupled an evacuation drill with the walk. The students practiced safely exiting the school building in classroom groups before venturing onto the Ida Grove trail.

Veteran's Day Plans for BCIG Elementary

The American Legion will be presenting BCIG Elementary with a new American flag during a program at the school on Veteran's Day, Nov. 11. The veterans will talk to the students about the importance of respecting the flag and the proper way to retire a worn or tattered flag. The winners of the 5th grade flag essay contest will also be announced.



Robotics Club

Mrs. Susie Maass, Science Instructor

The robotics club has started to meet and has begun construction of their robots. The competition format is different than in previous years. There are 9-12 teams in a "league" and these teams will compete in a scrimmage/workshop in the beginning of November and then will compete in three meets. Meets will be in November, December and January with a League championship taking place January 17th. OA-BCIG will be hosting the November 22nd meet, so we will be looking for volunteers to help run the competition. You don't need knowledge of robots. There are several positions that will need to be filled from checking in teams to helping with checklists. The dates for the other meets are still in the process of being finalized. But if you are interested in helping in any way, contact Mrs. Maass or Mr. Miller at the high school. If you are interested in the game format of "Cascade Effect", type in <http://www.usfirst.org/roboticsprograms/ffc/game>.



FFA News

Mrs. Rachel Stoberl, High School Ag Instructor

On Tuesday, September 30th, Mrs. Stoberl took the following FFA members to the Northwest FFA District Soil Judging contest at Morningside College: Trey Riessen, Kent Krager, Kyle Knudsen, and Hunter Lindgren. Contestants were given 15 minutes to evaluate each of the four different pits. The students were looking for a number of different things when judging the pits, including but not limited to: slope, landscape position, texture, color, depth, parent material, vegetation, drainage, erosion, etc. Once they were finished at the pits they were given 25 minutes to complete a 40 question test over similar topics. OA-BCIG FFA placed 13th out of 18 teams overall at this contest.



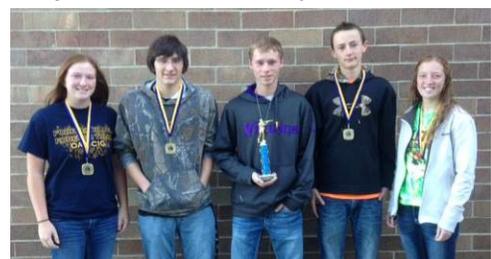
OA-BCIG FFA members attended the Denison, Iowa Trap Shooting contest on Saturday, October 4th. FFA members in attendance were Tyler Sohm, Skyler Wareham, Amanda Gunderson, Jessica Gunderson, and Zane Dausel. Individual placings were as follows: Tyler S. placed 10th, Zane D. came in 7th, Amanda G. was 3rd, and Jessica G. was 2nd. Our team placed 1st out of 7 teams at the event.

On the afternoon of Tuesday, October 7th, first year FFA members: Anna VanDusen, Ty Tollufsen, Daltyn Swanger, Carter Anderson, Claire Sohm, and Trayton Oberreuter attended

Greenhand Fire-Up. This event is held each fall to get new FFA members excited about the opportunities in FFA. The students attended several different sessions geared towards preparing them to be a leader, being able to communicate the benefits of FFA membership, long and short term goals, and of course free pizza and t-shirts were made available for all that attended!



Just a heads up, the FFA has tentatively set the fruit sales dates for November 17th and run through December 3rd. Fruit will be delivered to the high school around the 15th of December, just in time for the holidays!



Kindergarten Outdoor Classroom Mrs. Cassie Reimers, BCIG Kindergarten Instructor

Kindergarten Outdoor Classroom 2014 was a huge success thanks to all the volunteers and organizations that participated. The canoes were borrowed from the local Boy Scouts. The fishing gear was borrowed from the Conservation Office. Our school kitchen department prepared a nutritious sack lunch. The transportation department got us to and from the park safely. And last, but not least, we had many parents who gave their time and energy to lead centers and move the groups around all day! Thank you so much!



Ms. Hoffman's Second Grade class at OA Elementary visited the Odebolt fire station for Fire Prevention Week.

First Grade News

BCIG first graders recently took a field trip to Uncle LeRoy's Pumpkin Patch in Denison. The students couldn't wait to get back to school to weigh their pumpkins and create a graph to show their results.



