

OA-BCIG INSIGHTS

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



PPEL Information for the BCIG District

Dr. Nick Ouellette, Superintendent

Physical Plant & Equipment Levy Information

On **Tuesday, February 3rd, 2015**, you will be asked to vote on a renewal of the district Physical Plant and Equipment Levy. The following is some information to help answer any questions you may have about why this vote is important for the district and what role this levy plays in helping to meet our day-to-day and long-term needs.

Polling Locations: Open from noon to 8:00pm
Ida Grove Rec Center
Battle Creek Community Center

Early Voting

You may vote starting around January 12th until Monday, February 2nd, in person at the Ida County Auditor's office Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Absentee Ballots may be requested around January 12th and thereafter, from the Ida County Auditor's Office. Absentee ballot request forms must be received by the Auditor's office in enough time for the office to process the request and get the ballot out to the individual prior to the return date. Returned forms must be postmarked by Monday, February 2nd.

Community Informational Meetings

Wednesday, January 14th at 7:00 p.m. in the evening, Location: Battle Creek Community Center

Friday, January 16th at 7:30 a.m. in the morning, Location: Superintendent's office in Ida Grove

Tuesday, January 20th at 7:00 p.m. in the evening, Location: High School Cafeteria in Ida Grove

Tuesday, January 27th at Noon, Location: Superintendent's office in Ida Grove

Monday, February 2nd at 5:00 p.m. in the evening, Location: Library at BCIG Elementary School

An Investment in the Quality of Life in our Schools

Our communities have the expectation of excellence and that applies to our school facilities as well. Maintaining a quality school building has been expected and supported by our community members, and pride is taken in the facilities that are used to educate learners. In order to keep these facilities maintained and functioning, consistent and planned maintenance and upkeep are required. PPEL funds allow the district to keep our facilities looking good, so students and families every year can be proud of the school they attend. Research demonstrates

the positive impact of clean, updated and safe learning environments on a student's ability to be successful academically. In addition, economic development experts state the physical appearance of a school building is a major factor in attracting families and businesses to the community.

What is the Physical Plant & Equipment Levy (PPEL)?

The Physical Plant and Equipment Levy (PPEL) comprises two levies—the regular Physical Plant and Equipment Levy and the voter approved Physical Plant and Equipment Levy. The maximum for the regular is 33 cents per \$1,000 taxable assessed valuation, and the maximum for the voter approved is \$1.34 per \$1,000 taxable assessed valuation, for a combined maximum of \$1.67 per \$1,000 taxable assessed valuation.

School districts may use the voter approved Physical Plant and Equipment Levy only upon a majority approval of the voters of the school district. The maximum length of the levy may not exceed ten years and must be stated in the resolution prior to the election. (Source: [School Administrators of Iowa](#))

How does PPEL fit into the district's financials?

The Battle Creek-Ida Grove Community School District has relied on the PPEL for many, many years to provide important maintenance funding which helps to:

- Purchase transportation vehicles like buses and vans
- Purchase musical instruments for our band program
- Support classroom technology and more
- Repair roofs, playgrounds, buildings and grounds

Well maintained school buildings, vehicles, and grounds are an essential part of our school community.

How much does this levy generate and for how long?

The maximum length of the voter-approved PPEL program is 10 years. The current levy expires June 30, 2017. The new levy would tax the place of the existing and run for 10 years starting July 1, 2015. Our district voter-approved PPEL program would provide approximately \$425,000 per year for 10 years. The Battle Creek

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-Ida Grove Community School District has had the voter-approved PPEL in place for at least the last 10 years.

How does the passage of the PPEL affect me?

Renewal of this levy **will not** increase your property tax rate. The district and the board is committed to setting the voter-approved rate at a level that will not increase the overall school district property tax rate. The district can do this by raising and lower levies for Management Fund, PPEL, Cash Reserve, and Instructional Support to ensure there will not be an overall property tax rate increase.

Can the PPEL program be used to offset shortages in the district's general fund?

No, the PPEL revenues **cannot** be used for salaries, textbooks, or new educational programs. The requirements for the use of the PPEL funds are very specific and limited to maintenance, technology, and equipment.

What are some examples of how the PPEL revenues can be used?

- PPEL funds can be used for technology such as computer purchase and replacement;
- Equipment purchase or replacement such as musical instruments;

- Building maintenance such as masonry repairs, concrete and asphalt repairs and replacements, and energy conservation improvements;
- Maintaining and improving school grounds landscaping and purchasing school transportation vehicles like buses.

Projects BCIG has completed using PPEL funds:

- Boiler repairs
- Building carpet replacement
- Outdoor maintenance
- Electrical upgrades
- Concrete replacement
- School buses and support vehicles
- Musical instruments
- Classroom technology
- Teacher computers
- Student computers
- Upkeep of elementary playground

What happens if the PPEL vote does not pass?

