

# OA-BCIG INSIGHT

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



## From the Superintendent Dr. Nick Ouellette

Welcome Back! We have about a week under our belt and we are excited to have everyone back for the school year. We have been working hard over the summer to make improvements to the buildings to enhance the educational environment and the overall appearance of our buildings. Please feel free to stop by any one of the offices or all of them to see some of the changes and upgrades completed this summer.

As we start the school year our teachers and staff are always working to provide a student-centered educational environment that meets the needs of all kids. One of the new changes we will be implementing is the Multi-Tiered System of Supports or MTSS. Through this model we will be utilizing data in additional ways to ensure we can provide interventions as needed for all students. Our teachers will be meeting regularly to discuss students and work together to find solutions for students that are encountering challenges in their educational careers. We look forward to providing parents with even more information about their child and how we can work together to meet his or her needs.

Once again we are glad to have everyone back as well as some new faces in our buildings. As always, should you have any questions about the school districts or what is going on in classes, please feel free to contact me via email [nouellette@oabcig.org](mailto:nouellette@oabcig.org) or by phone OA 668-2289 or BCIG 364-2255.

## High School Happenings Mr. Patrick Miller, Principal

The chart below details OA-BCIG's Career and Tech students performance on Iowa Assessments and compares our performance to the MVAO Consortium (a local group of schools) and how our students compared to the target %. You will notice that our Career and Tech students were slightly below the consortium average in the percentage of students who were proficient in the Iowa Assessments Reading and Math tests, but above the agreed upon target. Our students scored above both the consortium and the agreed upon target in technical skill attainment and the % of students who graduated on time.

Our CTE students are those who are involved in

Career and Tech classes including certain Business, Industrial Tech and Family and Consumer Science courses.

Our **Homecoming** opponent this year are the Raptors from Ridge View. The date is **September 26<sup>th</sup>**. More details on Homecoming week will be provided at a later date.

Any seniors **wishing to graduate at semester** must provide the high school office a letter stating their request **by September 30, 2014**. Seniors, or parents, who have questions should contact the high school office

**Seniors** will once again have **'open campus'** during 9<sup>th</sup> period. This is an

opportunity for seniors to learn to utilize their free time in a manner that, hopefully, will benefit them as they go off in to the next chapter of their lives. Seniors who are earning an F at mid term grading periods will be required to stay during 9<sup>th</sup> period until they are earning a passing grade.

Parents please remind your children to **dress appropriately for school**. The building is nearly completely climate controlled for a comfortable learning environment. Those students who are dressed inappropriately will be asked to change.

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CTE Report	Reading	Math	Tech Skill	Graduation
OABCIG	83.33%	85.19%	97.12%	100%
MV Consortium	86.39%	89.12%	96.36%	97.96%
Agreed Target	82.78%	84.93%	96.19%	95.89%

## BCIG Elementary Happenings

### Mr. Alan Henderson, Principal

School is off to a good start. It was fun to stand outside and watch students come in with their big smiles. Students were excited to come and see all that has been done. Newly painted lockers in the lower hall, some new basketball hoops are on the playground, walls were painted, and carpet put down in some classrooms.

We are getting ready for our first rounds of FAST testing. This is a statewide initiative to test students in the areas of fluency, accuracy, vocabulary, and comprehension. It will help us identify students that need some extra interventions to get them up to speed in reading. It is a new process for us, but we are excited to see how it can help kids.

Thank you to all of you who signed up for the parent teacher partnership. It is great to have such

support from the parents in our school. I look forward to working with all of you as we continue to make our school "Where the Best Begin."

#### Some activities coming up in September:

##### September 5<sup>th</sup>

4<sup>th</sup> grade to Farm Bureau Safety Day @ IG fairgrounds

##### September 18<sup>th</sup>

Mrs. Snyder to Country School @ Moorehead Park

##### September 19<sup>th</sup>

Mrs. Nettles to Country School @ Moorehead Park

##### September 26<sup>th</sup> Homecoming

We look forward to working with your students this year. Please stop by and visit.



## OA Elementary & OA-BCIG Middle School Happenings

### Mr. Doug Mogensen, Principal

Again this year, there were many hands and minds busy this summer getting the school ready for the start of the year. It was wonderful to see the building back in shape for the start of the school. Brighter hallways and bathrooms welcomed both the elementary and middle school students. The elementary playground is a welcomed structure with seven slides and room for many activities. Many teachers took time over the summer to do some studying or participate in learning activities such as reading training and assessment, science curriculum alignment, and their own work planning for this year's class.

We welcome some new faces to our great school! Karen Hannam will be teaching reading in the middle school. Krystal Page has been hired for 6th grade science and at-risk. Our new PE teacher is David Rubis. Calee Hoffman is a new teacher for our 2nd grade. The vocal music teacher is Alex Longnecker, and our counselor is Jo Lyons.

Along with our teachers and staff, I welcome all our new students to the school and our returning students. We are excited to have students back in the classrooms. We are committed to teaching, and to creating and maintaining a school atmosphere that is safe and promotes the importance of education.

