

OA-BCIG INSIGHT

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



From the Superintendent Dr. Nick Ouellette

As you may or may not be aware, both school boards voted on Monday, September 8th to officially look at the renegotiation of the Whole Grade Sharing Agreement (WGS). This action is not a settlement to change anything, just the requirement by law to officially notify the public of the intent to look at the WGS Agreement. Both Boards in the coming months will be weighing all of their options and looking to set the long term plan for each district. The meetings with the boards will be in open session and we are working to upgrade our technology for broadcasting the meetings to better meet the needs of the public. We will be set up to broadcast all open meetings on the web whether they are joint or not. This will help us add to the transparency of the districts. As we continue to move forward with renegotiating the Whole Grade Sharing Agreement the boards will be looking for ways to get feedback from the public and students. Please feel free to contact any of your board members with comments or questions. Their contact information can be found on our district website.

Please understand that the action by the Boards is not intended to be interpreted as a sign of separation or dissatisfaction with the current arrangement. The original WGS Agreement was negotiated in 2008 and went into effect July 1, 2009. The original agreement had only grades 7-12 involved with 6th grade being added in July of 2011. Additionally, the original WGS Agreement was for three years and now annually renews for an additional year unless there is action to terminate by one Board or the other. During the renegotiation process the Boards are able to look at any of the parts of the agreement

High School Happenings Mr. Patrick Miller, Principal

Parent Teacher conferences will be held on October 21st and 23rd. Fall conferences at the high school will be held in the gym, with teachers set up around the outside of the gym. Special Education teachers will be in their room, and I will be in my office, or the gym. Conferences run from 4:00 to 7:30 each night. We do ask that you get there in time to finish by 7:30.

There are two conflicting activities with PT Conferences. On the 21st, Mrs. Spetman and Ms. Parker will be coaching at the Volleyball Regional site yet to be determined. On October 23rd, Mr. Kurt Brown will be at Regional Cross Country. Please plan accordingly if you need to see those teachers. We will send out a notice prior to conferences to remind parents of these absences.

High school teachers, the counselor, and myself have all been making a concerted effort to contact parents of students who are struggling academically. Teachers are all available prior to the start of the school day, and after 3:30. Students are always welcome. We do have students who are willing to tutor, and other supports for those that need them.

and make changes that both Boards would have to agree to. The cut-off date for any changes to the agreement to go into effect for July 1, 2015 is February 1, 2015. Also, both Boards will have to hold a Public Hearing on any proposed changes at a minimum 30 days prior to the action of agreement on the changes. The Boards can continue to negotiate and have conversations about the agreement after the February 1 deadline, those changes would then take effect July 1, 2016.

As stated in the resolutions passed by both Boards on Monday, September 8, the WGS Agreement has been very beneficial to both districts both financially and educationally. Our ability to adapt to an ever changing educational environment, as well as, a somewhat volatile school funding situation that plays out in the State Legislature every year has been greatly improved by our sharing and working together for the betterment of all kids in both districts. Our staff and our kids have seen first-hand the benefits of the efficiencies we have implemented by increased opportunities for our kids both in academics and activities, along with our ability to maintain smaller class sizes at the elementaries. I believe both Boards will keep the well-being of our kids and staff at the forefront of the renegotiation process.

As more information is available I will continue to keep people updated. Please feel free to send me an email, stop by, or call if you have any questions. I would prefer to make sure we are getting accurate information out to people and not speculation. I can be reached at nouvellette@oabcig.org or 668-2289 in OA and 364-2255 in BCIG.

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BCIG Elementary Happenings

Mr. Alan Henderson, Principal

Junior Achievement is getting ready to begin. This is a program out of Des Moines that helps our students get exposed to entrepreneurship and business. This program is taught by our local business owners and parents from our community. This is a simple program laid out by Junior Achievement with specific lesson goals to be covered in class. If you would be interested in learning more about how to be apart of this, please give me a call.

Just a **reminder of some rules during football games** at the high school. We are expecting kids to sit in the bleachers or sit along the rope to watch home football games. If we see kids just running around we will ask them to first sit in the bleachers, if they don't we will ask them to sit with their parents. If parents are not there, then we will have them call home for a ride. We want to promote cheering on the team and good sportsmanship. GO FALCONS!

OA Elementary & OA-BCIG Middle School Happenings

Mr. Doug Mogensen, Principal

Elementary School News

Students and teachers are off to a great start. Teachers have established the routines in which they deliver the curriculum to the students and students respond by engaging themselves with new learning experiences. I have observed in the elementary classrooms students who are excited to share and learn, and teachers who enjoy teaching.

Students in grades 3, 4, and 5 were given new learning opportunity on September 12 to learn from the ISU Conservation Station about important soil and water issues.

Elementary teachers have been busy learning and assessing students through the FAST assessment. FAST is an assessment provided by the Iowa Department of Education which gives schools a tool to identify and help students with reading.

Fire Prevention Week will be the week of Oct. 6-10. Students will have a chance to visit the Odebolt Fire Station and visit the Smokehouse on Oct. 9.