Our existing levy would remain in place until June 30, 2017. In addition, some projects and purchases still need to be completed and would have to be funded by other revenue sources, such as the General fund or SAVE Funds. Our district

would struggle to meet the maintenance requirements for our facilities and grounds without the approved PPEL funds in place. In addition, the district would be unable to move forward with technology purchases and replacement of aging buses and school support vehicles after the current levy runs out.

What is the difference between the Physical Plant and Equipment Levy (PPEL) and the State One Cent Sales and Service Tax Program?

For the Battle Creek-Ida Grove Community School District, PPEL funds and the State One Cent Sales and Service Tax are used for maintenance and facilities improvement. The State One Cent Sales and Service Tax is also used for major capital improvement projects, such as the Geothermal Conversion project and renovations to the inside of the buildings.

I have additional questions, who do I contact?

If you have questions or want to learn more about our Physical Plant and Equipment Levy program, please call Dr. Nick Ouellette, Superintendent, at (712) 364-2255, by email at nouvellette@oabcig.org or stop into the district main offices for a visit. The District welcomes opportunities to speak to individuals or groups of people about PPEL vote or any school related topic.

**High School Happenings
Mr. Patrick Miller, Principal**

OA-BCIG was awarded \$25,000 for their efforts to promote safe driving habits in the State Farm Celebrate My Drive campaign. We will use the money for a variety of things to promote safe driving, upgrade our fine arts program, and brighten up our building. Beyond the money we hope that our campaign worked to make everyone in our communities aware of the perils of distracted driving. During the campaign I took some time while I was traveling to look at the number of people who are texting and driving. The percentage of people I saw was astounding. Please talk to your children about the dangers that accompany distracted driving. Also, please be the example you want your children to emulate. We want all members of our communities to be safe out on the roads.



We have received our Sportsmanship Ratings for football and they are very good. Below you will see a chart that details how our coaches, players, and fans were rated. A rating of 1 is deemed as excellent, 2 as acceptable, 3 means needs improvement and 4 equals unacceptable.

	OA-BCIG	Class 1A	State
Coaches	1.16	1.44	1.44
Athletes	1.26	1.32	1.33
Spectator	1.14	1.41	1.38

The football coaches, players and fans have set the bar pretty high. We hope to have similar ratings in our winter sports. One thing about basketball and wrestling, fans, coaches and athletes are closer to the action which allows referee's to hear more of what is being said, or done. Please do your part to keep our excellent ratings.

To clarify, only the Boys Association utilizes these ratings, and they only use them for certain sports: football, basketball, wrestling and baseball.

BCIG Elementary Happenings

Mr. Alan Henderson, Principal

During the weeks of **January 12–23**, all students will be taking the **FAST assessment**. We took this in the beginning of the year and will take it again in April. This assessment has helped identify students that could use some extra help in Reading. In January we will use the data to look at who we need to make sure we are doing interventions with. We have had several interventions going on, but they will be realigned to make sure we hit the students who are most needed.

Reminder for winter months. January and February gives us the most snow. Please remember to have hat, gloves, snow pants and snow boots for your children. Please remind them to put hat and gloves in their bag when they get to school. We end up with way too many things in our lost and found.

We will be getting ready for **Iowa Assessments** that we will be taking **February 9-13**. Teachers will give some practice samples to students this month, so students will be familiar with the format of the tests. As always we encourage a good night sleep and a healthy breakfast during those times.

OA Elementary & OA-BCIG Middle School Happenings

Mr. Doug Mogensen, Principal

I hope you all have survived the holidays and have taken some time to reflect that the travel, gift buying, kids being home, and chaos was really NOT that bad. I am glad that it will be 11 months before that all starts up again. But am very happy to have spent time with loved ones celebrating the holidays and celebrating the start of a new year. Again this year I will make resolutions to better my life. By staying committed to my plan, I will find success.

Success can be found in routines. Every family has its own unique routines. Routines help family members know who should do what, when, in what order and how often. For families, routines can create benefits for parents and children and lesson the day to day chaos. Most importantly, routines also let your children know what's important to your family.

The following taken from the Raising Children Network <http://raisingchildren.net.au/> gives information about why routines are important for children and parents.

Why Routines Are Good for Children

Some children like and need routine more than others. In general, though, routine has the following benefits for children:

- They can be a way of teaching younger children healthy habits, like brushing their teeth, getting some exercise, or washing their hands after using the toilet.
- An organized and predictable home environment helps children and young people feel safe and secure.
- Routines built around fun or spending time together strengthen relationships between parents and children. Reading a story together before bed or going for a special snack after soccer practice can

become a special time for you and your children to share.

