

OA-BCIG INSIGHTS

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



From the Superintendent Mr. Terry Kenealy, Superintendent

Petition for Reorganization Update

The Odebolt-Arthur Board of Directors and the Battle Creek-Ida Grove Board of Directors received information which was included in their February 13, 2017, board meeting materials that provided an update on the status of the current Petition for Reorganization. As of Monday, February 13 the Odebolt-Arthur patrons had submitted three hundred (300) signatures in support of the petition with two hundred eighty-four (284) signatures needed and the Battle Creek-Ida Grove patrons had submitted four hundred forty (440) signatures with four hundred (400) signatures needed.

Signatures can still be collected and turned into Kathy Leonard at the Central Office. The two school districts plan to submit the Petition for Reorganization with the necessary signatures to the Northwest AEA and the Prairie Lakes AEA on or about March 15, 2017, with the special election targeted to be held on Tuesday, June 27, 2017.

Joint Facilities Planning Committee Update

Back in November and December, the school board members began a process to select an architectural firm, HAILA ASP, Ltd from Ames to assist the two districts in developing a joint master facilities plan. In addition the Odebolt-Arthur School District contracted with Estes Construction-ICAT from Des Moines to complete a facilities evaluation of the Odebolt building. HAILA ASP, Ltd joined up with EDA Engineering out of Sioux Center to begin the facilities evaluation process. The

following is a summary of the mission of the Joint Facilities Study Committee in conjunction with the Odebolt-Arthur Board of Directors and the Battle Creek-Ida Grove Board of Directors and what the group has been able to accomplish up to this point.

The overarching goals of this process include:

- Make each district's facilities viable for the next forty (40) to fifty (50) years.
- Accommodate educational programming and 21st century learning and teaching methods in each of the facilities.

What has happened so far:

Investigation and Assessment of Existing Facilities at each District

- * Building tours at each district
- * Assessment of existing building conditions at each district
- * Interviews with administration, teachers and other staff at both districts
- * Interactions with Facilities Committee

EDA Engineering Consultants

- * Building tours at each district
- * Assessment of existing mechanical, electrical, plumbing and technology systems

Estes Construction-ICAT

- * Building tour of the Odebolt facility
- * ICAT field investigation and report
- * Interaction with Facilities Committee

Next Steps:

- Define and prioritize what

will be included in the Joint Facilities Master Plan for each district's buildings

The Joint Facilities Study Committee, HAILA ASP, Ltd along with the Odebolt-Arthur Board of Directors and the Battle Creek-Ida Grove Board of Directors have established the following schedule of meetings over the next several months.

Monday, March 13, 2017, at 5:00 p.m. in a joint work session with both school boards in the Odebolt-Arthur Elementary School library/media center.

Monday, April 17, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. in a joint work session with both school boards in the Battle Creek-Ida Grove Elementary School music room.

Monday, May 15, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. in a joint work session with both school boards in the Odebolt-Arthur Elementary School library/media center.

Monday, June 12, 2017, at 5:00 p.m. in a joint work session with both school boards in the Battle Creek-Ida Grove Elementary School music room.

The group plans to have a preliminary master joint facilities plan for review by the end of March that will be ready to be defined in more detail and prepared for a final review by each school board by May of 2017.

Preliminary 2017-2018 School Calendar Draft

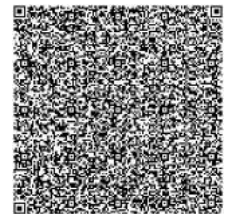
The preliminary calendar draft for the 2017-2018 school year is based on the 2016-2017 school calendar and looks very similar. The following is a summary:

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Tip of the Month

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- New Teacher Orientation would be Thursday, August 17.
- The beginning of the year work days would be Friday, August 18, Monday, August 21 and Tuesday, August 22.
- The first day of school would be Wednesday, August 23.
- Wednesday Professional Development Early Dismissals would be at 1:00 p.m. on fifteen selected Wednesdays during the school year with one or two early dismissals each month.
- The last day of school before Christmas break would be Friday, December 22.
- Classes would resume after New Years on Wednesday, January 3.
- The 1st Semester would end on

Thursday, January 11.