Red Ribbon Week will be held the week of October 27-31. This week is to increase awareness of drug and alcohol use and to promote good character values in our kids.

Parent-Teacher Conferences are from **4:00-7:30**—Please mark your calendar. Oct. 21 and Oct. 24—**2:30** dismissal both days.

Middle School News

We have had an excellent start to the year; students and teachers are excited to be back in the groove. Middle school teachers are meeting regularly during their TEAM time to assess student progress and make plans to meet students' needs. Teachers are also meeting in Professional

Learning Groups to provide students with opportunities to achieve at their highest learning level. This year we will continue to focus on raising our reading scores, improving our overall technological knowledge levels, and increase parent involvement through better communication efforts. Our 6th grade students have taken the FAST reading assessment to help our reading teachers determine needs for our students.

The week of September 15 was been proclaimed Constitution Week. Throughout the week, teachers and students focused on this great document and what it means for our country and us. Homecoming activities were planned for the week of Sept. 22.

Parent-Teacher Conferences are from **4:00-7:30**—Please mark your calendar. Oct. 21 and Oct. 24—**2:30** dismissal both days.

My child is sick, now what?

Mrs. Angie Kastner, School Nurse

In group settings, like school, there is always discussion on when an illness requires exclusion, or when a child should stay home because of illness. As we all know, children will get sick, but how does one decide if they should be in school or not?

Two things to think about are: what is best for the child, and what is best for all of the other children in school. Common colds, runny noses, headaches, or stomachaches would not require exclusion unless the child had other additional symptoms of illness. These symptoms may include: fever, uncontrolled diarrhea, change in behavior, difficulty breathing, sore throat, pain, or a decrease in responsiveness.

Below are examples of when a child should be kept home or may be sent home from school:

- The illness prevents the child from comfortably participating in the daily activities
- The illness creates a greater need for care, and would compromise the ability of staff to care for the other children.
- The illness creates a health threat to other students.
- A child that is clearly ill.

It is also important that a child be well enough to return to school when able. Sending a student back to school too soon not only affects the child's ability to learn, it puts other students health at risk.

As a reminder, good hand washing both at home and at school can prevent the spread of most common illnesses and will keep our children healthy.



Guidance Notes

Mrs. Angela Lensch, High School Counselor

Senior Visits - Success!

Seniors have been meeting individually with me this month. As your Counselor, we will discuss many important items to make their senior year go smoothly—senior classes and schedule, graduation credits, future plans, college visits, admissions, job shadow ideas, scholarships, etc. If your senior son/daughter hasn't set an appointment please encourage them to do so promptly.

Parents are encouraged to contact the High School Guidance Office with any questions they may have concerning their child's senior year.

PSAT Tests

Juniors who signed up to take the PSAT test will be taking it on October 15th. The PSAT test—

- measures reading, math, and writing skills needed for college, and for success in most jobs and careers in today's world.
- gives students a chance to see how their skill compared 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.

If your child is interested in taking this assessment he/she needs to stop in to my office for information on registration.

College Reps Coming

College representatives have started to schedule times. Students need to watch the announcements and my emails for days and times the college reps will be here.

OA-BCIG 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 are 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.

Mentoring Program

We are beginning to get the mentor/mentee process started. Applications are due September 12th. From there we will have interviews. This in an effort to perfect the matched partners for the program.

ACT Testing Dates and Deadlines

The testing site is Denison Community High School. Please see Mrs. Lensch for individual ACT preparation and information.

ACT CODE – 162-129

All ACT materials are found in the High School Guidance Office and on my webpage- <https://sites.google.com/a/oabcig.org/mrs-lensch-oa-bcig-professional-school-counseling/home>.

Registration is encouraged online at www.actstudent.org.

How Do I Sign Up for the ACT?

Online registration is the fastest method. You will know immediately if your preferred test center has space for you to test, and you also can print your admission ticket from the website. How you sign up depends on where and how you plan to test: please see below for how to register.

Reminder: You need to register by mail only if you are younger than 13 or cannot pay by credit card.

Parents, do note that an increased ACT score can mean extra \$\$\$ in financial aid. Also, if your child is planning on a community college for next year they do not have to take the ACT.

Senior Scholarships

Monthly scholarship lists for seniors can be found on my counselor's website. Students are also encouraged to check their email often. Updates and important information is sent every week.

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.

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

IMPORTANT DATES

Get them on your Calendars

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 1st Quarter

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

January 27th: 2:15pm ICAN Life Store

January 27th: 6:00pm ICAN College Planning

January 27th: 7:00pm ICAN Financial Aid

February 18th: 6:00pm FAFSA Day

Healthiest State Walk & Living Week

Mrs. Julie Staley, BCIG Elem. Counselor

The students and staff of **BCIG Elementary** will join thousands across Iowa who will walk a mile or more as part of the Iowa Healthiest State Initiative/Fall Fitness Day. Parents and community members are invited to join the walk on the Ida Grove trail, that will begin at **1 p.m., Wednesday, October 8**, at the Elementary building in Ida Grove. Individuals may officially join the walk by going on the website: <http://www.iowahealthieststate.com/>. Click on 'join a group walk' and search for our school. Individuals may also join us without internet registry.