Second Grade News

Mrs. Linda Warnke, BCIG 2nd Grade Instructor

BCIG second grade is currently working with a reading theme on relationships. Topics include making friends, working together, and being yourself.

Laura Stangl recently presented information on the challenges of blindness and the support received from her lead dog, Izzy. She shared the cause of her blindness, special devices used to help with daily needs, how to work with a lead dog, and her adaptations in her daily life to help her with blindness.



Third Grade News

Mrs. Jennifer Glawe, BCIG 3rd Grade Instructor

Third graders traveled to the Riessen Pioneer Seed Farm north of Ida Grove. The students used what they have been learning about plants and genetics to view many varieties of corn. They also learned about the many products that are made from some form of corn. One of the highlights of the visit was getting to sit in the combine and tractor.

After a picnic lunch on the farm, the third grade traveled west to the Prairie Pedlar. Jack and Jane Hogue led tours and discussions about pollination and seed dispersal. The students ended the garden tour by collecting seeds and catching several Monarch butterflies.



Talented & Gifted News

Mrs. Staci Rohlk, TAG Instructor

BCIG Elementary Talented and Gifted

The BCIG 3rd grade Enrichment class demonstrated their geometry lessons on tangrams with the residents of Willow Dale Care Center in Battle Creek in October. Tangram is an old Chinese puzzle game consisting of 7 pieces (squares, triangles, parallelogram) called 'tans'. It's known in China as the "seven clever pieces" and can be used to form a variety of geometric shapes, letters of the alphabet, animals, people, and objects. The students traced and colored barnyard and Halloween shapes to share with the residents.



The BCIG 5th grade TAG students toured UBI on Wed., Oct. 15th, as an extension of what they have been accomplishing throughout the first quarter. The students have been focusing on the importance of math skills in everyday life and improving their self-directed and independent

learning skills with Khan Academy. The bank employees discussed math in relationship to money, savings & checking accounts, credit cards (responsible use, credit scores, etc.) and accuracy in math (priceless advice).

OA-BCIG 9-12 TAG

Media communications is an area that some of our students are expressing interest in learning more about as a future career. Several high school students have an opportunity to tour KTIV and watch KTIV News Channel 4 at Noon from the studio, as well as touring Powell Broadcasting radio stations on Tuesday, Nov. 18th.

Young Women in Business Conference

OA-BCIG had three high school students attend a career exploration conference for girls in grades 9-12 at ISU in Ames on Monday, October 20th. It had sessions on accounting, finance, running mission-focused small business, management, managing information systems/technology, marketing, supply chain management, transportation & logistics. The keynote speaker was Beth Ford (a native of Sioux City), Executive VP for Land O'Lakes.

BINGO at Willow Dale

High school TAG students visited Willow Dale Care Center on Halloween and will again visit in November to play BINGO and celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday with its residents.

Library Listings

Mrs. Mary Rohlk, K-12 Librarian

The BCIG Elementary would like to thank everyone who supported the October Book Fair. All proceeds went towards books for the library. Also, thank you to the PTP parents who assisted with the book fair. Parents assisted in assembling book fair packets, setting up and packing up the book fair, helping students create wish lists, and helping students with purchases at the beginning of each school day. Also, thank you to the parents who sorted, counted, and bagged our first box tops collection. The first box shipped totaled 5316 box tops. Wow! That was \$531.60 for our library.

What is your favorite crayon in the box? That is what the kindergarten through fifth grade students worked on during the month of October. All students heard the picture book story "The Day the Crayons Quit" by Drew Daywalt and illustrated by Oliver Jeffers. The students did a variety of activities that reinforced information literacy skills. Kindergarten and first grade drew "A+" pictures using all of the crayons. The following week, they learned about copyright and ownership of their work. They also reviewed the jobs of the author and illustrator. Second and third grade students learned the difference between fact and opinion and each student wrote an opinion statement about their favorite crayon. They provided proof by giving examples. Fourth and fifth grade used an online thesaurus to find synonyms for their favorite crayon. They also practiced creating a Google Doc and added pictures using the research tool. They reviewed citing their sources. All classes graphed their favorite crayon. The culmination of the lessons determined the favorite crayon of the OA and BCIG elementary students. That answer was not available at press time.