- Monday, April 2 would be scheduled as an Easter break day but it would also be the third snow makeup day if the school district incurred a third snow day prior to Easter.
- Seniors Last Day would be Thursday, May 17.
- Graduation would be on Sunday, May 20.
- The last scheduled day of school would be Wednesday, May 23.
- The last scheduled teacher work day would be Thursday, May 24.
- Scheduled snow makeup days would be Thursday, May 24, Friday, May 25, Monday, April 2, Tuesday, May 29,

Wednesday, May 30, Thursday, May 31 and Friday, June 1.

The OA-BCIG calendar committee has met to review calendar options for the 2017-2018 school year and will meet again in a few weeks to continue those discussions. The Odebolt-Arthur Board of Directors and the Battle Creek-Ida Grove Board of Directors will consider approval of the 2017-2018 school calendar at the Joint Regular Board Meeting on Monday, March 13.

Please let me know if you have questions, thoughts or ideas. I look forward to hearing from you!

Thank You from the Athletic Boosters

A big thank you to all who worked or made a donation for the Herb Irgens' Wrestling Tournament. Athletic Boosters appreciates all contributions! Parents, did you know if you have a student athlete you are automatically considered a member of the Athletic Boosters? We would love to have more members participate. Meetings are the second Wednesday of every month in the OA-BCIG High School Library at 6:00 p.m. Please join us!

High School Happenings

Mr. Patrick Miller, OA-BCIG High School Principal

As we near the start of the 4th and final quarter for the 2016-17 school year, I encourage parents to keep a close eye on your child's grades. Many of you have access to JMC that allows you to regularly check the progress of your children. Spring weather brings thoughts of summer and at times can take the focus off academics. Simply put, grades are important, not only because good grades help build a strong GPA, but also the effort put forth helps develop a strong work ethic that we hope carries over into life after graduation. We encourage you to contact staff or the office with questions or concerns.

Congratulations to all students who have earned Honor Roll status for the quarter or semester. Their hard work is appreciated.

FFA News

Ms. Tess Mittag, FFA Advisor

Spring becomes a very busy time for the OA-BCIG FFA. This year we have several members participating in many of the FFA activities available such as career development events. Please mark your calendars for our annual FFA banquet which will be held on Thursday, March 30, in the high school cafeteria. Each year at the banquet we award the Greenhand and Chapter Degrees, recognize seniors, award the local scholarship recipients, install the new chapter officers, and recognize those that have participated in the many activities that we are involved with. If you would like to attend, please email tmittag@oabcig.org with your name and how many will be attending. FFA members will receive a form for their family to attend.

Art Club Activities

Mrs. Kate Beyke, Art Club Sponsor

The art club has been having a blast this year. We have been working on the fine arts mural, we helped make crafts at Morningside Care Center, each member decorated Christmas ornaments for all of the staff at the high school, and we sold over 200 candy cane grams to raise money for charity during the holidays. The kids have also enjoyed personalizing coffee mugs and picture frames.

March and May are full of fun activities and community involvement. On March 15, we will be taking our annual art trip to the Des Moines art center and outdoor sculpture park. On Thursday, March 16, we will be helping at Las Vegas Night. Come and enjoy a night of music and games and get your face

painted by us! In May, we will hold a silent art auction prior to the high school music concert on May 4. There will be many unique items to bid on including pottery, paintings, drawings and more. Watch for flyers with more details closer to May.

Lastly, back by popular demand, we will be holding another sale for the 2016-2017 spirit shirts! Adult and child sizes are available in t-shirts and crewneck sweatshirts. Orders will be due no later than March 24 to the high school office. Please check the school website for an order form and let Mrs. Beyke know if you have any questions.

BCIG Elementary News
Mr. Alan Henderson, Principal

Just a reminder to work on math facts with your child. They are the building blocks to all we do in math. Once the basic facts are learned, the rest of math can fall into place. Take a deck of cards and flip two cards over at a time and see if they can add, subtract, or multiply them. Roll some dice and do the same. Going down the road just do some quick facts out loud. Remember to praise them and encourage them. They love to race their parents so make a quick 5 question quiz and race each other. Anything you can do to bring up math facts will help your child in the future. Spend some time together and enjoy.