Healthy Living Week
I have the Power to Live a Healthy Life
Our Super Powers: Respectful, Responsible, Ready

DRESS-UP DAYS

Monday, Oct. 27 Orange you glad you eat healthy foods?
 Wear orange. Focus: Nutrition

Tuesday, Oct. 28 Team Dress Day
 Wear clothes from a favorite sports team
 Focus: Accepting others/No bullying

Wednesday, Oct. 29 Pajama Day
 Wear PJs Focus: Adequate Sleep

Thursday, Oct. 30 Class Color Day
 Wear your class colors (will be sent home in notes) and athletic shoes for the Superhero Challenge
 Focus: Exercise (be ready for relays)

Friday, Oct. 31 Say Boo to Drugs Day!
 Focus: Drug Abuse Prevention
Bring your costume for our costume parade (no hair dye or face paint please)



Environmental Awareness Tips

Mrs. Carol Sadler, Science Instructor

Environmental Science class post environmental awareness tips every week in our school. It is our mission to reach more than just the walls of OA-BCIG High School. We would like to share them with our newsletter readers. Our environmental tip is in the form of a **QR code**. In order to read the tip, you will **need a QR reader** on your smart phone, iPad, tablet, or Chromebook. Scan the code and the environmental tip will show up. If you have trouble, ask your student. They probably know how to use a QR code reader. We use them often in my science classes.



FFA News

Mrs. Rachel Stoberl, High School Ag Instructor

The OA-BCIG FFA hasn't slowed down one bit since school started. We have approximately 60 FFA members and are growing each week. August and September brought several FFA events. Our trap shooting team headed to Northwest Webster on September 6th. FFA members in attendance were: Amanda Gunderson, Jessica Gunderson, Zane Dausel, Jeren McKibbin, Skyler Wareham, and Patrick Brodersen. All of the participants did very well and our teams placed 4th and 7th out of 25. A big congratulations to Amanda Gunderson for winning the individual event.

FFA members were also present to help at the annual Farm Safety Day Camp held at the Ida County fair grounds on Friday, September 5th. Members in attendance were: Karlie Mandernach, Kent Krager, Kyle Knudsen.



If any members are interested in receiving their Iowa degrees, they should contact Mrs. Stoberl as soon as possible. We have several more events this fall before we get into our Career Development Events. These events include: trap shooting, livestock judging, and so much more! A great way to stay up-to-date with all of our activities is through our Facebook or Twitter page.



Manson Northwest Trap Shoot

Talented & Gifted News

Mrs. Staci Rohlk, TAG Instructor

BCIG Elementary Talented and Gifted

Third through fifth grade TAG students are learning that their brain is a muscle that needs exercising. We are focusing on growing their mathematical minds throughout the first quarter. Their learning has been concentrated in the areas of logic, reasoning, and problem solving. Here is a link to a few videos about learning and brain development: <https://www.khanacademy.org/youcanlearnanything?video=science>

OA-BCIG 9-12 TAG

I have been conducting personal interviews with all of the TAG students at the high school during study halls and success. They are a very impressive group of teenagers! I will be looking into several of their interest areas to provide visiting opportunities for them to enrich their learning.

LifeServe Blood Drive

LifeServe Blood Center will be collecting blood at the OA-BCIG High School gym on Tuesday, Sept. 30th from 8:30 am-2:00 pm. High school blood drives are critical to recruit new, first-time donors and also develop life-long habits of blood donation and volunteerism.

Donors must be at least 16 years or older. If first-time donors are 16 or 17 years old, they must have a signed LifeServe Blood Center parent/guardian permission form. All donors should be in overall good health, and are encouraged to be rested and well-nourished at the time of donation. Whole blood donors must weigh at least 120 lbs. Whole blood donors are eligible to donate every eight weeks. Males donating double red cells must weigh at least 130 lbs. and females must

Fourth Grade News

Mrs. Janet Snyder, BCIG 4th Grade Instructor

Fourth Grade Visits Country School

A return to the days of old for BCIG's 4th graders was sponsored by the Ida County Historical Society during the month of September. Each of BCIG's two sections were treated to a day of school at Moorehead Park. Activities included: flag respect, writing on slates, using pens dipped in ink, playing country school games, and pumping water by hand. Students received lessons in singing, reading, ciphering, orthography, penmanship, geography, and art. The highlight of the day was a history hike to the old pioneer homestead at Moorehead Park. Students were given the chance to view many items that the pioneers used along with learning lots of interesting pieces of information. We would like to thank all the country school



The Road Less Traveled Conference

OA-BCIG has five high school students who will attend a career exploration conference for girls in grades 6-12 that is sponsored by the Program for Women in Science & Engineering at ISU in Ames on Thursday, October 16th. The purpose of this conference is to gain an increased awareness and understanding of career opportunities in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. The conference format includes career exploration workshops led by women working in science, engineering, and other technical fields, as well as tours of ISU labs and facilities. There are eighteen girls attending the middle school conference on October 30th.



weigh at least 150 lbs. Double red cell donors are eligible to donate every 16 weeks.