Foreign Language News

Ms. Kim Van Wert, Spanish Instructor

OA-BCIG represented our district at the Iowa World Language Association Conference in Des Moines this October. Spanish teachers Kim Van Wert and Erik Eisele joined hundreds of other modern language instructors from across the state who gathered to collaborate and learn about modern language teaching strategies. Workshops presented at the Conference shared information about how to make language and culture lessons more relevant for students. Discussion included how to incorporate modern language into the Common Core. There was also emphasis on technology in the modern language classroom. There are many exciting opportunities coming up for modern language learners at OA-BCIG. Look for more information soon about upcoming events.



Middle School Mock Trial

Mrs. Missy Jensen, MS TAG Instructor

On Saturday, November 8th, the OA-BCIG Middle School Mock Trial teams will travel to Rock Rapids to compete at Central Lyon's Middle School in the 2014 Iowa Middle School Mock Trial Program. The middle school has two teams competing.

Mock trial is designed to introduce students to our legal system by providing a challenging, academic competition. In mock trial, students play the roles of attorneys and witnesses as they prepare and present both sides of a hypothetical legal problem. Participants are given a hands-on opportunity to examine the legal process, and current legal issues. Mock trial also helps students develop important critical thinking skills. Attorney Peter Goldsmith (of Boerner & Goldsmith Law Firm) has contributed his time and expertise to partner in coaching the teams.

Twenty students in the Talented and Gifted program are participating in Mock Trial this year. The 7th Grade TAG students competing are Nicole Lozier, Sarah Peterson, Corin Bower, Hunter Maass, Josie Wulf, Taylor Oldham, Kylee Weber, Danielle Lozier, Jennifer Godbersen, Justice Graham, Sam Devitt, Abby Bender, and Cora Hansen. The 8th Grade TAG students competing are: Devin Behrendsen, Cameron Webb, Ellie Diersen, Kirsten Dausel, Kelsey Dausel, Lindsey Kruse and Brayden Butler. The M.S. TAG teacher, Mrs. Jensen and Attorney Peter Goldsmith, coach the students.

This year's case is a fictional civil case in which the plaintiff, Mia Donovan is suing the defendants, Shannon Dempsey, Julian Bradley and Scipio Futbol Club for negligence in their care of Mia

Donovan. Mia Donovan is a 16 year old girl who was an outstanding soccer player. Mia claims she sustained multiple concussions under the care and supervision of her coaches and soccer league. Mia has suffered severe damages and will continue to suffer from concussion symptoms. The plaintiff must prove the defendants were negligent in one or more areas and that their negligence was the cause of Mia's concussions and ongoing symptoms. The defendants will show that they were not negligent. The defendants will claim that Mia, herself, was at fault. She failed to exercise reasonable care for her own safety and thereby contributed to her own injury.

The OA-BCIG M.S. Mock Trial team has been preparing since the beginning of school and is excited to compete.

Internet Addiction

Mrs. Angie Kastner, School Nurse

More and more people and youth are using the Internet, ranging from the smart phone, iPods, to computers. Ask yourself; do you feel like you're wasting time on an electronic device? Are you or your children addicted to the Internet?

Signs of a potential problem:

- Do you use the Internet so much for playing games or other reasons that it interferes with everyday life?
- Do you feel like your relationships, schoolwork, employment or health are negatively impacted by the Internet use?

If you said yes, you may be spending too much time on the Internet.

Tips to break free:

- Limit time spent online. Use a timer if needed.
- Reach out to friends and attend more social events.
- Parents, plan family outings and activities.
- Go to the library and pick out an interesting book.

If reducing time spent on the Internet causes serious distress, one could seek professional counseling. This could be an indicator of other emotional problems that Internet use has covered up.

Assessment: What it Means for Your Student

Mrs. Alicia Nelson, Curriculum Director

Student assessments include both formative and summative assessments. Assessment results are used to make program, staffing, professional development, instructional, financial, and personal decisions. They are an important component of both the Collecting/Analyzing Student data step and the On-going Data Collection step in the Iowa Professional Development Model. State-wide and district-wide *summative* assessments are mandated by Iowa Code (Chapter 12) and used for district accreditation and federal reporting, as defined by the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) legislation. *Formative* assessments are on-going and are used to inform the instructional process and develop student learning goals.