OA Elementary & Middle School News
Mr. Doug Mogensen, Principal

The very busy month of March is upon us! I know our students are ready to meet and exceed the challenges ahead of them this month. Please continue to support your child by talking about the school day, homework assignments, and your child’s to do list. Helping organize your child’s school bag and notebooks can be beneficial to their success.

Lost and Found

Every day boys and girls are leaving their coats, jackets, sweaters, hats, and lunch boxes on the school grounds. Those items without student’s names are picked up and brought to our lost and found located in front of the office. During the school year when the pile gets high, we donate these items to missions and shelters. Please be sure to check or have your child check the lost and found by Friday, April 1.

Preschool 2017-2018

In order to help us prepare for our 2017-18 Preschool Program, please contact the school at 668-2767 to provide the name of any child who will be 4 years old by September 15, 2017, and will be attending the OA Preschool Program. For the 2017-18 school year, OA Elementary will have two preschool sessions:

morning session is from 8:25-11:25 and the afternoon session is from 12:30-3:30. Transportation for preschool students is provided by the school. There will be a parent meeting at 6:00 p.m., Thursday, March 9, in the Odebolt-Arthur Elementary library to get more information.

The elementary students participated in the Jump Rope for Heart campaign in February and worked on their jump rope skills during PE. Students learned a lot about helping others and the importance of staying fit.

March Dates to Remember:

- March 1 and 8- Early-out days with a 1:00 dismissal for Teacher Professional Development
- March 2- TAG Family Night @ 6:00
- March 9- 6:00 Preschool Parent Meeting
- March 16- End of 3rd Quarter
- March 17- No School
- March 21 & 23- Parent-Teacher Conferences from 4:00-7:30. Dismissal time is 2:30. Come visit the book fair in the elementary library.
- March 24- No School

Guidance Notes
Mrs. Megan Dooley, High School Counselor

Online College (WITCC) Credit Courses for 2017-18

All students planning to take a WITCC college credit course online next year needs to complete a registration sheet by **April 28**. Please turn them into Mrs. Dooley. This includes courses for first semester and second semester of 2017-18. Late registrations will not be accepted, as students need to plan which courses they will be wanting to take ahead of time. Seniors, Juniors and TAG student who have met requirements on Iowa Assessments are eligible to take online courses through WITCC.

ASVAB

On **Tuesday, March 14 at 8:30 a.m.**, all juniors will be taking the ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Ability Battery). Juniors will be taking the ASVAB at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church for most of the morning. The ASVAB is a tool used to help students identify their aptitude or ability and connect each

student’s aptitude or ability to different types of career areas. This tool is also used to determine academic and occupational success in the military (although no requirement for military enlistment, this is a free resource provided to students).

Scholarships

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



ACT TEST DATES & DEADLINES

ACT OA-BCIG Code- 162129

ACT materials are available in the high school guidance office. Register on-line at: www.act.org. Our testing site is at Denison Community High School.

Test Date	Registration Deadline
April 8, 2017	March 3, 2017
June 10, 2017	May 5, 2017

Student Record Access

Series 500, Code No. 506.1

The board recognizes the importance of maintaining student records and preserving their confidentiality. Student records containing personally identifiable information are kept confidential at collection, storage, disclosure and destruction stages. The board secretary is the custodian of student records. Student records may be maintained in the central administration office or administrative office of the student's attendance center.

Parents and eligible students will have access to student's records during the regular business hours of the school district. An eligible student is a student who has reached eighteen years of age or is attending and institution of post secondary education at the post high school level. Parents of an eligible student are provided access to the student records only with the written permission of the eligible student unless the eligible student is defined at a dependent by the Internal Revenue Code. In that case, the parents may be provided access without the written permission of the student. A representative of the parents or eligible student, who has received written permission from the parents or eligible student, may inspect and review a special education student's records. Parents, other than parents of an eligible student, may be denied access to a student's records if the school district has a court order stating such or when the district has been advised under the appropriate laws that the parents may not access the student records. Parents may inspect an instrument used for the purpose of collection of student personal information prior to the instrument's use.