Students should not donate if they are currently on antibiotics, have a cold or an infection. Students should also bring a list of medications they are currently taking.

LifeServe Blood Center offer scholarships to students that have donated a gallon of blood before graduation and also recognize these students at graduation ceremonies.

The OA-BCIG Student Council has set a goal of 40 blood donations. The public is welcome to donate as well. If you have questions concerning donations, contact Cindy Wilcke at 364-3371. Please save a life by giving blood!

teachers and the Historical Society for making this day very meaningful and worthwhile to all of us.

4th Grade Experiences Farm Safety Day

The Ag Safety Day was part of the Farm Bureau's Ag in the Classroom Program and was held on Friday, September 5 at the Ida County Fairgrounds. This event lasted from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. The 4th graders from BCIG and Ridge View attended this program. This safety program involved farm machinery, ATV safety, electricity, grain bins, gravity wagons, safety around animals and 911 calls. Students were treated to lunch that day and also received a free t-shirt. BCIG 4th grade would like to thank Farm Bureau and all the volunteers that helped to teach us many valuable lessons about being on the farm.

Junior Class Fundraiser for Prom

The OA-BCIG junior class is very pleased to announce that we will be using the power of the National Football League (NFL), Major League Baseball (MLB) and your favorite college teams to help us raise funds for the junior/senior prom.

We will offer **exclusive BRAX SpiritCups, SpiritTravelCups and SpiritPopcorn products** for sale in October. These products are high quality, durable plastic, dishwasher safe and feature officially licensed branding from the NFL, MLB, and over 100 top colleges and all five branches of the U.S. Military.

Additionally, junior class members can win incentives for their hard work! Juniors are able to win gift cards, an iPod shuffle or even a Kindle Fire HD 7" tablet for hitting sales incentives.

Junior class members have samples available, or you are able to view the samples at the high school. Once you see the products, you will understand why we are so excited to offer these items. Consider buying the cups or popcorn packs as gifts as the orders will be delivered well before Christmas. Sales will last from Oct 1-17th.



SENIOR INFORMATION

Seniors will be **measured for their cap and gown on October 15th** during their lunch time in the cafeteria of the high school. This year, there will not be class dues assessed to the senior class for their cap and gown. However, if seniors would like to buy an **OPTIONAL** decorative tassel to use for decoration now and prior to graduation, (i.e. to hang in their rearview mirror) those will be available for purchase the day of measurement **ONLY** for a fee that must be paid, in cash, that day. Seniors will be made aware of the exact cost of the optional decorative tassels prior to the day of measurement. As a reminder, all seniors will receive a tassel to go with their cap and gown on the day of graduation - those seniors who purchase the optional tassel in advance will leave their senior year with two identical tassels.

Library Listings

Mrs. Mary Rohlk, K-12 Librarian

The BCIG Elementary Library will be hosting their annual **Scholastic Book Fair** during parent teacher conferences, **October 20-23**. Elementary students will bring home more information as the time draws near. Come and do some early Christmas shopping! This is just one way that we earn funds to put new books in our library.



Did you know that our library catalogs are available online? Parents and students can see what titles are available. Start at our school homepage and go to the student resources link. Click on library resources. You will find a link for the BCIG Elementary Library, the OA Elementary/OA-BCIG MS Library, and the OA-BCIG HS Library. You may search by author, title, or subject. For those looking for Accelerated Reader books, click on the search tab and then study programs. You may then search by book levels and points. The library catalog home page will also contain messages for students and parents alike. Take a minute and check this out!



The **third grade** at OA Elementary attended a presentation from the ISU Conservation Station titled "Water Rocks". The third grade students learned about the different layers of soil, what's found in our soil, what's produced from soil, and why we should conserve soil. After the presentation, the students were engaged in a game to test their knowledge.

Red Ribbon Week October 27-31

"Falcons Fly Drug Free!"

We celebrate Red Ribbon Week to raise awareness about the dangers of drugs and alcohol. We encourage students to make a pledge to live drug and alcohol free. For Red Ribbon Week, the **OA Elementary** will be having **dress-up days**.

Monday, October 27: "Put a CAP on drugs!" (Wear a hat)

Tuesday, October 28: "TEAM UP against drugs!"
(Wear your favorite team)

Wednesday, October 29: "HAIR'S to a drug-free life! SOCK-IT to drugs!" (Crazy hair & socks day)

Thursday, October 30: "PAWS-atively Drug Free!"
(Bring a stuffed animal to school for the day)

Friday, October 31: "Trick Drugs, Don't Treat Them!"
(Wear your favorite costume)

Accessing JMC via the Internet

Mrs. Julie Weeda, Director of Innovation & Technology

By using a web browser, parents can log into the JMC Parent Access module to view data for their children for attendance, report cards, lunch balances, and parent information (addresses/contact data). Parents will also be able to submit changes to their parent information over the Internet.

The parents can then log into the JMC Parent Access module using a web link provided by the school. Visit our school website at www.oabcig.org then click the link on the bottom left-hand side of the page stated **JMC**. This will bring up a page with the different JMC links to our OA & BCIG JMC systems; choose the link for the building your child/ren attend.