- Daily routines help set our body clocks. For example, bedtime routines help children's bodies 'know' when it's time to sleep. This can be particularly helpful when children reach adolescence and their body clocks start to change.
- If your child needs to take medicine regularly, a routine for this will help make both of you less likely to forget.
- Having an important job to do in the family routine helps older children and teenagers develop a sense of responsibility.
- Routines help develop basic work skills and time management.
- Routines can help promote a feeling of safety in stressful situations or during difficult stages of development, such as puberty.
- When children reach adolescence, the familiarity of regular home routines can help them feel looked after. Predictable family routines can be a welcome relief from the changes they're experiencing.

Why Routines Are Good For Parents

Routines take some effort to create. But once established, they have lots of benefits:

- They free up time for you to think about other things while you work.
- Regular and consistent routines can help you feel like you're doing a good job as a parent.
- When things are hectic, routines can help you feel more organized, which lowers stress.
- A routine will help you complete your daily tasks efficiently.

- As children get better at following a routine by themselves, you can give fewer instructions and nag less.
- Routines free you from having to constantly resolve disputes and make decisions. If Sunday night is pizza night, no-one needs to argue about what's for dinner.

Routines are very important at school. Teachers and students rely on our routines to provide a sense of organization and predictability. As the year begins, I need to take some time to put in place a routine or two to help me be successful with my new year's resolution. Wish me luck!

Please remember: Middle students will have their **interdisciplinary units** (themed units of study over different curricular areas) on Jan. 29 and 30. The 6th grade will learn more about the Middle Ages through various activities, the 7th grade will learn survival skills, and the 8th grade will participate in building Rube Goldberg machines. Elementary students will be taking the **FAST reading assessment** during January. **Early out days** for January will be on the 7, 14, 21, and 28.



Ten Additional Tips for Seniors Completing Dollars for Scholars



1. Keep in mind.... by completing the Dollars for Scholars profile, you are also applying for several other scholarships from community organizations and businesses.
2. Apply even if you are going into the military or don't plan on going to college/trade school in the fall. The scholarship is available to you to start using for two years.
3. Watch school announcements and scholarship deadlines.
4. After your profile is complete, click on "My Scholarships" to see list of scholarships that you match to.
5. If you have matched to a scholarship, be sure to complete any additional information, essay, or reference it is requesting.
6. Make sure to "submit" the scholarships that you match to.
7. Check "My Scholarships" often—you will only match to a scholarship after it is "open". Each scholarship has its own opening date and deadline.
8. Read email—Dollars for Scholars committee will communicate with students through email address listed on your profile.
9. Keep your contact information current. If using a school email address, update it after graduation so Dollars for Scholars can continue to communicate with you during the next several years.
10. You can have your parents proofread and review your profile.

NOTE: After your scholarship is awarded, you need to "accept" your scholarship online by the deadline. This is required annually to receive your scholarship each year.

Large Group Speech Ms. Kariann Jurgenson, Speech Coach

On Saturday, January 24, OA-BCIG will participate in the IHSSA District Large Group Speech Contest in Denison, Iowa. The Falcon speech team will compete in **Choral Reading** (Bethany Stangl, Olivia Freese, Tanya Burow, Leah Lierman, Iris Alvarado, Marzia Shivers, Carrie Miller, Courtney Peters, Bree Henningsen, Claire Sohm, Dalton Clausen, Connor Musel, Gable Sohm, Will Lozier, and Dallas Hare), **Group Improvisation 1** (Jacob Henderson, Thomas Mace, Blake Netherton, Caleb Carlson), **Group Improvisation 2** (Nick Endrulat, Dalton Clausen, Gable Sohm, and Connor Musel), **Group Improvisation 3** (Andrew Mace, Will Lozier, Bree Henningsen, Marzia Shivers, and Carter Anderson), **Radio Broadcasting 1** (Olivia Freese and Darian Ernst) and **Radio Broadcasting 2** (Nick Endrulat, Tanya Burow, and Carrie Miller). Those groups earning a 1 rating at district contest will participate in the state contest on February 7 at Sioux City East.

FFA News Mrs. Rachel Stoberl, FFA Adviser

The OA-BCIG FFA would like to thank everyone for their support this last month. We are ecstatic to report that we exceeded our goal for fruit sales this year! Our fruit sale profits go towards our trips to both National and State FFA Convention, many different FFA contests (i.e. livestock judging, trap shooting, etc.), as well as our miscellaneous FFA expenses. Another big thank you to all of you that came out to our potato bar on December 11! The potato bar is a fundraiser for our scholarship fund so every little bit helps. Thank you all for your support. Happy holidays from the OA-BCIG FFA Chapter!