A student record may contain information on more than one student. Parents will have the right to access the information relating to their student or to be informed of the information. Eligible students will also have the right to access the information relating to themselves, or be informed of the information.

Parents and eligible students will have a right to access the student's records upon request without unnecessary delay and in no instance more than forty-five calendar days after the request is made. Parents, an eligible student or an authorized representative of the parents will have the right to access the student's records prior to an Individualized Education Program (IEP) meeting or hearing.

Copies of student records will be provided if failure to do so would effectively prevent the parents or student from exercising the right to access the student records. Fees for copies of the records are waived if it would prevent the parents or student from accessing the records. A fee may not be charged to search or retrieve information from student records.

Upon the request of parents or an eligible student, the school district will provide an explanation and interpretation of the student records and a list of the types and locations of education records collected, maintained or used by the school district.

If the parents or an eligible student

believe the information in the student records is inaccurate, misleading or violates the privacy or other rights of the student, the parents or an eligible student may request that the school district amend the student records. The school district will decide whether to amend the student records within a reasonable time after receipt of the request. If the school district determines an amendment is made to the student record, the school district will make the amendment and inform the parents or the eligible student of the decision in writing.

If the school district determines that amendment of the student's record is not appropriate, it will inform the parents or the eligible student of their right to a hearing before the hearing officer provided by the school district.

If the parents' and the eligible student's request to amend the student record is further denied following the hearing, the parents or the eligible student are informed that they have a right to place an explanatory letter in the student's record commenting on the school district's decision or setting forth the reasoning for disagreeing with the school district. Additions to the student's records will become a part of the student record and be maintained like other student records. If the school district discloses the student records, the explanation by the parents will also be disclosed.

Student records may be disclosed in limited circumstances without parental or eligible student's written permission. This disclosure is made on the condition that the student record will not be disclosed to a third party without the written permission of the parents or the eligible student. This disclosure may be made to the following individuals or under the following circumstances:

- to school officials within the school district and AEA personnel whom the superintendent has determined to have a legitimate educational interest, including, but not limited to, board members, employees, school attorney, auditor, health professionals, and individuals serving on official school committees;
- to officials of another school district in which the student wishes to enroll, provided the other school district notifies the parents the student records are being sent and the parents have an opportunity to receive a copy of the records and challenge the contents of the records unless the annual notification includes a provision that records will automatically be transferred to new school districts;
- to the U.S. Comptroller General, the U.S. Attorney General, the U.S. Secretary of Education or state and local educational authorities;
- in connection with financial aid for which the student has applied or which the student has received if the information is necessary to receive the financial aid;
- to organizations conducting educational studies and the study does not release personally identifiable information;

- to accrediting organizations;
- to parents of a dependent student as defined in the Internal Revenue Code;
- to comply with a court order or judicially issued subpoena;
- in connection with a health or safety emergency; or
- as directory information.

The superintendent will keep a list of the individuals and their positions that are authorized to view a special education student's records without the permission of the parents or the eligible student. Individuals not listed are not allowed access without parental or an eligible student's written permission. This list must be current and available for public inspection and updated as changes occur.

The superintendent will also keep a list of individuals, agencies and organizations which have requested or obtained access to a student's records, the date access was given and their legitimate educational interest or purpose for which they were authorized to view the records. The superintendent, however, does not need to keep a list of the parents, authorized educational employees, officers and agencies of the school district that have accessed the student's records. This list for a student record may be accessed by the parents, the eligible student and the custodian of the student's records.

Permanent student records, including a student's name, address, phone number, grades, attendance record, classes attended, grade level completed and year completed may be maintained without time limitation. Permanent student records will be kept in a fire-safe-vault.