Click on Parent

Enter **your last name** for the Parent Username.

Enter the password that was assigned to you by the school office. **Contact your school office or email tallen@oabcig.org or jweeda@oabcig.org to change your password.**

Note: For security purposes, the characters you type as you enter your password will not be displayed on the screen. Instead, a ••• character will be displayed for each password character typed. You may change your password by clicking the **Change Password** box and typing in a new password before clicking Login.

Click on the **Sign In** button.

Attendance Report: To view an attendance report for your children, click **Attendance Report**. Attendance information will be displayed for all children for whom you are a primary contact and will include attendance information spanning from the first day of school to the current date (current date is set on the parent access server). The attendance information will be broken down by period and type (absent/tardy, excused/unexcused) and will include any reasons entered by the school office staff.

Report Cards: To view a basic report card for your children, click **Report Cards**. Report card information will be displayed for all children for whom you are a primary contact. The report card will include the total graduation credits earned, the course names for which the student is registered, the names of the teachers for the courses, the current year's grades for each term (quarter, semester, trimester, etc.) as well any reported semester exam grades. The report card will NOT include comments, attendance, or GPA information. A report card will be displayed for all children for whom you are a primary contact.

Progress Reports: To view progress reports for your children, click **Progress Reports / Lesson Plans**. A list of available progress reports and lesson plans will be displayed for all children for whom you are a primary contact. The progress report will have the student's current grade and percentage, a scores summary, or comments. Click on the blue hyperlink to expand the window (Qrt 1)

Parent Information: To view the parents' contact information and/or to submit changes to this contact information, click **Parent Information**. Parents can view and submit changes for the following information: first name(s)/last name; address, city, state, zip; email addresses; phone numbers, descriptions, and types (home, work, cell, fax, other); an optional comment for the office staff

Parents may make changes to any of the information on the screen and then click the **Submit** button at the bottom of the screen to send the changes to the school. Later, the school office will process parent information update requests.

Note: Including a comment with your submission may be very helpful to the office staff as they process update requests.

Lunch: To view lunch account balances and transactions for your children's accounts and your family account, click **Lunch**. The first screen will display the account balances for your family account and for student accounts for all students who have this parent designated as either a primary or a lunch contact. Click on the button to the right of Family account balances and a list of all transactions for that account will be displayed.

You can now make online payments to the family lunch account by clicking on the **Make Online Deposit (Family Account)**. This will take you to a PaySchools Website where you will need to set up an account to make online lunch payments.

If you have a student in BCIG Elementary/OABCIG High School as well as OA Elementary/OABCIG Middle School then you will need to make separate online deposits into each JMC lunch system.

Alert Configuration: This area allows parents to have an email sent to them in relation to their student's attendance, scores, and grades. To switch between students, click on the drop down box in the top left corner of the white screen area. Make sure to **Save** after you have made your changes (changes must be saved for EACH student).

Student Information: To view your student's information and/or to submit changes to this contact information, click **Student Information**. To switch between children, a toggle menu is provided in the top left corner of the screen. Parents can view and submit changes for the following information:

Demographics

- first name(s) / last name
- gender, birthdate, birthplace, last school attended
- email 2 (personal) student email addresses

Custom Fields – special questions the district requests to be answered each year

Parent information is also included where parents can update their Parent Information for each child (contact info, phone numbers, descriptions, and types and leave an optional comment for the office staff)

Parents may make changes to any of the information on the screen and then click the **Submit** button at the bottom of the screen to send the changes to the school. Later, the school office will process parent information update requests. Changes must be **saved** for each child.

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GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

Students, parents of students, employees, and applicants for employment in the school district will have the right to file a formal complaint alleging discrimination under federal or state regulations requiring non-discrimination in programs and employment.

Level One – Principal, Immediate Supervisor or Personnel Contact Person (Informal and Optional – may be bypassed by the grievant)

Employees with a complaint of discrimination based upon their gender, race, national origin, religion, age, sexual orientation, gender identity or disability are encouraged to first discuss it with their immediate supervisor, with the objective of resolving the matter informally. An applicant for employment with a complaint of discrimination based upon their gender, race, national origin, religion, age, sexual orientation, gender identity or disability are encouraged to first discuss it with the personnel contact person. This paragraph is for employees and “marital status” isn’t a protected class for employees.

A student, or a parent of a student, with a complaint of discrimination based upon their gender, race, national origin, religion, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity or disability are encouraged to discuss it with the instructor, counselor, supervisor, building administrator, program administrator or personnel contact person directly involved.

Level Two – Compliance Officer

If the grievance is not resolved at Level One and the grievant wishes to pursue the grievance, the grievant may formalize it by filing a complaint in writing on a Grievance Filing Form, which may be obtained from the Compliance Officer. The complaint will state the nature of the grievance and the remedy requested. The filing of the formal, written complaint at Level Two must be within 15 working days from the date of the event giving rise to the grievance, or from the date the grievant could reasonably become aware of such occurrence. The grievant may request that a meeting concerning the complaint be held with the Compliance Officer. A minor student may be accompanied at that meeting by a parent or guardian. The Compliance Officer will investigate the complaint and attempt to resolve it. A written report from the Compliance Officer regarding action taken will be sent to the involved parties within a reasonable time after receipt of the complaint.