Guidance Notes Mrs. Angela Lensch, High School Counselor

FAFSA

As we enter 2015, seniors will begin filling out financial aid information for their post-secondary plans. A major part of applying for financial aid is the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). While a PIN can be applied for at any time, the actual application can only be filled out after January 1. If you haven't filled out the FAFSA before, or the thought is intimidating for you, the Iowa College Access Network will be coming to our school on February 18 at 6:00 p.m. to assist students and their families in filling out the FAFSA. Please mark your calendars for this evening if you are filling out the FAFSA this year – we hope the Iowa College Access Network's assistance will help you and your student understand the FAFSA more completely!

Scheduling for 2015- 2016 School Year

At the end of December, students worked on choosing classes for next school year. This month the master schedule will be finalized and students will be registered for classes through JMC. Parents, please speak with your students about taking appropriate and challenging classes. Taking classes that expand their perception is a great way to help them prepare not only for college, but also help prepare them for leaving the world of high school behind.

ACT Testing Dates and Deadlines

Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)
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

January 27th: 2:15 pm ICAN Life Store
January 27th: 6:00 pm ICAN College Planning
January 27th: 7:00 pm ICAN Financial Aid
February 18th: 6:00 pm FAFSA Day

Robotics Club

Mrs. Susie Maass, Science Instructor

OA-BCIG hosted the first Robotics meet for the Lime League on Saturday, November 22. There were 10 teams represented from 8 different schools which included: 2 teams OA-BCIG, 2 teams Glidden-Ralston, and single teams from Humboldt, Fort Dodge, Lake View-East Sac County, West Bend, IKM-Manning and Coon Rapids. With the help of several dedicated volunteers, the meet ran smoothly. Both teams from OA-BCIG represented our school well. Team Short Circuit (7109) earned 1st place honors and Team Overload (7620) earned 7th place. Lime League will compete in two more matches (December 9 in Glidden-Ralston and January 10th in Fort Dodge) and then in the League Championship in Humboldt on January 17. Teams now are continuing to redesign their robots to be more competitive at the next meet in hopes to make it to the State Championships in February.

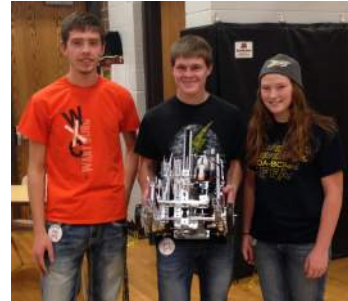
Team 7109 Members: Ethan Tromp, Jessica Gunderson, Toby Mason, Nick Endrulat, Dalton Clausen

Team 7620 Members: Amanda Gunderson, Trey Rohlk, Gabe Malcom, Anne Hao



Overall Tournament Winners

Nick Endrulat, Ethan Tromp,
Jessica Gunderson



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.



BCIG 2nd Grade Junior Achievement News

Mrs. Linda Warnke, BCIG 2nd Grade Instructor

BCIG second grade participated in the Junior Achievement Program. They learned more about the global economy and communities. This is a nonprofit program sponsored by businesses, foundations, government, and individuals, namely Brian Waller. Since its founding in 1919, more than 100 million young people around the world have benefited in the business and economic education.

Second graders learned the difference between goods and services through the "Sweet 'O" Donuts" company. Students produced donuts in an assembly production vs a unit production. They explored how money earned for work moves through a community and the impact that money has on people, businesses, and government.



BCIG Elementary Talented & Gifted News

Mrs. Staci Rohlk, TAG Instructor

BCIG Elementary Talented and Gifted

Fourth and fifth grade TAG and third grade enrichment students are focusing on science and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) projects throughout the third quarter. They will participate in a “yummy” scientific method lab and then begin individual STEM projects experimenting with engineering design, aerodynamics, propulsion, and simple machines.



OA-BCIG 9-12 TAG

In December, we were fortunate to be able to have students tour the play therapy rooms and learn about the programs offered by Sioux City’s Boys & Girls Home & Family Services and Jackson Recovery’s Adolescent Center. They were able to discuss career possibilities and the education necessary for working in these facilities.

Our high school TAG students have committed to sharing their talents in giving back to the community through visits each month to Willow Dale Care Center in Battle Creek as well as facilitating science experiments in the elementary. Several students taught various weather related hands-on labs with the kindergarten in December and will be working on STEM related skills by creating pinball machines with the first graders in the upcoming month.



Environmental Science
Tip of the Month



Class of 2015 Information

Senior Song: “Give Me Back My Hometown” by Eric Church

Senior Flower: White Rose

Senior Motto: “Our lives are before us, our past behind us, but our memories are forever within us.”