Our Parent-Teacher Community Partnership is always looking for community members to help and support the school. The group has helped out with classroom parties, snacks for Iowa Assessments, and end of the year activities. For more information please contact Angie Quirk at 668-2313 or see our school website for the O-A PTCP mission statement, other things the group has done, and information on how to join the group.

A couple reminders from the handbook for parents and students.

1. Bikes should be walked through

heavy sidewalk traffic, rather than ridden.

2. Because of the importance of bus safety and the primary job of the bus driver to operate his/her bus, students will be expected to behave in an appropriate manner while using school transportation. Please see the handbooks for more information about bus violations and guidelines.

3. We ask that you remind your children of appropriate behavior when attending school extracurricular activities. At football games, students are expected to watch, cheer, and enjoy the game. No ball games will be allowed during the game.

We look forward to another wonderful school year and always ask for parent and community support as we continue to help students grow as learners. Together we will make a difference.

## CIM & Reading Recovery Training

Ten elementary teachers from BCIG and OA recently attended a week of CIM (Comprehensive Intervention Model) and Reading Recovery Training in Sioux City. Their training will continue throughout the upcoming school year. Both programs train teachers how to help readers focus on their strengths as well as develop new strategies to become better readers.

The staff members include: (seated) Kandi Ehrig, Lynette Wunschel, Rita Freese, Anne Zobel, (standing) Kaylyn Brightwell, Cassie Reimers, Amber Winther, Chelsey Beason, Kaylene Henningsen, and Beth Christensen.



## Guidance Notes

### Mrs. Angela Lensch, High School Counselor

Hello! My name is Angela Lensch and I am the new professional school counselor at the high school. As a school counselor, I strive to facilitate and support the academic, career, and personal/social development of all students. My goal is to ensure every student is successful and prepared for the future. I work with teachers, administrators, and parents/guardians to help students reach their full potential. To fulfill this role I connect with students in several ways throughout the year.

If you ever need anything I can be reached by email [alensch@oabcig.org](mailto:alensch@oabcig.org) or phone 712-364-3371. You can also visit my website at <https://sites.google.com/a/oabcig.org/mrs-lensch-oabcig-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](https://www.facebook.com/MrsLenschOABCIGCounseling?ref_type=bookmark)) or follow me on Twitter @AngelaLensch. Thank you for sharing your student with me!

#### PSAT Test

Juniors who signed up to take the PSAT test will be doing so on **October 15<sup>th</sup>**. Each student is responsible for a **\$14 test fee**, which must be paid to Mrs. Lensch before the test.

The PSAT exam:

- measures reading, math, and writing skills needed for college and career.
- gives students a chance to see how their skills

compare with those of other students who will apply for college.

- is the first step, for juniors, in entering the National Merit Scholarship Corporation competitions for scholarships and recognition.
- provides practice for possible SAT exams and similar ACT.

#### Senior Meetings

Senior meetings with seniors and their parent(s) should be scheduled. If you have not yet scheduled your senior meeting, please do so as soon as possible. During senior meetings, graduation requirements and future plans are discussed. The earlier in the year these discussions take place, the greater likelihood there will be for a smooth senior year and graduation.

#### 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.

#### 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](http://www.oabcig.org), and on my school counselor's webpage.

If you have a scholarship application you would like distributed to seniors, please contact me at [alensch@oabcig.org](mailto:alensch@oabcig.org) or at 364-3371 or 830-3366. Students are given monthly lists of available scholarships.



### 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. OA-BCIG is now offering a personalized ACT prep course online through PrepMe (<http://www.naviance.com/college-and-career-readiness-platform/test-preparation>). Please see Mrs. Lensch for individual login information.

### IMPORTANT DATES

**Get them on your Calendars**

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**October 14:** College Fair for Juniors in Mapleton 1:15- 2:45 pm

**October 15:** PSAT for Juniors who signed up last year

**October 17:** End of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter

**October 21 & 23:** Conferences 4:00-7:30

**January 8<sup>th</sup>:** 2:15pm ICAN Life Store

**January 8<sup>th</sup>:** 6:00pm ICAN College Planning



## Respectful, Responsible, Ready Mrs. Julie Staley, BCIG Elem. Counselor

At BCIG Elementary, we are continuing our efforts to maintain a safe and positive environment for learning. Our program uses incentives to encourage students to be respectful, responsible, and ready to learn. It includes teaching social skills that are so important to becoming effective members of the school, the community, and the world of work.

All teachers will spend time making sure their students understand the expectations in their classrooms and in the school building. A special emphasis during guidance will be respectful, courteous behavior. We will be talking about courtesy and manners. We hope parents will use this time to talk to their children about the manners they hope to see in their family.

A school wide focus early in the year will be on lunchroom behavior. Lunch should be a time for students to enjoy their meal and pleasant conversation with those around them. Students will be given incentives to keep their lunch table a positive place to be.

All school staff are encouraged to give out Falcon Pride Slips. These will be given to students showing respect, responsibility, and a readiness to learn. The slips will be posted in the gym and names of recipients will be recognized by Mr. Henderson, Elementary Principal.