Local Assessments: Districts must annually administer district-wide assessments in reading, math and science, and they must align their assessments to their curriculum or content standards. These assessment tools are selected by the district and must be complementary (not identical to) to the state required tests.

State Assessments: Iowa uses the Iowa Assessments for grades 3-8 and 10-11 as our annual statewide assessment.

The following Iowa Testing Programs subtests are used by districts for Annual Yearly Progress (*AYP*) and Annual Progress Report (*APR*) reporting:

- Reading
- Math
- Science

Here are some of the ways we are working as a district to try to help students increase in their assessment achievement:

- Clearly define learning targets and expected outcomes prior to instruction. (This will help ensure that what is taught is both aligned to the learning targets and assessed).
- Identify the student performance baseline data that we need to document change. (Pretests are one way to determine the baseline data).
- Align our assessment tools or techniques to both instruction and the learning target.
- Formative assessment is used by staff to provide feedback for ongoing instruction, assist students with knowing how

(Continued on p.8)

(Continued from p.7)

- close they are to the learning target, and inform any needed mid-course corrections.
- Summative assessment is used by teachers to measure overall success, grade, or sort students.
- Students are given quality feedback on written assignments
- Rubrics/scoring guides are used in assessment.

- Variety of assessments may be used – paper/pencil, observation, oral response, performance, etc., to give students the opportunity to show what they know and can do using a variety of assessment types.

For more information about local assessments, please contact me or any building principal.

Iowa Assessment Data from 2013-2014

Science	12 - 13	13-14	12-13 to 13-14 Growth	Math	12 - 13	13 - 14	12-13 to 13-14 Growth	Reading	12 - 13	13 - 14	12-13 to 13-14 Growth
OA 2	82.1	80	-2.1	OA 2	85.7	88	2.3	OA 2	85.7	84	-1.7
OA 3	100	96.4	-3.6	OA 3	100	92.8	-7.2	OA 3	100	85.7	-14.3
OA 4	93.3	87.5	-5.8	OA 4	86.7	75	-11.7	OA 4	76.7	88.8	-7.9
OA 5	80	73.3	-6.7	OA 5	80	73.3	-6.7	OA 5	88	63.3	-24.7
BCIG 2	81.8	84.7	2.9	BCIG 2	77.3	92	14.7	BCIG 2	93	82	-11
BCIG 3	95.9	90.4	-5.5	BCIG 3	95.9	100	4.1	BCIG 3	89.8	90	0.2
BCIG 4	94	90	-4	BCIG 4	90	82	-8	BCIG 4	86	69	-17
BCIG 5	81.7	88	6.3	BCIG 5	75	74	-3	BCIG 5	76.7	78	1.3
6th	66.2	81.5	15.3	6th	70.8	74.1	3.3	6th	64.6	77.8	13.2
7th	82.3	82.1	-0.2	7th	87.1	80.6	-6.5	7th	75.8	74.6	-1.2
8th	93.1	95.1	2	8th	81	86.9	5.9	8th	67.2	88.5	21.3
9th	88.1	88	-0.1	9th	86.4	85.7	-0.7	9th	81.4	91.1	9.7
10th	92	83.6	-8.4	10th	86.7	85.7	-1	10th	85.3	81.8	-3.5
11th	87.3	79.7	-7.6	11th	84.1	86.1	2	11th	86.6	78.5	-8.1

Veterans Day Meal

Veterans are invited to a free meal served by the OA-BCIG Foods and Cuisine students at the

Ida Grove Rec Center on **November 11th**!

Serving time will be from **12:00-1:00**.

Please **RSVP** by November 1st.

Call OA-BCIG High School @ 364-3371 or email anielsen@oabcig.org



Thank You to Our Yearbook Sponsors

The OABCIG yearbook staff would like to thank the following businesses for helping support/advertise in our 2014-2015 student publication:

5 Star Dance & Tumbling Academy, Adams Motor Company, Anthon Veterinary Clinic, Beckman Motors, Bloyer Agency, Boerner & Goldsmith Law Firm, Brenner's, Byron Originals, Cenex, Christensen-Van Houten Funeral Homes, Chronicle Printing & Publishing, Collins Construction, Cosgrove Law Firm, CPS-Mike Hoefling, CPS-Roger Frank, Cubby's Inc., Currie Seed, Delux Motel, Dr. Thompson & Dr. Wiggins, Dresselhuis & Heidenreich, Edward Jones, Einspahr Furniture, Fancy Threads Embroidery, Farber & Otteman Funeral Homes, Farm Bureau-Denise VanDusen, Farm Bureau-Sherry Gebers, Farmer's Cooperative, First Cooperative Association, First State Bank, Flint Hills Resources, Food Pride, G. Goodenow Trucking, Golden Horizons, Gomaco, H & R Block-Joan Bengford, Hanson Auto Supply-NAPA, Hausman Electric, Hemer Plumbing & Heating, Hewitt Trucking, HiWay Products, Hoefling Trucking, Holstein-Ida Grove Veterinary Clinic, Horn Memorial Hospital & Physicians Clinic, Hultgren Implement, Ida Bowl, Ida County Courier-Reminder, Ida Drug, Ida Family Chiropractic, Ida Grove Family Health Center, Ida Grove Homes, Ida Grove Roofing, Iowa State Bank, Lewis Family Drug, Lundell Plastics, Malcom's Paint & Hardware, Mark Hansen-Rex Chevrolet, McCormick Motors, Mi Rancho, Midwest Industries, Morningside Health Care Community, Murphy Chiropractic, Murray Jewelers, Neumann Construction, North Star Community Credit Union, Northwest REC, Odebolt Lumber, Odebolt Nursing & Rehab Center, Patera Family Dentistry, Pronto/Hayes Oil, Reis Auto Parts & Service, Remer Realty & Appraisal, Rupp Tire Shop, Sac County Mutual Telephone, Salon Stewart, Schau Towing & Salvage, Schoenherr Construction, Selections, Shear Magic Salon & Boutique, Shopko, State Farm Insurance, Styles Unlimited, Subway, Super 8, Swanson Insurance & Real Estate, The Bread Box, The Hoffman Agency, Trendue, United Bank of Iowa, Vetter Equipment Co., Wilson Bookkeeping & Tax Service, Jimmy's Bar & Grille

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!

BCIG Elementary Vocal Notes
Mrs. Renee Fritz, Vocal Music Instructor



BCIG's first through fourth grade students will be presenting a "Spooktacular Concert" on **November 4th** at the High School gym at 7:00 p.m. Some of the songs will include "Addams Family", "Purple People Eater", "Dem Bones", "Chicken Dance", "Witch Doctor" and "Halloween is a Very Unusual Night." The concert will involve a lot of costumes and instruments that make spooky noises. Come and enjoy an evening of entertainment!

HS Vocal Notes
Mrs. Linda Johnson, Vocal Music Director



Fundraising:

Thank you to everyone who supported the high school music students in their fundraiser! The students will be picking up their orders and delivering to their customers beginning November 12th! Enjoy those goodies!

Music Trip:

Members of the high school band and choir will be representing our school in Chicago this spring! Watch for details of their exciting plans as we prepare to share this musical experience of the big city with our students.

Star Spangled Banner:

Thank you to all who have taken time out of your busy schedules to say such nice things about the choir members who have volunteered their time this fall to sing the National Anthem at our home varsity volleyball matches!

December Concert:

Our OA-BCIG Holiday Concert will be Monday, December 15 at 7:00 p.m. Please plan to attend now and help out our local food pantries as well! (Admission: one non-perishable food item)

Band Notes
Ms. Becky Maher, Instrumental Music Instructor



The Falcon marching band finished up their season with the light show at the last home football game of the year for senior night, performing to both "Ghostbusters" and "My Songs Know What You Did in the Dark". They have also worked hard all season on a three-part Journey themed show.

On October 4th, the band competed at Carroll Band days in a parade where they were able to perform for a panel of judges who gave excellent feedback on how to improve. They were also able to watch and support other bands in the area that performed their field shows after the parade.

Honor band auditions are on November 1st and the band had a handful of students headed out to audition. Jessica Gunderson also auditioned for the All-State honor band on October 25th.

Jazz band starts in early November and will be rehearsing two days a week in the mornings starting at 7:30 a.m.