Senior Awards Night: Wednesday, May 13, 2015

Graduation: Sunday, May 17, 2015



Herb Irgens Wrestling Invitational

OA-BCIG Athletic Boosters

Wrestling season is in full swing and that means the Herb Irgens Classic Wrestling Invitational is coming up soon. The Invite is slated for **Friday, January 23** and **Saturday, January 24**. This is the single largest invitational held in the state of Iowa and the OA-BCIG Athletic Boosters are busy preparing for it! This year we have 27 schools attending from across the state!

In order for this tournament to stay as successful as it has, the Boosters need your help and support. During the second week of January, the Booster Club will be mailing a letter to the parents of all high school and middle school athletes. These letters will be asking for a small monetary contribution, food related items, or a small work commitment in which we ask you to help in either the kitchen or concession stand. PLEASE do not ignore these letters, but rather mark your calendars and plan to help us. It is imperative if you cannot work during the time assigned, that you find a replacement. Likewise, if you are unable to supply the items asked for, please notify in advance either Donna Rasmussen at the high school or Dee Boger at the middle school.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer in a certain area, please call Donna at 364-3371 or Dee at 668-2827. We need your help to keep everything running smoothly. We hope all of you will support our high school wrestlers as well as the Athletic Boosters and help us continue to keep this tournament one of the top tournaments in Iowa!



School Breakfast Survey

From the Iowa Dept. of Education

Dear Parents:

We want your thoughts on the most important meal of the day—that's right, breakfast! Help us improve school breakfast at O-A and BCIG Schools by taking a few minutes to fill out this short online survey from the Iowa Department of Education.

The Iowa Department of Education and the University of Iowa need your help to make school breakfast at Iowa schools the best it can be!

Below is a link to an online survey that will ask you some questions about your child's breakfast habits and preferences. The purpose of the survey is to better understand what parents like you think about the school breakfast program. Your input will be used to help the Iowa Department of Education understand why breakfast participation is so low in Iowa schools and how schools can better meet you and your child's needs at breakfast!

This survey will take approximately 15 minutes to complete. Please click the link below to give your input:

https://uiowa.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_doOCIRjrSUETC3r

Thanks in advance for your time!

If you have any questions about the survey, please contact Natoshia M. Askelson, MPH, PhD
(natoshiaaskelson@uiowa.edu; 319-335-6867)



Driver's Education Information

We will begin registration for driver's education on **January 5, 2015**. Registration can be done in either the high school or the middle school office. The total fee for 2014-15 is **\$350.00**. A deposit of any amount must be made at the time of registration. The total amount will be due 3 weeks prior to the start of class. If a student currently has a waiver for school fees, this would reduce the total amount due. Students must have their driver's permit before registering. A **COPY OF STUDENT'S PERMIT** must accompany the registration form.

Please be aware that this course does take a big time commitment for students to successfully complete. Unexcused absences or missing more than one class may require the student to repeat the class the following year. All requirements must be met in one year. **CLASSROOM TIME:** 30 hours required. **DRIVING TIME:** 12 hours (6 hours driving, 6 hours riding) An outside of class driving log is also required. These requirements will be detailed by the instructor.

Tentative courses will held in March and June. Definite times and dates have not been set at this time. As soon as the dates are set they will be available on our website. Sessions have a **limit of 32 students**.



45th Annual Herb Irgens Wrestling Invitational

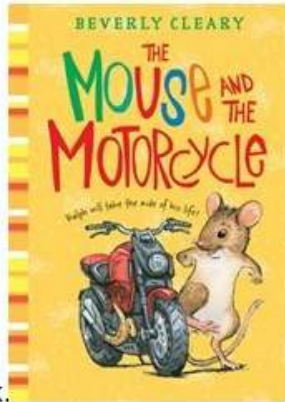
Friday, January 23 @ 4:30
Saturday, January 24 @ 10:00
OA-BCIG High School Gymnasium

This is one of the premiere individual tournaments in the state and is held in high regard by wrestling fans statewide.



Congratulations to the dance team on earning a Division I rating in both pom and hip hop at the state dance competition in Des Moines. They also received an Academic Achievement Award.

<p>UPCOMING EVENT: CHRISTMAS BOOK Giveaway</p>	<p>SAVE THE DATE: February 17, 2015</p>
<p>The PTP will provide a complimentary book to each BCIG Elementary student in December. Families will be encouraged to read this book with their child in Jan/Feb 2015 leading up to Family Fun Night which will have the same theme as the book.</p>	<p>1st annual FAMILY FUN NIGHT at BCIG Elementary School Tuesday, February 15, 2015 @ 5:30pm The PTP has linked up with the Title 1 reading program to offer an evening of fun to all BCIG Elementary kids & their parents.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Themed event will match book giveaway</i> • <i>Complimentary dinner will be served</i> • <i>Passport book where students can collect stamps at different stations</i> • <i>Photo booth, prizes for passport book</i>



**Live Healthy Iowa Winner
Mrs. Julie Staley, BCIG Elementary Counselor**

BCIG Elementary was a \$500 winner in the Live Healthy Iowa drawing, following their participation in the Fall Fitness walk. Mr. Henderson was presented with the check by three LHI officials. The elementary is working on plans to use the money to promote increased physical activity by students outside the school day.