Level Three – Superintendent/Administrator

If the complaint is not resolved at Level Two, the grievant may appeal it to Level Three by presenting a written appeal to the superintendent within five working days after the grievant receives the report from the Compliance Officer, the grievant may request a meeting with the Superintendent. The superintendent may request a meeting with the grievant to discuss the appeal. A decision will be rendered by the superintendent within a reasonable time after the receipt of the written appeal. If, in cases of disability grievances at the elementary and secondary level, the issue is not resolved through the grievance process, rather, the parents have a right to an impartial hearing to resolve the issue.

This procedure in no way denies the right of the grievant to file formal complaints with the Iowa Civil Rights Commission, the U.S. Department of Education Office for Civil Rights or Office of Special Education Programs, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, or the Iowa Department of Education for mediation or rectification of civil rights grievances, or to seek private counsel for complaints alleging discrimination.

Level Four – Appeal to Board

If the grievant is not satisfied with the superintendent’s decision, the grievant can file an appeal with the board within five working days of the decision. It is within the discretion of the board to determine whether it will hear the appeal.

The Compliance Officer is:

Name:	Dr. Nick Ouellette	Dr. Nick Ouellette
Office Addresses:	600 S Maple Street Odebolt, Iowa 51458	900 John Montgomery Drive Ida Grove, Iowa 51445
Phone Number:	712-668-2289	712-364-3687
Office Hours:	8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	

SENIOR INFORMATION FOR THE YEARBOOK

Have you had your senior photos taken yet? If not, you need to get them scheduled soon. The yearbook needs **one vertical senior** photo and **one baby photo** of each senior. The baby photo will be returned as soon as it is scanned and the senior photo will be kept and used for the senior collage that will hang in the cafeteria. In order to guarantee you will be in the yearbook, photos must be submitted to Mrs. Beck by **NO LATER** than **February 1, 2015**.

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



Activity Accounts

Mr. Larry Allen, Activities Director

Fall sports are in full gear, and what a prime opportunity to revisit the idea of good sportsmanship. Whether you're playing on a volleyball court, running on the course, or a football field, good sportsmanship (from parents AND kids) is a key part of the game.

Here is an article that I came across that provides us with a reminder of how we as parents, coaches, directors and players should behave.

According to the USOC web site, "An athlete who is a good sport is someone whose **conduct** and **attitude** demonstrate gracious behavior before, during, and after competition." Examples of good sportsmanship include:

- Shaking hands with the opponent
- Losing with dignity
- Winning without breaking the rules
- Accepting praise with humility
- Complimenting the play of teammates as well as members of the opposing team
- Accepting the judgment of the game referees/judges
- Taking direction well from coaches
- Respecting the spectators

How can parents, coaches and directors teach children to display these qualities? The best method is by **modeling good**

sportsmanship themselves. As Joe Zematis, author of *Joe's Rules: How Every Parent Can Help Their Child Excel in Life – Through Sports*, very poignantly puts it, "Sports itself doesn't magically build character. Rather, it lends itself to many character building opportunities that coaches, parents and directors have to seize as teaching moments in order for the full benefit to be realized."

Check yourself if you find that you're:

- Taunting referees or arguing with them from the stands
- Blaming the results of a game on the referees, coaches or judges
- Berating players
- Criticizing your child's contributions to the team

Make sure to:

- Discuss with children the job of the referee/coach/judge and the difficulties he/she might face
- Help children to learn accountability for their personal play on the field or during the performance
- Cheer for good plays/performances made by both teams
- Encourage children by teaching them technique, not by growling at mistakes
- Do your best to keep it fun

SENIOR GRADUATION INFORMATION

Graduation will be here before we know it! The senior students will be receiving a letter concerning their high school diploma. Please have your student print their name as they want it to appear on their diploma. Both the parent/guardian and the student will need to sign this form and **return** it to the high school office **by Friday, October 17th**.

HS Vocal Notes

Mrs. Linda Johnson, Vocal Music Director



Concert!

The OA-BCIG High School vocal department will present their fall kick-off concert on Tuesday, October 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the high school gym. Come and enjoy a variety of music performed by the concert choir and jazz choir. (There may be special door prizes!)

All-State Auditions

Auditions for the Iowa All-State Choir will be held in Storm Lake on Saturday, October 25th. OA-BCIG currently has 5 students auditioning (Anna Dewey, Darian Ernst, Amanda Gunderson, Taylor Marshall and Cole Veltri) so please wish them good luck on their journey to be a member of the top performing group in Iowa!

Festival Honor Choir

On Thursday, October 30, about 25 high school choir members will be traveling to Sioux City to participate in the Morningside Men and Women in Song Honor Choir. Students will rehearse with Morningside music professors and perform a concert for the public that evening in the beautiful Morningside Epply Auditorium.