This program is a continuation of our positive school environment program of the past several years. We hope it will help students have a great year at school.

## FFA News

### Mrs. Rachel Stoberl, High School Ag Instructor

It has been a busy summer for OA-BCIG FFA members! First, our crop scouting team showed great dedication as they met each and every week, sometimes multiple times in a week to prepare for our contest in early August. With the help of Jolene Riessen, Kent Krager, Hunter Lindgren, Wes Swanger, Trey Riessen, and Kyle Knudsen competed in an elite crop scouting competition near Boone. They were asked questions or took written exams at twelve different stations covering the following topics: Integrated Pest Management, weed identification, pest identification, hail damage, nutrient deficiencies, field maps, and so much more. The team didn't place in the top five, but were perfect or nearly perfect at 9 of the 12 stations.



Summer is also a time full of fairs. We had several FFA members compete at both the Ida and Sac County Fairs with everything from pigs to chickens. A big thank you to the FFA members that assisted at the Ida County Fair Livestock Judging contest: Katlyn Cowlham, Jaden Uhl, and Tyler Witzke. It was the biggest contest we have had in recent years and it was a huge success. Also a big shout out to **OA-BCIG FFA President, Katlyn Cowlham**, for winning the **Sac County Fair Queen** Contest, advancing on to the Iowa State



Fair. We were also well represented at the Iowa State Fair with Eli Linman showing goats and Christian and Alexia Conover showing pigs.

In mid-August we grilled for Hultgren Implement's annual Combine Clinic, with proceeds from that going towards our scholarship program. This is also a great learning opportunity for our young farmers. We would like to thank the folks at Hultgren's for their generosity and all that they do for our chapter.

As the school year gets underway we look forward to even more upcoming events. We have several FFA members competing at the Clay County Fair as well as livestock judging teams! Before we know it, we will be packing our bags to head to the 87<sup>th</sup> National FFA Convention held in Louisville, KY. **You can stay up-to-date on all of our activities on Facebook and Twitter!**



FFA members participated in the Odebolt Creek Days parade in June.

## Bullying and Harassment

The Odebolt-Arthur and Battle Creek-Ida Grove Community School Districts do not tolerate bullying and/or harassment of their students. In accordance with that view the OA & BCIG School Boards have adopted the following Anti Bullying/Harassment Board Policy No. 104 as follows:

Series 100 Code No. 104

### ANTI-BULLYING/ HARASSMENT POLICY

Harassment and bullying of students and employees are against federal, state and local policy, and are not tolerated by the boards. The boards are committed to providing all students with a safe and civil school environment in which all members of the school communities are treated with dignity and respect. To that end, the boards have in place policies, procedures, and practices that are designed to reduce and eliminate bullying and harassment as well as processes and procedures to deal with incidents of bullying and harassment. Bullying and harassment of students by other students, by school employees, and by volunteers who have direct contact with students will not be tolerated in the school or school districts.

The boards prohibit harassment, bullying, hazing or any other victimization of students, based on any of the following actual or perceived traits or characteristics, including but not limited to age, color, creed, national origin, race, religion, marital status, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical attributes, physical or mental ability or disability, ancestry, political party preference, political belief, socioeconomic status, or familial status. Harassment against employees based upon the employee's race, color,

creed, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, religion, age or disability is also prohibited.

This policy is in effect while students or employees are on property within the jurisdiction of the boards; while on school-owned or school-operated vehicles; while attending or engaged in school-sponsored activities; and while away from school grounds if the misconduct directly affects the good order, efficient management and welfare of the school or school districts.

If, after an investigation, a student is found to be in violation of this policy, the student shall be disciplined by appropriate measures which may include suspension or expulsion. If after an investigation a school employee is found to be in violation of this policy, the employee shall be disciplined by appropriate measures which may include termination. If after an investigation a school volunteer is found to be in violation of this policy, the volunteer shall be subject to appropriate measures which may include exclusion from school grounds. "Volunteer" means an individual who has regular, significant contact with students.

When looking at the totality of the circumstances, harassment and bullying means any electronic, written, verbal or physical act or conduct toward a student which is based on any actual or perceived trait or characteristic of the student and which creates an objectively hostile school environment that meets one or more of the following conditions:

- Places the student in reasonable fear of harm to

the student's person or property;

- Has a substantially detrimental effect on the student's physical or mental health;
- Has the effect of substantially interfering with the student's academic performance; or
- Has the effect of substantially interfering with the student's ability to participate in or benefit from the services, activities or privileges provided by a school.

"Electronic" means any communication involving the transmission of information by wire, radio, optical cable, electromagnetic, or other similar means. "Electronic" includes, but is not limited to communication via electronic mail, internet-based communications, pager service, cell phones, electronic text messaging or similar technologies.

Harassment and bullying may include, but are not limited to, the following behaviors and circumstances:

- Repeated remarks of a demeaning nature;
- Implied or explicit threats concerning one's grades, achievements, property, etc.
- Demeaning jokes, stories, or activities directed at the student; and/or
- Unreasonable interferences with a student's performance.