**Middle School Student Council
Mrs. Jo Lyons, OA Elem. & OA-BCIG MS Counselor**

I would like to introduce the OA-BCIG Middle School Council. This group of students will provide leadership, and serve the student body, the school, and community.

Front row: Kelsey Dausel, Elle Schroeder, Jake Nieman, Anna Winterrowd
Back row: Emma Endrulat, Josie Wulf, Sarah Petersen, Reed Godbersen, Eric Sibenaller



**Art Club
Mrs. Kate Beyke, Visual Arts Instructor**

Is your door looking a little bare? What about your classroom walls? We have a solution! Order a custom **Wooden Falcon Door Sign** from the OA-BCIG Art Club to spice up your school spirit! Find the order form online at www.oabcig.org, print it off and fill it out with your personal choices. You can also find an order form on the next page.

We will be selling door signs once more this 2014-2015 school year. Second selling period runs from February 16 to February 27. Turn in your order form along with payment to the high school office. Signs will be delivered between March 30-April 2.

Our goal is to purchase a new display case for student artwork at the high school. We need a better, safe place to showcase the excellent work the students at OA-BCIG are producing!

Wooden Falcon Door Signs



1. Paint Design: Please Circle One
Colors Available: Purple, Black and White

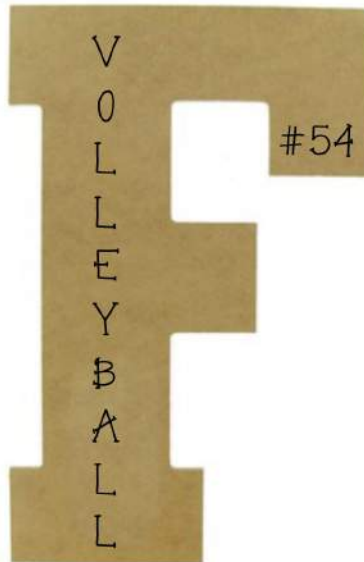
- Chevron: _____, _____, _____ (Up to three colors)
(color) (color) (color)

- Polk-a-dot: _____, _____, _____ (Up to three colors)
(background) (color) (color)

- Stripe: _____, _____, _____ (Up to three colors)
(color) (color) (color)