Winter Sports Information
Mr. Larry Allen, Activities Director

The OA-BCIG Athletic Department would like to announce practice times for the upcoming winter sports seasons. Girls basketball and boys & girls bowling will begin practices on Monday, November 10th. Practices will take place right after school. Boys basketball & wrestling will begin on Monday, November 17th. Basketball practice times will rotate on a weekly schedule between early and late, with practice schedules given out the first week.

Remember that an athlete must have current Physical and Heads-Up Concussion forms turned in before an athlete will be allowed to practice.



Environmental Science
Tip of the Month



Dance Team Info

Congratulations to Paige Roeder and Riley Snyder for making the All-Iowa Honor Dance Team. They will perform at the Iowa Girls State Basketball Tournament in March.

Best of luck to Paige Roeder, Leah Lierman, and Riley Snyder as they will be competing in the State Solo Dance Competition in Newton, IA on November 1st.

Activity Calendar for November 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	3 	4 NWICDA Jr. High Honor Choir WVC Speech Festival @ Morningside College 7:00 BCIG Elem. Music Concert @ High School	5 2:00 Dismissal	6	7 7:00 Middle School Dance @ Odebolt	8 Mock Trial @ Rock Rapids Robotics Scrimmage @ TBD
9	10 Girls BB/Bowling practices begin 6:30 OA School Board Mtg.	11 7:00 MS Fall Concert @ Odebolt	12 2:00 Dismissal HS music frozen food sales pick up	13 4:00 7th Boys BB @ Denison 4:00 8th Boys BB vs. Denison @ Odebolt	14 7:30 HS Musical "Grease" @ IG 	15 7:30 HS Musical "Grease" @ IG
16 2:00 HS Musical "Grease" @ IG	17 Boys BB/Wrestling practices begin 6:30 BCIG School Board Mtg.	18 4:00 MS Boys BB vs. Lawton Bronson @ Bronson	19 2:00 Dismissal	20 Opus Honor Choir @ Ames 4:00 7th Boys BB vs. AO-MV @ Odebolt 4:00 8th Boys BB vs. AO-MV @ Anthon	21 HS All-State Music Festival @ Ames	22 Robotics Meet @ IG TBD V Girls BB @ Storm Lake Jamboree
23	24 4:00 7th Boys BB vs. Ridge View @ Early 4:00 8th Boys BB vs. Ridge View @ Odebolt	25 4:00 7th Boys BB @ Cherokee 4:00 8th Boys BB vs. Cherokee @ Odebolt	26 NO SCHOOL—Thanksgiving Break 	27	28	29 TBD V Boys BB @ Storm Lake Jamboree
30	DECEMBER 1 4:00 7th Boys BB vs. Storm Lake @ Odebolt 4:00 8th Boys BB @ Storm Lake 6:00 V BB vs. River Valley @ IG Dance team performance @ half time	2 4:00 7th Boys BB vs. AO-MV @ Anthon 4:00 8th Boys BB @ Denison 4:00 JV BB G/B vs. Woodbury Central @ IG 6:00 V BB vs. Woodbury Central @ IG Dance team performance 6:00 HS Wrestling @ Rockwell City	3 2:00 Dismissal	4 State Dance Team Competition @ Des Moines 4:00 7th Boys BB vs. Denison @ Odebolt 6:00 HS Wrestling vs. MVAO/Ridge View @ IG	5 3:45 Bowling @ Denison 4:00 JV BB G/B vs. Westwood @ Sloan 6:00 V BB vs. Westwood @ Sloan	6 Mat Rats Wrestling Tournament @ Odebolt gym HS Wrestling @ Doug Wood Invitational @ Manson 