Fundraiser

OABCIG High School band and choir students are in the process of selling products from 4 Seasons. Frozen food, candy and gifts are their specialty! If you have not been contacted and would like more information, please feel free to contact Linda Johnson at the high school at ljohnson@oabcig.org

**Don't forget to join the OABCIG High School Choir Facebook page! **



Activity Calendar for October 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 2:00 Dismissal	2 6:00 JVR FB vs. Alta-Aurelia @ IG	3 3:00 Healthiest State Walk @ HS 7:00 HS FB vs. IKM-M @ IG	4 IHSRA @ Waterloo Youth 3rd/4th grade VB tourney @ HS HS Marching Band @ Carroll Band Days
5 IHSRA @ Waterloo	6 Dance team butterbraid fundraiser begins 4:00 MS VB vs. Schleswig @ Odebolt (split squads) 4:00 MS VB vs. AOMV @ Anthon (split squads) 6:00 JVR/JV VB vs. Denison @ IG 6:00 JV FB @ MVAO	7 FFA Greenhand Fire-UP 4:00 MS FB vs. West Monona @ Onawa 4:00 7th VB @ Denison; 8th VB @ Odebolt 4:30 XC @ SCC Invite @ Lake City 6:00 HS VB @ Siouxland Christian	8 2:00 Dismissal HS frozen food sales end	9 OA Elem (3-5th) Smoke House 4:00 MS VB 7th @ Sgt. Bluff; 8th @ Odebolt 6:00 HS VB vs. Lawton Bronson @ IG	10 7:00 HS FB @ Missouri Valley 	11 8:30 HS VB (9/10) @ MVAO Tourney @ Mapleton
12	13 4:00 MS FB vs. East Sac @ Sac City 4:00 MS VB vs. East Sac @ Odebolt 4:30 XC OABCIG Invite @ IG 6:00 JV FB vs. Alta-Aurelia @ IG 6:30 OA School Board Mtg.	14 12:00 Juniors to College Fair in Mapleton 4:00 MS VB vs. Lawton Bronson @ Odebolt 6:00 HS VB (JV/V) Triangular @ Merville 7:00 HS Vocal Concert @ IG	15 	16 End of 1st Quarter 4:00 MS FB vs. Kuemper @ Odebolt 6:00 JVR/JV VB @ Holstein	17 NO SCHOOL - teacher work day 6:40 Senior Night 7:00 HS FB vs. Underwood @ IG	18 HS Marching Band @ Vermillion MS NWIBA Honor Band Auditions @ BVU JV VB @ MVAO Tourney @ Mapleton 10:00 XC WVC Meet @ Merville
19	20 4:00 VB JVR @ Cherokee Tourney 6:30 BCIG School Board Mtg.	21 BCIG Elem. Book Fair 2:30 Early Dismissal 4:00-7:30 Parent Teacher Conferences 7:00 VB Regionals @ TBD	22	23 2:30 Early Dismissal 4:00-7:30 Parent Teacher Conferences 4:00 XC Regionals @ TBD	24 NO SCHOOL 7:00 HS FB @ Treynor	25 ACT Testing HS All-State Auditions @ BVU
26	27 	28	29 Red Ribbon Week 2:00 Dismissal	30 FFA National Convention in Louisville, KY HS Men & Women in Song @ Morningside MS ISU Women in Math & Science Career Day	31 OA Elem. Harvest Party 	1 XC State @ Ft. Dodge HS NWIBA Honor Band Auditions & MS NWIBA Honor Band Concert @ BVU State Solo Dance @ Newton