- Solid Purple

- Solid Black



3. Ribbons:
Assorted
Falcon Colors

2. Sport or Activity or Name: Please Circle One

Falcons Trap Shooting

Football Band

Cross Country Speech

Softball Jazz Choir

Volleyball Cheerleading

Basketball Drill Team

Wrestling Spanish Club

Golf NHS

Bowling Art Club

Track and Field Student Council

Rodeo Soccer

Baseball Drama

Choir FFA

Name/Other: _____

4. Number: _____
(Optional)

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Payment: _____


Make Checks
Payable to: **\$ 15**
OA-BCIG ART
CLUB

Order Forms Due February 27th to High School Office

Activity Calendar for January 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 7:00 HS Winter Ball
4 	5 Classes Resume	6 4:15 JVR Boys BB vs. SCC @ IG 6:00 V BB vs. SCC @ IG 6:00 Wrestling @ LoMa	7 2:00 Dismissal	8 4:15 V Boys BB vs. Elk Point Jeff @ Tyson Events Center 6:00 Wrestling vs. Woodbury Central @ IG	9 3:30 Bowling @ Cherokee	10 HS NWIBA District Honor Band 9:00 Wrestling @ Ames 9:00 JV Wrestling @ LoMa 10:00 Robotics @ Fort Dodge 1:00 JV/V Girls BB vs. IKM-M @ IG
	6th Grade Strong Foundations Honor Band @ SC West MS 6:30 OA School Board Mtg.	13 4:00 7th/8th GBB vs. Alta-Aurelia @ Odebolt 4:00 JV G/B BB vs. Ridge View @ IG 6:00 V BB vs. Ridge View @ IG Dance Team Performance	14 2:00 Dismissal 	15	16 4:00 Bowling @ Sioux Central 4:00 7th G BB @ Denison 4:00 8th G BB vs. Denison @ Odebolt BB Senior Recognition Night 4:00 JV G/B BB vs. Lawton Bronson @ IG 5:00 MS TAG Soup Supper 6:00 V BB vs. LB @ IG Dance Team Performance	17 9:00 JVR G BB @ Alta-Aurelia 10:30 JV B BB vs. Alta-Aurelia @ Odebolt 9:30 Wrestling WVC Tourney @ IG 10:00 Robotics @ Humboldt 4:00 JV/V G BB @ Denison
18	19 NW ICDA Honor Band @ Sioux Center 3:45 7th/8th G BB @ Westside 4:00 7th/8th G BB vs. SL St. Mary's @ Odebolt 5:00 JV W @ SL 6:00 BCIG School Board Mtg.	20 4:00 7th G BB vs. Ridge View @ Odebolt 4:00 8th G BB vs. Ride View @ Early 4:15 JV G/B BB @ MVAO 6:00 V BB @ MVAO	21 2:00 Dismissal 6:30 Herb Irgens Seeding Mtg.	22 HS ILCC Jazz Festival @ Estherville Odebolt INVENT Iowa 3:45 Bowling @ Harlan 4:00 7th/8th G BB vs. East Sac @ Lake View 6:00 V BB @ Siouxland Christian	23 4:30 Herb Irgens Wrestling Tourney @ IG 	24 10:00 Herb Irgens Wrestling Tourney District Lg. Group Speech @ Denison
25	26 IHSMA State Jazz Festival 4:00 7th/8th G BB @ Carroll Kuemper 5:00 JV W @ Lawton Bronson 6:00 JVR/JV B BB @ Kuemper 7:00 V G BB vs. Siouxland Christian @ IG	27 2:15 Life Store @ HS 4:00 7th/8th G BB vs. LB @ Odebolt 6:00 College Planning Mtg. @ IG 7:00 Financial Aid Mtg. @ IG	28 2:00 Dismissal	29 4:00 Bowling @ MMC-RU 6:00 JV/V B BB WVC Tourney	30 6:00 JV/V G BB WVC Tourney 	31 9:00 JV G BB Tourney @ Sioux Central 10:00 Wrestling @ Story City 10:00 Bowling @ LeMars 1:00 JV/V B BB vs. IKM-M @ IG