When personally identifiable information, other than permanent student records, no longer needs to be maintained by the school district to provide educational services to a special education student, the parents or eligible student are notified. This notice is normally given after a student graduates or otherwise leaves the school district. If the parents or eligible student request that the personally identifiable information be destroyed, the school district must inform the parents or eligible student the records may be needed by the parents or eligible student for social security benefits or other purposes. In the absence of parents or an eligible student's request to destroy the records, the school district must maintain the records for at least three years after an individual is determined to be no longer eligible for special education.

The school district will cooperate with the juvenile justice system in sharing information contained in permanent student records regarding students who have become involved with the juvenile justice system. The school district will enter into an interagency agreement with the juvenile justice agencies involved.

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The purpose of the agreement is to allow for the sharing of information prior to a student's adjudication in order to promote and collaborate between the school district and the agencies to improve school safety, reduce alcohol and illegal drug use, reduce truancy, reduce in-school suspensions and expulsions which provide structured and well supervised educational programs supplemented by coordinated and appropriate services designed to correct behaviors that lead to truancy, suspension and expulsions and to support students in successfully completing their education.

The school district may share any information with the agencies contained in a student's permanent record, which is directly related to the juvenile justice system's ability to effectively serve the student. Prior to adjudication information contained in the permanent record may be disclosed by the school district to parties without parental consent or court order. Information contained in a student's permanent record may be disclosed by the school district to the agencies after adjudication only with parental consent or a court order. Information shared pursuant to

the agreement is used solely for determining the programs and services appropriate to the needs of the student or student's family or coordinating the delivery of programs and services to the student or student's family.

Information shared under the agreement is not admissible in any court proceedings, which take place prior to a disposition hearing, unless written consent is obtained from a student's parent, guardian or legal or actual custodian.

Confidential information shared between the school district and the agencies will remain confidential and will not be shared with any other person, unless otherwise provided by law.

Information shared under the agreement is not admissible in any court proceedings, which take place prior to a disposition hearing, unless written consent is obtained from a student's parent, guardian, legal or actual custodian. The school district may discontinue information sharing with an agency if the school district determines that the agency has violated the intent or letter of the agreement.

Agencies will contact the principal of the

attendance center where the student is currently or was enrolled. The principal will then forward copies of the records within 10 business days of the request.

The school district will provide training or instruction to employees about parents' and eligible students' rights under this policy. Employees will also be informed about the procedures for carrying out this policy.

It is the responsibility of the superintendent to annually notify parents and eligible students of their right to inspect and review the student's records. The notice is given in a parents' or eligible student's native language. Should the school district collect personal information from students for the purposes of marketing or selling that information, the school district will annually notify parents of such activity.

The notice will include a statement that the parents have a right to file a complaint alleging the school district failed to comply with this policy. Complaints are forwarded to Family Policy Compliance Office, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, Washington, DC 20202-4605.

SENIORS

Start bringing in candid group photos from elementary, middle school, and high school to use in the senior video which will be shown at senior awards night. Photos can be given to Mrs. Beck or emailed to her at hbeck@oabcig.org. Please have them turned in by **April 1, 2017**.

SENIOR INFORMATION

Motto: Together we have experienced life.
Separately we will pursue our dreams.
Forever our memories will remain.

Flower: Aster

Song: "May We All" by Florida Georgia Line

Library Listings

Mrs. Mary Rohlk, K-12 Librarian

Spring parent teacher conferences are coming soon and so is the Odebolt Arthur Book Fair. The book fair will be open March 20-23 in the elementary library. There will be a wide variety of books for preschool through middle school.

Elementary parents, watch for informational fliers to come home the week of March 6. We will be collecting donations for All for Books again. The class collecting the most money will win \$25 in books for their classroom. All money collected goes towards books for our library plus Scholastic will donate one book for every dollar collected to national organizations that support children in distressed situations.

What Do You Do With a Problem? That's the title of Kobi Yamada's newest book. Each elementary class heard Mrs. Rohlk share this book. The book showed us how a problem grows with worry and shrinks once we face it. Students also learned that with some problems, an idea may form from an opportunity. Each grade level worked with a "problem."