Sexual Harassment of a student by an employee means unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, or other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature when:

- Submission to the conduct is made either implicitly

or explicitly a term or condition of the student's education or benefits;

- Submission to or rejection of the conduct is used as the basis for academic decisions affecting that student; or
- The conduct has the purpose or effect of substantially interfering with the student's academic performance by creating an intimidating, hostile or offensive education environment.

In situations between students and school officials, faculty, staff or volunteers who have direct contact with students, bullying and harassment may also include the following behaviors:

- Requiring that a student submit to bullying or harassment by another student, either explicitly or implicitly, as a term or condition of the targeted student's education or participation in school programs or activities; and/or
- Requiring a submission to or rejection of such conduct as a basis for decisions affecting the student.

Any person who promptly, reasonably, and in good faith reports an incident of bullying or harassment under this policy to a school official, shall be immune from civil or criminal liability relating to such report and to the person's participation in any administrative, judicial, or other proceeding relating to the report.

Individuals who knowingly file a false complaint may be subject to appropriate disciplinary action.

Retaliation against any person, because the person has filed a bullying or harassment complaint or

assisted or participated in a harassment investigation or proceeding, is also prohibited. Individuals who knowingly file false harassment complaints and any person who gives false statements in an investigation shall be subject to discipline by appropriate measures, as shall any person who is found to have retaliated against another in violation of this policy. Any student found to have retaliated in violation of this policy shall be subject to measures up to, and including, suspension and expulsion. Any school employee found to have retaliated in violation of this policy shall be subject to measures up to, and including, termination of employment. Any school volunteer found to have retaliated in violation of this policy shall be subject to measures up to, and including, exclusion from school grounds.

The school or school districts will promptly and reasonably investigate allegations of bullying or harassment. The Building Principal or designee will be responsible for handling all complaints by students alleging bullying or harassment. The Superintendent or designee will be responsible for handling all complaints by employees alleging harassment.

It is also the responsibility of the superintendent, in conjunction with the investigator and principals, to develop procedures regarding this policy. The superintendent also is responsible for organizing training programs for students, school officials, faculty, staff and volunteers who have direct contact with students. The training will include how to recognize harassment and what to do in case a student is harassed.

It will also include proven effective harassment prevention strategies. The superintendent will also develop a process for evaluating the effectiveness of the policy in reducing bullying and harassment in the school district.

The board will annually publish this policy. The policy may be publicized by the following means:

- Inclusion in the student handbook
- Inclusion in the employee handbook
- Inclusion in the registration materials
- Inclusion on the school or school districts' web site
- (other) \_\_\_\_\_

And a copy shall be made to any person at the BCIG Central Administrative Office at 900 John Montgomery Drive, Ida Grove, Iowa.

#### Legal References:

20 U.S.C. §§ 1221-1234i (2004).  
 29 U.S.C. § 794 (1994).  
 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d-2000d-7 (2004).  
 42 U.S.C. §§ 12001 *et. seq.* (2004)  
 Senate File 61, 1<sup>st</sup> Regular Session, 82<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly, (2007).  
 Iowa Code §§ 216.9; 280.3 (2007).  
 281 I.A.C. 12.3(6).  
Morse v. Frederick, 172 S.Ct. 2618 (2007).

#### Cross References:

502 Student Rights and Responsibilities  
 503 Student Discipline  
 506 Student Records

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## Immunization Laws in Schools

OA and BCIG School Districts new students and kindergarten students must submit a certificate of immunization against diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, poliomyelitis, rubella, and other immunizations required by law. The student may be admitted conditionally to the attendance center if the student has not yet completed the immunization process, but is in the process of doing so. Failure to meet the immunization requirement will be grounds for suspension, expulsion or denial of admission. Upon recommendation of the Iowa

Department of Education and Iowa Department of Public Health, students entering the districts may for the first time be required to pass a TB test prior to admission. The districts may conduct TB tests of current students.

Exemptions from the immunization requirement will be allowed only for medical or religious reasons recognized under the law. The student must provide a valid Iowa State Department of Health Certificate of Immunization Exemption to be exempt from the policy.



## Student Athletes Health & Safety

All OA and BCIG students grades 7 through 12 desiring to participate in athletic activities in the school districts shall present the "Athletic Pre-Participation Physical Examination" certificate signed by a licensed physician, osteopathic physician, osteopath, advanced registered nurse practitioner (ARNP), physician's assistant or qualified doctor of chiropractic, to the effect that the student has been examined and may safely engage in athletic competition.

Additionally, all OA and BCIG students grades 7 through 12 desiring to participate in athletic activities in the school districts, along with their parent or guardian, must read the "Fact Sheet – Heads Up: Concussions in School Sports" and sign the

acknowledgement page prior to beginning athletic practices or competitions.

Finally, the "Health and Injury Information Sheet and Consent for Medical Treatment" form must be completed and signed by the athlete's parent/guardian prior to beginning any athletic practices or competitions.