Breakfast & Lunch Menus for November 2014

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>3 BCIG B: breakfast pizza BCIG L: BBQ pork rib w/WG bun, smiley fries, marinated fresh veggie salad, mixed fruit, orange OA B: long john, motz. cheese stick OA L: chicken patty w/WG bun, green beans, baby carrots, lettuce salad, ranch, mandarin oranges</p>	<p>4 BCIG B: assorted cereal, pop tart BCIG L: cheeseburger w/WG bun, baked beans, potato salad, peaches, apple OA B: apple frudel, hard boiled egg OA L: beef tips over mashed potatoes, corn, lettuce salad, peaches, WG dinner roll</p>	<p>5 BCIG B: scrambled eggs, WG English muffin BCIG L: chicken nuggets, Elem-mixed green salad, *fresh veggie bar, peas, applesauce, orange OA B: cinn. roll, yogurt OA L: ham & cheese w/WG bun, cucumbers, broccoli, red peppers, romaine lettuce, banana</p>	<p>6 BCIG B: ultimate breakfast round, *cereal BCIG L: cheese pizza, green beans, broccoli salad, baby carrots, strawberries & bananas, apple OA B: WG pancake sausage OA L: pork patty w/WG bun, peas, cauliflower, romaine lettuce, pears</p>	<p>7 BCIG B: breakfast wrap w/salsa BCIG L: meatball sub w/WB bun, sweet potato tots, Rice Crispy bar, pears, apple OA B: egg omelet, toast OA L: popcorn chicken, cooked carrots, dinner roll, applesauce, Rice Crispy bar</p>
<p>10 BCIG B: sausage pancake wrap BCIG L: grilled cheese, tomato soup, celery-carrot sticks, apple crisp, applesauce cup, pear OA B: sausage pancake stick OA L: turkey burger w/WG bun, tomato, onion, radishes, red peppers, peaches, vanilla pudding</p>	<p>11 BCIG B: assorted cereal, WG toast BCIG L: chicken fajita w/tortilla, lettuce, tomato, cheese, salsa, refried beans, *Tex-Mex pasta salad, mandarin oranges, apple OA B: poptarts, yogurt OA L: egg sausage cheese w/WG bun, hashbrowns, Nutrigrain bar, juice, tropical fruit</p>	<p>12 BCIG B: cheese omelet, WG toast BCIG L: cowboy cavatini, Elem-mixed green salad, *fresh veggie bar, peas, breadstick, pineapple, orange OA B: blue waffle, hard boiled egg OA L: hamburger pizza, broccoli, cauliflower, romaine lettuce, grapes</p>	<p>13 BCIG B: *assorted cereal, WG long john BCIG L: French toast sticks, sausage, hash brown, baby carrots, cucumbers, mixed fruit, banana OA B: breakfast wrap OA L: chili, baby carrots, crackers, cinn roll w/icing, apple slices</p>	<p>14 BCIG B: egg patty, bacon, WG toast BCIG L: chicken patty w/WG bun, steamed broccoli w/cheese sauce, green beans, apricots, apple OA B: breakfast bagel OA L: turkey corn dog, baked chips, fresh veggies, romaine lettuce, dressing, oranges</p>
<p>17 BCIG B: breakfast pizza BCIG L: tavern w/WG bun, calico beans, spinach salad w/tomatoes, peaches, orange OA B: long john, motz. cheese stick OA L: BBQ chicken patty w/WG bun, cucumbers, lettuce salad, cooked carrots, apple</p>	<p>18 BCIG B: cereal bar, yogurt BCIG L: mandarin orange chicken, brown rice, cooked carrots, broc-cauliflower salad, pears, apple OA B: egg & cheese burrito OA L: chili crispito, refried beans, br. rice, romaine lettuce, pineapple</p>	<p>19 BCIG B: cheese omelet, WG toast BCIG L: popcorn chicken, Elem-fresh veggies w/ranch, *fresh veggie bar, corn, PB sandwich, applesauce, orange OA B: Nutrigrain bar, motz. stick OA L: turkey gravy over mashed potatoes, corn, lettuce salad, peaches, dinner roll</p>	<p>20 BCIG B: blueberry muffin, assorted cereal BCIG L: catfish strips, potato wedges, cole slaw, uncrustable, pineapple, grapes OA B: blue muffin, hard boiled egg OA L: Mr. Rib w/WG bun, green beans, broccoli, radishes, lettuce salad, mandarin oranges</p>	<p>21 BCIG B: sausage breakfast bagel BCIG L: hot ham & cheese, green beans, marinated fresh veggie salad, *PB sandwich, mandarin oranges, apple OA B: egg patty, toast OA L: French toast sticks, clementines, yogurt, juice</p>
<p>24 BCIG B: French toast, *sausage BCIG L: shredded turkey in gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, dinner roll, pumpkin bar, mixed fruit, apple OA B: long john, motz. cheese stick OA L: maidrites w/WG bun, cooked carrots, lettuce salad, apricots, animal crackers</p>	<p>25 BCIG B: assorted cereal, WG toast BCIG L: pork patty w/WG bun, green beans, sweet potato tots, strawberry applesauce cup, orange OA B: breakfast pizza OA L: cheese quesadilla, broccoli, corn, mixed fruit</p>	<p>26 NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>27 NO SCHOOL</p> <div data-bbox="917 1375 1201 1627" data-label="Image"> </div>	<p>28 NO SCHOOL</p>
<div data-bbox="349 1564 885 1963" data-label="Image"> </div>			<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.</i></p> <p><i>All breads are whole grain.</i></p> <p><i>*Available only at the high school.</i></p>	