First grade heard the story *I am Rosa Parks*. The students learned about segregation and how schooling, bussing, water fountains, and bathrooms were different based on skin color, white and colored. They learned how Rosa peacefully helped get the laws changed. Then the students heard the story *The Sandwich Swap* by Her Majesty Queen Rania Al Abdullah of Jordan. This story is about two friends, one who ate peanut butter and jelly and one who ate hummus on pita every day. They get into an argument because each thinks the other's food is revolting and strange. One day, the girls try each other's sandwich and find

out, it's not so bad. This lesson ended with a taste testing of peanut butter on crackers and hummus on crackers. Each class voted for their favorite. Sixty-six students liked peanut butter, 28 students liked hummus, and when asked to choose a favorite, 55 picked peanut butter and 17 picked hummus.

Second grade learned what an architect does with the book, *Iggy Peck Architect* by Andrea Beaty. After learning that Iggy liked to build and he used many odd things, the students were given a class period to use nothing but a variety of paper tubes to create something. They put on their thinking caps and dug into collaboration to build some pretty creative things. They learned that table tops allow the tubes to slide while the carpet does not. They learned that angles allow the tubes to support each other, and that it worked best when they used a solid object to build against. They also learned that putting wider tubes over narrower tubes reinforced the structure and allowed it to go higher and that when building up doesn't work, they built flat or out.





Battle Creek-Ida Grove Preschool Parent Meeting

Who: For parents of a child who is 4 years old by September 15, 2017

When: Thursday, March 2 @ 6:00

Where: BCIG Elementary School Library

What to Bring: Birth Certificates and Immunization Papers

Please call the school at 364-2360 if you plan on having your child attend preschool in the fall

Odebolt-Arthur Preschool Parent Meeting

Who: For parents of a child who is 4 years old by September 15, 2017

When: Thursday, March 9 @ 6:00

Where: Odebolt-Arthur Elementary School Library

What to Bring: Birth Certificates and Immunization Papers



Congratulations to the 8th grade Rube Goldberg winners Garrett Nichols, Truman Clark, Trust Wells, and Eric Sibenaller.



Dollars For Scholars Scholarship Tips

Below are some tips for seniors applying for the OA-BCIG Dollars for Scholars scholarship.

1. After you have completed your profile, click on "My Scholarships" to see a list of scholarships that you match.
2. If you've matched to a scholarship, be sure to complete any additional information, essay, or reference it is requesting.
3. Make sure to "submit" the scholarships that you match.
4. Check "My Scholarships" often – you will only match to a scholarship after it is "open". Each scholarship has its own opening date and deadline.
5. Read your email often. The Dollars for Scholars committee will communicate with you through the email address listed on your profile.

The **deadline** for the OA-BCIG Dollars for Scholars scholarships is **March 15**.

NOTE: There are many other local scholarships and their deadlines will vary, so please watch the information from your guidance counselor for specific deadlines.

Hike Bike Information

It's time for hike bike! Why should your child sign up? The answer is simple . . . so scholarships continue to be available for future graduates.

Every year OA-BCIG Dollars for Scholars awards scholarships to all seniors who apply. Last year \$158,295 was awarded to 46 seniors. That's an average of over \$3,400 per student.

Sometimes parents ask, "How can OA-BCIG Dollars for Scholars keep giving that many scholarships each year?" We have various investments and do several fundraisers, but our biggest fundraiser is Hike Bike. Last year Hike Bike donations totaled \$78,732 and after expenses, \$65,415 was donated to OA-BCIG Dollars for Scholars to help fund scholarships.

OA-BCIG Dollars for Scholars' goal is to give a scholarship to every student who applies. We hope all students consider furthering their education after high school and we hope all students contribute to this goal by participating in Hike Bike!

Hike Bike is a fun event for kids of all ages. Completing the packet of sponsor letters takes just a few minutes . . . just be sure to provide full addresses of your sponsors. Participants will have a fun day walking or biking the trail in Ida Grove, creating memories with their friends, and have a chance at some great prizes.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

March 24: Deadline to return sponsor letters

Packets will be available at the schools and United Bank of Iowa offices (Ida Grove, Arthur and Odebolt) starting the first week of March and need to be returned to the school or any UBI office by March 24. (Students who turn in packets after this date may not get a T-shirt). Parents/Guardians: please be sure to sign the consent section on the front of the packet.