Breakfast & Lunch Menus for January 2015

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>1 NO SCHOOL</p> 	<p>2 NO SCHOOL</p>
<p>5 BCIG B: breakfast pizza BCIG L: chicken patty w/WG bun, sweet potato tots, steamed broccoli w/cheese sauce, peaches, apple OA B: Long John, string cheese OA L: chicken nuggets, corn, baby carrots, applesauce, dinner roll</p>	<p>6 BCIG B: cereal, pop tart BCIG L: scalloped potatoes w/ham, green beans, butter sandwich, pears, orange OA B: blueberry muffin, HB egg OA L: WG turkey corn dog, baked beans, broccoli, cauliflower, peaches</p>	<p>7 BCIG B: cheese omelet, WG toast BCIG L: chicken nuggets, Elem-fresh veggies w/ranch, *fresh veggie bar, mixed fruit, apple OA B: cinn. bun, yogurt OA L: chicken patty w/WG bun, green beans, banana, lettuce</p>	<p>8 BCIG B: ultimate breakfast round, *cereal BCIG L: cheese sticks w/marinara, corn, spinach salad w/tomatoes, *PB sandwich, Jello, apricots, banana OA B: breakfast pizza OA L: honey mustard wrap, baked chips, cucumbers, red peppers, lettuce, strawberries</p>	<p>9 BCIG B: egg patty, bacon, WG toast BCIG L: crispito, lettuce, tomato, cheese, salsa, Spanish rice, refried beans, applesauce, orange OA B: egg omelet, toast OA L: French toast sticks, yogurt, juice raisins, clementines</p>
<p>12 BCIG B: pancakes w/syrup, *scrambled eggs BCIG L: BBQ chicken breast w/WG bun, French fries, green beans, *PB sandwich, pineapple, apple OA B: Long John, string cheese OA L: ham & cheese w/WG bun, corn, cinn. applesauce, lettuce, cucumbers, tomatoes</p>	<p>13 BCIG B: cereal bar, yogurt BCIG L: spaghetti w/meat sauce, tossed salad, garlic bread, sidekicks, apple OA B: strawberry pancake, HB egg OA L: Mr. Rib w/WG bun, cooked carrots, 3 bean salad, mixed fruit, lettuce</p>	<p>14 BCIG B: cheese omelet, WG toast BCIG L: turkey & cheese sandwich, Elem-corn, cherry tomatoes, *fresh veggie bar, applesauce cup, orange OA B: poptart, yogurt OA L: chili, cinn. roll, celery, carrots, crackers, apple slices, string cheese</p>	<p>15 BCIG B: Long John, *cereal BCIG L: chili, cinn. roll, carrots, celery sticks, crackers, strawberries & bananas, apple OA B: breakfast sausage bagel OA L: super nachos, br. rice, refried beans, grapes, lettuce</p>	<p>16 BCIG B: breakfast wrap, salsa BCIG L: hot dog w/WG bun, smiley fries, marinated fresh veggie salad, *PB sandwich, mandarin oranges, pear OA B: breakfast wrap OA L: hot dog w/WG bun, diced potatoes, red peppers, pears, broccoli</p>
<p>19 BCIG B: sausage breakfast pizza, *Nutrigrain bar BCIG L: BBQ shredded pork w/WG bun, potato salad, baked beans, mixed fruit, orange OA B: Long John, string cheese OA L: chicken patty w/WG bun, green beans, cucumbers, lettuce, oranges</p>	<p>20 BCIG B: cereal, WG toast BCIG L: mandarin orange chicken, brown rice, cooked carrots, broc-cauliflower salad, butter sandwich, peaches, apple OA B: waffle, sausage patty OA L: bean & cheese burrito, broccoli, lettuce, strawberry cups</p>	<p>21 BCIG B: cheese omelet, WG toast BCIG L: pork patty w/WG bun, Elem-mixed green salad, baby carrots, *fresh veggie bar, pears, orange OA B: cinn. roll, yogurt OA L: beef tips, mashed potatoes, corn, peaches, dinner roll</p>	<p>22 BCIG B: blueberry muffin, cereal BCIG L: fiestata, corn, Italian pasta, bean salad, chocolate pudding, applesauce, grapes OA B: apple frudel, HB egg OA L: hamburger w/WG bun, pickles/onion/tomatoes, peas, pineapple, fruit juice bar, lettuce</p>	<p>23 BCIG B: egg patty, sausage, English muffin BCIG L: beef tips, mashed potatoes, green beans, butter sandwich, pineapple, apple OA B: egg, toast OA L: cheese filled breadstick, marinara sauce, baby carrots, pears, lettuce</p>
<p>26 BCIG B: breakfast pizza BCIG L: French toast sticks, sausage, hash brown, celery, carrot sticks, mandarin oranges, apple OA B: Long John, string cheese OA L: mandarin orange chicken, br. rice, broccoli, apricots, mixed fruit</p>	<p>27 BCIG B: cereal, oatmeal-to-go BCIG L: taco-in-a-bag, lettuce, tomato, cheese, salsa, corn, animal crackers, mixed fruit, orange OA B: WB biscuit, sausage gravy OA L: mac & cheese, green beans, straw. applesauce, cucumbers, lettuce</p>	<p>28 BCIG B: scrambled eggs, WG toast BCIG L: chicken alfredo, Elem-mixed green salad, mixed veggies, *fresh veggie bar, butter sandwich, apricots, apple OA B: breakfast bar, yogurt OA L: chicken nuggets, corn, banana, lettuce, dinner roll</p>	<p>29 BCIG B: pumpkin choc chip coffeecake, yogurt BCIG L: hamburger w/WG bun, sweet potato tots, baked beans, peaches, banana OA B: breakfast pizza OA L: tur key burger w/WG bun, tomato/onion/pickles, peas, peaches, lettuce</p>	<p>30 BCIG B: breakfast wrap, salsa BCIG L: BBQ pork rib w/WG bun, strawberry Romaine salad, peas, pears, apple OA B: breakfast wrap OA L: popcorn chicken, mixed fruit, baby carrots, lettuce, dinner roll, Rice Krispy bar</p>

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HS Vocal Notes

Mrs. Linda Johnson, Vocal Music Director



Thank you to everyone who showed your support at our holiday concert in December and especially those who shared your gifts with the food pantries!

On January 19, several OA-BCIG High School vocalists will represent our school in the NW Iowa Choral Director's Honor Choir at Dordt College in Sioux Center. Students will be under the direction of Morningside's Tim Watson. They will spend the day rehearsing for an evening concert held in the beautiful BJ Haan Auditorium. Students auditioned in December and began rehearsing the music immediately! Students selected include: Taylor Marshall, Amanda Gunderson, Anna Dewey, Jessica Gunderson, Darian Ernst, Tyler Andrews, Eliot Clough and Jacob Henderson.

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Industrial Technology

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Industrial Tech classes are in full swing. Electricity class just finished putting together their DC motors (all of them worked). The woods classes have been very busy with building projects, such as TV cabinets, coffee tables, feed bunks, dog houses, bow racks, fishing pole racks, and a guitar. Tech Drafting are starting on auxiliary view drawings and the welding classes are working on projects such as tool boxes, metal ladders, welding tables, horseshoe projects, wood burners, and abstract art projects.



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