#### NOTE TO ALL STUDENT

#### ATHLETES: DO NOT

show up to practice without all three (3) of these documents completed, signed, and turned in to the office of your building of attendance or your coach. The health and safety of our student athletes are of utmost importance to the Coaches, Sponsors and Administration of the OA and BCIG Community School Districts.

### Student Lockers

Lockers assigned to students attending OA and BCIG Community School Districts are the property of the school district. Students shall use the lockers assigned to them by the school districts for storing their school materials and personal belongings necessary for attendance at school. It shall be the responsibility of the students to keep their assigned lockers clean and undamaged.

To ensure students are properly maintaining their assigned locker, the principal of the building may periodically inspect all or a random selection of lockers. Either students or another individual will be present during the inspection of lockers. Student lockers may also be searched, at any time without advance notice, in conjunction with OA and BCIG Board Policies regulating search and seizure.



### School Fee Waivers

If your children are eligible for free or reduced-price school meals, you may also be eligible for other benefits. One of these benefits is the reduction of school fees such as book rent, music fees and driver’s education fees. By signing the “STATEMENT FOR WAIVER OF CONFIDENTIALITY TO REDUCE SCHOOL FEES” you will be releasing information that will show that you applied for free or reduced-price school meals for your children in order to waive the above listed school fees only. You do not have to complete the waiver to

get free or reduced-price school meals for your children. You do have to sign the waiver if you wish to have book rent, music fees and/or driver’s education fees reduced or waived. If you have any questions about this fee waiver or to complete an Iowa Eligibility Application, please contact Wanda Schiernbeck at 712-364-3687, stop by the Central Office at 900 John Montgomery Drive in Ida Grove or email [wschiernbeck@oabcig.org](mailto:wschiernbeck@oabcig.org).

#### STATEMENT FOR WAIVER OF CONFIDENTIALITY TO REDUCE SCHOOL FEES 2014-2015

If your child(ren) qualifies for free or reduced-price school meals, you may also be eligible for other benefits. One of these benefits is reduction of school fees such as book rent, music fees and driver’s education fees. If you sign this waiver, your child(ren) will be considered for a full or partial waiver of the above listed school fees. I understand that I will be releasing information that will show that I applied for free or reduced-price school meals for my child(ren). I give up my rights to confidentiality for waiver of school fees ONLY.

I certify that I am the parent/guardian of the child(ren) for whom application is being made.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**YOU DO NOT HAVE TO COMPLETE THIS WAIVER TO GET FREE OR REDUCED-PRICE SCHOOL MEALS. YOU MUST COMPLETE THIS WAIVER IF YOU WISH TO HAVE SCHOOL FEES REDUCED OR WAIVED.**





# Homecoming

## Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup>

- Parade @ 6:00, downtown Ida Grove
- Coronation, Pep Rally & Super Class Night @ 7:00 at the high school

## Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup>

- Football game vs. Ridge View @ 7:00

Make sure to check the school website for additional homecoming information as it becomes available: <http://www.oabcig.org/pages/homecoming>.

Businesses and organizations are encouraged to have entries in the homecoming parade. Junior class members will bring entry forms to prior entrants, or you may download a form from the school website. Completed forms should be returned to the high school to Donna Rasmussen by Sept 24<sup>th</sup> if possible. If you have questions or need a form delivered, contact Donna Rasmussen at [drasmussen@oabcig.org](mailto:drasmussen@oabcig.org) or 364-3371.

### Junior Magazine Sales September 9-19

September 9<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> are the dates that the junior class will be selling magazines as the fundraiser for prom. Please consider supporting the junior class by purchasing a magazine or any of the other items available from the online store. There are a great deal of online magazines that are offered as well if you are a person that would prefer to receive your magazine on your Nook, Kindle or computer. Check out the online store at: <http://gaschoolstore.com/>. If you are interested in making a purchase, but have not been contacted by a junior class member please call the school and we will have a student or prom sponsor contact you. Thank you in advance!



## FALL BLOOD DRIVE

Tuesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>

8:30-2:00

OA-BCIG High School Gym



## Dance Team Info

All Iowa Honor Dance Team  
try-outs will be on Saturday,  
September 6<sup>th</sup> in Ames

## Activity Accounts

### Mr. Larry Allen, Activities Director



Football parking will take on a new look at home games this year for the Falcons. With the loss of the field north of the parking lot, we will provide other parking areas for your convenience. All other areas that have been used for parking in the past will be available.

Our number one request would be to **car pool** if possible. Once the spots in the parking lot, and along the road to the parking lot, are taken **you can park on the road south of the football field**, with a ticket booth available at the south gate (near left field on the baseball diamond). Additionally, Horn's Physician Clinic has agreed to allow **fans to park in their lot, with shuttle bus service** available up until game time.

If you have questions on parking availability please call the high school at 364-3371.

Fall sport seasons are in full swing as the school year commences. I encourage you all to come out and show your support for our students.