Odebolt-Arthur Community School District
600 S. Maple Street
Odebolt, IA 51468

Battle Creek-Ida Grove Community School District
900 John Montgomery Drive
Ida Grove, IA 51445

PRSR STD
ECRWSS
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
EDDM RETAIL

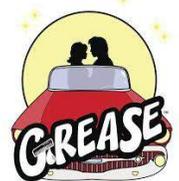
To Postal Patron

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.

Grease!

Book, Music and Lyrics by Jim Jacobs and Warren Casey



OA Central Office
712-668-2289

BCIG Central Office
712-364-3687

OA-BCIG High School
712-364-3371

OA-BCIG Middle School
712-668-2827

OA Elementary School
712-668-2827

BCIG Elementary School
712-364-2360

Get out your black leather jacket or your poodle skirt and set aside time for the OA-BCIG fall musical production of *Grease!* Students have been working hard to prepare for their performances of this American musical classic. **Showtimes are 7:30 pm on Friday, November 14th and Saturday, November 15th with a 2:00 pm matinee on Sunday, November 16th.** Sandy, Danny, and the rest of the Pink Ladies and T-Birds will entertain you with all your favorite songs, like "Summer Nights," "We Go Together," and, of course, "Greased Lightning."

The cast for this fun show features Olivia Freese (Sandy), Blake Netherton (Danny), Anna Dewey (Rizzo), Eliot Clough (Kenickie), Bethany Stangl (Frenchy), Darian Ernst (Doody), Carrie Miller (Marty), Cole Veltri (Sonny), Courtney Peters (Jan), Connor Musel (Roger), Leah Lierman (Patty), Stephen Stangl (Eugene), Emma Mullins (Miss Lynch), Will Lozier (Vince Fontaine), Dalton Clausen (Johnny Casino), Jacob Henderson (Teen Angel), Tanya Burow (Cha-Cha), as well as the "Beauty School Dropout" singers (Elyssa Freese, Brianna Anderson, Mally Sangpanjun, Vandy Mosier, Bailey Ullrich, Anne Hao, Claire Sohm, Jenna Henderson, and Tanya Burow), "We Go Together" singers (Nick Endrulat, Gable Sohm, Bree Henningsen, Elyssa Freese, and Bailey Ross), "Summer Nights" singers (Dalton Clausen, Jacob Henderson, Taylor Young, and Lexie Petersen), and Prom dancers (Nick Endrulat, Dallas Hare, Anthony Sanchez, Gable Sohm, Bree Henningsen Taylor Young, Bailey Ullrich, Brianna Anderson, Lexie Petersen, and Bailey Ross).

Join us for this fun, rock and roll musical in the OA-BCIG High School Cafetorium. Admission prices for the show will be \$5 for adults and \$3 for students. **Reserved seating will be available for \$6.00 per ticket.** Reserved seating and general admission tickets will go on sale on November 1st, and tickets can be purchased at the door as available.

For reserved seating or pre-purchased general admission tickets, you may place your order by calling Tasha at the high school at 364-3371, or Ann Holst at 364-3295 or via email at ajholst@netllc.net.

It is the policy of the Odebolt-Arthur and the Battle Creek-Ida Grove Community School Districts not to illegally discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, religion, creed, age, (for employment), marital status (for programs), sexual orientation, gender identity and socioeconomic status (for programs) in its educational programs and its employment practices. There is a grievance procedure for processing complaints of discrimination. If you have questions or a grievance related to this policy, please contact the districts' Equity Coordinator, Alan Henderson, BCIG Elementary Principal, 403 Barnes Street, Ida Grove, Iowa 51445, phone number: 712-364-2360 and email address: ahenderson@oabcig.org.