Breakfast & Lunch Menus for October 2014

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<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>				
<p>6 BCIG B: breakfast pizza BCIG L: chicken strips, corn, Caesar salad, *PB sandwich, mandarin oranges, apple OA B: long john, cheesestick OA L: breaded pork patty WG/bun, peas, cauliflower, romaine lettuce, ranch, pears</p>	<p>7 BCIG B: cereal, WG toast BCIG L: BBQ shredded pork w/WG bun, potato salad, baked beans, mixed melon, orange OA B: saus. pancake stick OA L: chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, cucumbers, tropical fruit, dinner roll</p>	<p>8 BCIG B: breakfast wrap w/salsa BCIG L: mostaccioli, Elem-mixed green salad, cucumbers, *veggie bar, butter sandwich, mixed fruit, apple OA B: cinn. roll, yogurt OA L: popcorn chicken, cooked carrots, red pepper strips, ranch, banana, dinner roll</p>	<p>2 BCIG B: ultimate breakfast round, *cereal BCIG L: hamburger w/WG bun, sweet potato tots, marinated fresh veggie salad, strawberries & bananas, apple OA B: poptart, yogurt OA L: WG corn dog, baked chips, baby carrots, applesauce cup, sherbet ice cream</p>	<p>3 BCIG B: egg patty, bacon round, WG toast BCIG L: teriyaki chicken breast, seasoned rice, peas, baby carrots, dinner roll, peaches, orange OA B: breakfast bagel OA L: mac & cheese, green beans, lettuce salad, strawberry cup, dinner roll</p>
<p>13 BCIG B: pancakes, *sausage BCIG L: BBQ chicken breast w/WG bun, green beans, marinated fresh veggie salad, pears, apple OA B: long john, cheesestick OA L: turkey burger w/WG bun, tomato, onions, lettuce, strawberry cup, pudding cup</p>	<p>14 BCIG B: cereal bar, yogurt BCIG L: chili, cinn. roll, baby carrots, celery, crackers, strawberry applesauce cup, orange OA B: breakfast pizza OA L: grilled cheese, lettuce salad, corn, cucumbers, pears</p>	<p>15 BCIG B: scrambled eggs, WG English muffin BCIG L: chicken nuggets, Elem-mixed green salad, cherry tomatoes, *fresh veggie bar, PB sandwich, pineapple, orange OA B: cereal, toast, yogurt OA L: chicken nuggets, green beans, baby carrots, lettuce salad, apple crisp</p>	<p>16 BCIG B: blueberry muffin, cereal BCIG L: hot dog w/WG bun, tator tots, calico beans, apricots, apple OA B: splash pancake, HB egg OA L: chicken patty w/WG bun, cooked carrots, celery, broccoli, romaine lettuce, 3 bean salad, peaches</p>	<p>17 NO SCHOOL</p>
<p>20 BCIG B: breakfast wrap w/salsa BCIG L: spaghetti w/meat sauce, tossed salad w/ranch, peas, *breadstick, peaches, orange OA B: long john, cheesestick OA L: hot dog w/WG bun, baked beans, cucumbers, lettuce salad, blueberries</p>	<p>21 BCIG B: cereal, WG toast BCIG L: mandarin orange chicken, brown rice, carrots, broc-bean salad, butter sandwich, mixed fruit, apple OA B: WG pancake, yogurt OA L: egg omelet, blueberry muffin, applesauce cup, yogurt, juice</p>	<p>22 BCIG B: cheese omelet, WG toast BCIG L: chicken patty w/WG bun, Elem-veggies w/ranch, *fresh veggie bar, applesauce, orange OA B: cinn. roll, yogurt OA L: hamburger w/WG bun, pickles, onion, tomato, corn, lettuce salad, cherries</p>	<p>23 BCIG B: WG long john, *cereal BCIG L: cheesesticks w/marinara, corn, spinach salad w/tomatoes, M&M cookie, pears, apple OA B: blueberry muffin, HB egg OA L: mandarin orange chicken, brown rice, baby carrots, lettuce salad, apple slices</p>	<p>24 NO SCHOOL</p>
<p>27 BCIG B: sausage pancake wrap BCIG L: turkey burger w/WG bun, green beans, potato salad, sidekicks, orange OA B: long john, cheesestick OA L: bean cheese burritos, cauliflower, broccoli, cooked carrots, lettuce salad, pear cup</p>	<p>28 BCIG B: cereal, WG toast BCIG L: beef tips, mashed potatoes, peas, butter sandwich, mandarin oranges, apple OA B: blueberry waffle, yogurt OA L: mac & cheese, green beans, red pepper strips, pineapple cup</p>	<p>29 BCIG B: cheese omelet, WG toast BCIG L: pork patty w/WG bun, Elem-mixed green salad, baby carrots, *fresh veggie bar, apricots, orange OA B: breakfast pizza OA L: chicken fajita, refried beans, tomato, cheese, lettuce salad, strawberry cup</p>	<p>30 BCIG B: bagel w/cream cheese, yogurt BCIG L: chicken tetrazzini, steamed broccoli, baby carrots, *PB sandwich, straw. applesauce cup, banana OA B: breakfast bagel OA L: cheese stuffed breadsticks, corn, cucumbers, lettuce salad, apple slices</p>	<p>31 BCIG B: egg patty, bacon round, WG toast BCIG L: crispito, lettuce, tomato, cheese, salsa, Spanish rice, refried beans, pineapple, apple OA B: broken fingers OA L: witches stew, eye balls, missing fingers, tombstone sticks, dinner roll, haunted green trees</p>

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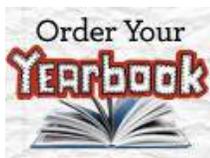
Grease!

Book, Music and Lyrics by Jim Jacobs and Warren Casey



Get out your black leather jacket or your poodle skirt and set aside time for the **OA-BCIG fall musical production** of *Grease!* Students are beginning the rehearsal process to prepare for the **November 14th, 15th, and 16th performances** of this American musical classic. 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."

Join us for this fun, rock and roll musical in the OA-BCIG High School Cafetorium. Ticket prices are \$3 for students and \$5 for adults. Activity passes are not valid for this event.



2015 Yearbook On Sale Now

The 2014-2015 OA-BCIG yearbook is now on sale. Yearbooks feature school photos of all students in the district from preschool-seniors, faculty, extracurricular groups/teams, and special events/activities at the high school throughout the school year.

Early Bird Special: Now-October 31 \$45

Regular Price: November 1-May 4 \$50

Order online now by going to www.jostensyearbooks.com OR click the link on the school website www.oabcig.org to pay by credit/debit card. To pay by cash/check, send money to the high school. The 2015 yearbook will be delivered in late August/early September 2015. Questions?? Contact Heidi Beck at 364-3371 or hbeck@oabcig.org.

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