The OA-BCIG Athletic Department will once again be providing the **ImPact Concussion Testing** system to our students. In 2013, we tested all athletes involved in football, volleyball, wrestling, basketball, baseball, and softball. This provided a baseline for all of those athletes in case of a concussion. We will be testing the incoming freshmen as well as any student that was not out for one of these sports last season at OA-BCIG. This

test is provided to us free of charge by Sports Medicine Northwest, and our athletic trainer, Mike Spetman. This is just one more tool that a doctor may use to help determine whether an athlete is ready to return to competition. Mr. Spetman visits our school on Monday mornings, Wednesday afternoons, and Friday over lunch to answer any questions that student athletes might have regarding an injury. This advice is offered free of charge to the students.

We wish all students that are auditioning for All-State Music great success.

Mark your calendars, as the Fall production of "Grease" will take place on **November 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>** in Ida Grove at 7:30.

**Fall sports calendars** will be available shortly at the school offices, and at the admission gates for the early season games.

I would like to encourage everyone to sign up for the **Rschool activity** update service. After signing up, you can receive emails or/text messages of all changes pertaining to the activities you registered for. Please go to [www.westernvalleyconf.org](http://www.westernvalleyconf.org) and select OA-BCIG. At the top of the page, **select Notify Me**, and follow the directions to get signed up.

We are looking forward to a great school year, and are striving for great success in all Academic, Activity & Athletic Competitions.

## HS Vocal Notes

### Mrs. Linda Johnson, Vocal Music Director



Seven OA-BCIG high school vocalists have accepted the challenge to audition for the 2014 Iowa All-State Chorus. These students attended an intense 2 ½ day camp at BVU August 7-9 to begin this detailed and difficult journey. They are learning seven new songs that are above average difficulty including some in German and African languages, as well as, the traditional Battle Hymn of Republic and America.

These students will participate in auditions in Storm Lake on Saturday, October 25. They will find out that morning exactly what their audition will consist of. Auditions consist of only "cuts" or parts of the songs they learn and may start anywhere in the song and end anywhere as well. They have 7 minutes to prove to the judge that they have what it takes to be one of the best in Iowa! Auditions are completely acappella (without accompaniment) and you are alone on your part!

This is a long journey of hard work and self-discipline for these students. Along the way, they will become better musicians than they thought possible.

Members participating are Taylor Marshall, Anna Dewey, Carrie Miller, Amanda Gunderson, Darian Ernst, Eliot Clough and Cole Veltri.

**OABCIG High School Choir is on FACEBOOK!**

**Please join this group for positive messages and important information!**



# Activity Calendar for September 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1 NO SCHOOL</b> HS Rodeo @ Larchwood 	<b>2</b> HS VB Triangular WW/RV/OABCIG @ Onawa 6:00 JV FB vs. Ridge View 6:00 @ IG	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> XC @ Okoboji 4:30 JVR FB vs. MVAO @ Mapleton 5:00	<b>5</b> 9:00 BCIG 4th Grade Farm Safety Day @ fairgrounds 7:00 HS FB vs. Lawton Bronson @ Lawton	<b>6</b> ICDA Pre All-State Rehearsal @ Sioux Center All Iowa Honor Dance Try-Outs @ Ames HS VB @ Ridge View Tourney 9:00 FFA Trapshoot @ Manson
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 6:00 HS VB JV Triangular WM/RV/OABCIG @ IG 6:30 School Board Mtg	<b>9</b> HS VB vs. River Valley 6:00 @ IG Junior class magazine sales begin	<b>10</b> 2:00 Dismissal Professional Development	<b>11</b> 5th Grade Midbell display night @ HS JVR FB vs. Woodbury Central @ Merville 5:30 HS VB vs. Storm Lake 6:00 @ IG	<b>12</b> HS FB vs. West Monona 7:00 @ IG	<b>13</b> ACT Testing FFA Livestock Judging @ Clay County Fair HS Rodeo @ TBD 9:00 XC @ Ridge View 9:00 HS VB @ WM Invite
<b>14</b> HS Rodeo @ TBD	<b>15</b> 4:00 MS FB 7th Grade vs. WC @ Merville 4:00 MS VB 7th Grade East Sac @ Sac City 4:00 MS VB 8th Grade vs. East Sac @ Odebolt 6:00 JVR FB vs. Kuemper @ IG	<b>16</b> 4:00 MS FB 8th Grade vs. LB @ Odebolt 4:00 MS VB 7th Grade vs. Ridge View @ Schaller 4:00 MS VB 8th Grade vs. Ridge View @ Odebolt 6:00 HS VB Triangular @ Mapleton	<b>17</b> 2:00 Dismissal Professional Development Yearbook Ad Sales	<b>18</b> 4th Grade Country School-Mrs. Snyder @ Moorehead Park 6:00 HS VB vs. Kingsley Pierson @ Kingsley	<b>19</b> 4th Grade Country School-Mrs. Nettles @ Moorehead Park 7:00 HS FB vs. AHST @ Avoca Junior class magazine sales end	<b>20</b> HS Rodeo @ Ft. Madison 9:00 XC @ Carroll Kuemper Invite 9:00 HS VB JVR @ Denison Tourney 9:00 HS VB OABCIG Invite @ IG
<b>21</b> HS Rodeo @ Ft. Madison	<b>22</b> 4:00 MS VB 7th Grade vs. ArWeVa @ Odebolt 6:00 JV FB vs. Westwood @ IG	<b>23</b> 4:00 MS FB vs. Ridge View @ Odebolt 4:00 MS VB 8th Grade @ Storm Lake 6:00 HS VB vs. Ridge View @ IG	<b>24</b> HS Frozen Food Sales Begin 2:00 Dismissal Professional Development	<b>25</b> 4:15 JVR FB vs. East Sac @ IG <b>6:00 Homecoming Parade</b> <b>7:00 Pep Rally/Coronation</b>	<b>26</b> <b>Homecoming</b> 7:00 HS FB vs. Ridge View @ IG	<b>27</b> WVC VB Tourney @ Merville & Sloan
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 6:00 JV FB vs. East Sac @ Wall Lake 6:00 WVC VB Finals @ TBD	<b>30</b> 8:30-2:00 Blood Drive @ HS 4:00 MS FB vs. MVAO @ Anthon 4:00 MS VB 7th Grade vs. Ridge View @ Odebolt 4:00 MS VB 8th Grade vs. Ridge View @ Schaller 4:30 XC @ WC Invite in Hull	<b>1</b> 2:00 Dismissal Professional Development	<b>2</b> 6:00 JVR FB vs. Alta-Aurelia @ IG	<b>3</b> 7:00 HS FB vs. IKM-Manning @ IG	<b>4</b> HS Rodeo @ Waterloo HS SW Iowa Band Jamboree @ Clarinda

# Breakfast & Lunch Menus for September 2014

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>1 <b>Labor Day - No School</b></p>	<p>2 <b>BCIG B:</b> oatmeal to go bar, yogurt <b>BCIG L:</b> crispito, Spanish rice, lettuce, tomato, cheese, salsa, ref. beans, mixed fruit, orange <b>OA B:</b> L. John, motz. cheese stick <b>OA L:</b> orange chicken, br. rice, romaine lettuce, apple slices, tea roll</p>	<p>3 <b>BCIG B:</b> scrambled eggs, WG toast <b>BCIG L:</b> pork patty w/WG bun, Elem-garden spinach salad, baby carrots, *fresh veg. bar, pears, apple <b>OA B:</b> pop tart, hard boiled egg <b>OA L:</b> beef tips over mashed potatoes, corn, tropical fruit, WG tea roll</p>	<p>4 <b>BCIG B:</b> cinnamon tastic, *cereal <b>BCIG L:</b> chicken alfredo, steamed broccoli, cherry tomatoes, *dinner roll, apricots, grapes <b>OA B:</b> waffle, yogurt <b>OA L:</b> turkey burger w/WG bun, peas, romaine lettuce, tomatoes, red peppers</p>	<p>5 <b>BCIG B:</b> egg patty, bacon round, WG toast <b>BCIG L:</b> hot dog w/WG bun, potato wedges, coleslaw, *celery-PB cup, applesauce cup, oranges <b>OA B:</b> breakfast bagels <b>OA L:</b> country pork steak w/WG bun, romaine lettuce, dressing, cauliflower w/dip, pears</p>
<p>8 <b>BCIG B:</b> pancakes w/syrup, *sausage <b>BCIG L:</b> BBQ chick breast w/WG bun, green beans, marinated fresh veg. salad, pineapple, apple <b>OA B:</b> blue waffle, hard boiled egg <b>OA L:</b> pizza pocket, romaine lettuce, cucumbers, red peppers, pears</p>	<p>9 <b>BCIG B:</b> cereal; WG toast <b>BCIG L:</b> mini chicken drummies, corn, Italian pasta bean salad, *PB sand., applesauce, orange <b>OA B:</b> breakfast pizza <b>OA L:</b> ham &amp; cheese w/bun, pears, baby carrots, mandarin oranges</p>	<p>10 <b>BCIG B:</b> breakfast wrap <b>BCIG L:</b> lasagna, Elem-mixed green salad, baby carrots, *fresh veggie bar, crunchy bonzo beans, peaches, apple <b>OA B:</b> cereal, toast, yogurt <b>OA L:</b> corn dog, baked chips, broccoli, radishes, pineapple</p>	<p>11 <b>BCIG B:</b> WG long john, *cereal <b>BCIG L:</b> cheese sticks, spinach salad w/tomatoes, marinara, *mix veggies, strawberries &amp; bananas, orange <b>OA B:</b> French toast <b>OA L:</b> chicken nuggets, cooked carrots, peaches, Rice Krispy bar</p>	<p>12 <b>BCIG B:</b> WG English muffin, egg patty <b>BCIG L:</b> tavern w/WG bun, peas, sweet potato fries, mand. oranges, apple <b>OA B:</b> pancake stick <b>OA L:</b> breaded fish patty, coleslaw, broccoli, mandarin oranges</p>
<p>15 <b>BCIG B:</b> breakfast pizza <b>BCIG L:</b> fish stick, coleslaw, smiley fries, uncrustable, mixed fruit, orange <b>OA B:</b> L. John, motz. cheese stick <b>OA L:</b> maidrites w/WG bun, diced potatoes, mixed fruit, pudding cup</p>	<p>16 <b>BCIG B:</b> cereal bar, yogurt <b>BCIG L:</b> meatball sub/WG bun, broc. salad, corn, *Rice Krispy bar, orange sorbet, apple <b>OA B:</b> blue muffin, yogurt <b>OA L:</b> pig in a blanket, diced potatoes, broccoli w/dip, peaches</p>	<p>17 <b>BCIG B:</b> cheese omelet, WG toast <b>BCIG L:</b> chicken nuggets, Elem-garden spin. salad, cherry tomatoes, *fresh veggie bar, pears, apple <b>OA B:</b> cinn. roll, yogurt <b>OA L:</b> chicken fajita, cheddar cheese, salsa, tomatoes, banana, romaine lettuce, ranch</p>	<p>18 <b>BCIG B:</b> cinn. coffeecake, *cereal <b>BCIG L:</b> turkey burger w/WG bun, baked beans, potato salad, watermelon, orange <b>OA B:</b> pancakes, saus. patty <b>OA L:</b> chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, corn, pineapple, tea roll</p>	<p>19 <b>BCIG B:</b> egg patty, bacon round <b>BCIG L:</b> mand. orange chicken, br. rice, cooked carrots, broc-caul. salad, pineapple, apple <b>OA B:</b> cereal, toast <b>OA L:</b> cheese pizza, baby carrots, tomato, romaine lettuce, 3 bean salad, applesauce</p>
<p>22 <b>BCIG B:</b> WG biscuit, ctry gravy, *scram. eggs <b>BCIG L:</b> Fr. toast sticks, saus., hash browns, baby carrots, celery, strawberry cup, orange <b>OA B:</b> L. John, motz. cheese stick <b>OA L:</b> chicken patty w/WG bun, romaine lettuce, broccoli, peppers, apricots</p>	<p>23 <b>BCIG B:</b> cereal, WG toast <b>BCIG L:</b> beef tips, mash. potatoes, green beans, bread butter, peaches, apple <b>OA B:</b> breakfast pizza <b>OA L:</b> strip steak w/bun, green beans, cucumbers, romaine lettuce, apple</p>	<p>24 <b>BCIG B:</b> cheese omelet, WG toast <b>BCIG L:</b> chicken patty w/WG bun, Elem-mix. green salad, crunchy bonzo beans, *fresh veggie bar, mand. oranges, apple <b>OA B:</b> cinn. roll, yogurt <b>OA L:</b> grilled cheese, peas, mixed fruit, frozen fruit juice bar</p>	<p>25 <b>BCIG B:</b> bberry muffin, assorted cereal <b>BCIG L:</b> taco-in-a-bag, lettuce, tomato, cheese, salsa, black bean salad, *PB sand., applesauce, banana <b>OA B:</b> breakfast bagel <b>OA L:</b> pepperoni pizza, baby carrots, cucumbers, romaine lettuce, pudding</p>	<p>26 <b>BCIG B:</b> breakfast wrap <b>BCIG L:</b> pepperoni pizza, corn, broc-caul. salad, mixed fruit, orange <b>OA B:</b> WG waffle, saus. patty <b>OA L:</b> hamburger w/WG bun, lettuce, ranch dressing, baked chips, tomato, pineapple</p>
<p>29 <b>BCIG B:</b> sausage pancake wrap <b>BCIG L:</b> BBQ pork rib w/WG bun, perfect pinto beans, spinach salad w/tomatoes, apricots, apple <b>OA B:</b> L. John, motz. cheese stick <b>OA L:</b> Mr. Rib w/bun, corn, 3 bean salad, romaine lettuce, ranch, apple</p>	<p>30 <b>BCIG B:</b> WG bagel w/cr. cheese; yogurt <b>BCIG L:</b> creamy chicken w/veggies, WB biscuit, green beans, pears, apple <b>OA B:</b> breakfast burrito <b>OA L:</b> chicken nuggets, cooked carrots, diced peaches, pudding, tea roll</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.</i></p> <p><i>All breads are whole grain.</i></p> <p><i>*Available only at the high school.</i></p>		

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*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.*

### Meet Our New Staff Members

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New staff members to OA & BCIG this year include: Rebecca Maher (HS Band), Calee Hoffman (OA 2nd Grade), Angela Lensch (HS Guidance), Bobbie Barto (BCIG KEY), Jo Lyons (OA K-8 Guidance), and Chelsea Steil (BCIG 3rd Grade).

Middle row includes Katie McQuiston (BCIG 5th Grade), Karen Hannam (MS 6th/8th Reading), Kari Hadden (HS Business), and Kaylene Henningsen (BCIG Elem. Tech).

Back row includes Amber Winther (BCIG Spec. Ed), Kaylyn Brightwell (BCIG Spec. Ed), Alex Longnecker (OA K-8 Vocal Music), David Rubis (MS PE), and Krystal Page (MS Science).

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