May 10 at 1:45 p.m.: Event starts at the Skate Palace (school out at 1:00 pm)

Hike Bike is sponsored by United Bank of Iowa and OA-BCIG Dollars for Scholars. If questions, please contact Marcia Cates, Ellen Schable or Taylor Walker at UBI at 712-364-3393 or visit oabcig.dollarsforscholars.org.

Speech News

Ms. Kariann Jurgenson, Speech Coach

Large Group District Speech contest was held in Denison on Saturday, January 21. OA-BCIG students competed in **Choral Reading** (Alexia Thomas, Grace Holmes, Emma Endrulat, Carrie Miller, Vandy Mosier, Dallas Hare, Jarrett Bumann, Sydney Bauer, Billie Mosier, Daltyn Swanger, Liz Adams, and Aurora Anderson), **One Act Play** (Grace Holmes, Bree Henningsen, Liz Adams, Lindsey Kruse, Kim Renze, Taylor Oldham, Peyton Miller, Josie Wulf, and Sierra Rohlk), **Girls Musical Theatre** (Carrie Miller, Courtney Peters, Marzia Shivers, Emma Endrulat, and Corin Bower), **Boys Musical Theatre** (Stephen Stangl, Aedan Hickey, Grant Conover, and Jarrett Bumann), **Group Mime** (Teah Tollufsen, Mary Bennett, and Savannah Wych), **Solo Mime** (Sequoia Dobbs), **Group Improv A** (Vandy Mosier, Marzia Shivers, Bree Henningsen, Courtney Peters, and Makenzi Devitt), **Group Improv B** (Dallas Hare, Alexia Thomas, and Lindsey Kruse) and **Group Improv C** (Stephen Stangl, Aedan Hickey, Daltyn Swanger, and Grant Conover). One Act Play, Girls Musical Theater, Group Improv B, and Group Improv C earned I ratings which allowed them to compete in the state contest.

On Saturday, February 4, State Speech Contest was held in Spencer. OA-BCIG students had a very successful day. One Act Play, Girls Musical Theatre, and Group Improv B earned mixed I ratings and Group Improv C earned straight I ratings.

Ms. Jurgenson is proud to announce that the **Group Improv** (pictured to the right) of Stephen Stangl, Aedan Hickey, Daltyn Swanger, and Grant Conover have been

selected to perform at the IHSSA All-State Festival in Ames, Iowa on Saturday, February 18. They will have the opportunity to perform for an expert in their category, Rick Anderson from Kirkwood College.

Students are now preparing to compete at the Individual Speech Contest at Manson Northwest Webster High School on February 25. OA-BCIG students will perform in several categories including **After-Dinner Speaking** (Dallas Hare), **Solo Musical Theatre** (Carrie Miller, Stephen Stangl, and Emma Endrulat), **Prose** (Marzia Shivers, Bree Henningsen, and Peyton Miller), **Poetry** (Stephen Stangl, Marzia Fineran, and Bree Henningsen), **Literary Program** (Vandy Mosier, Courtney Peters, and Josie Wulf), **Storytelling** (Courtney Peters, Vandy Mosier, and Lindsey Kruse), **Improvational Acting** (Dallas Hare, Carrie Miller, and Evan Veltri) and **Radio News** (Lindsey Kruse).



Nurse's Notes

Mrs. Tiffany Lindberg, School Nurse

Wellness Policy

The OA-BCIG School District will need to form a committee to review the district wide wellness policy. The revision process will need to be completed by June 30. This policy addresses wellness as it relates to nutrition, physical activity, and other school based wellness activities. If you are interested in being a part of this committee, please email me at lindberg@oabcig.org. I do not have dates and times for meetings yet, as I would like to get an idea of who is all interested and work around schedules. This should not be a very time intensive meeting, but we will meet as often as needed to meet all the state requirements surrounding wellness. A current copy of the district wellness policy can be found on the school website under the district policies page under the 500 series and is policy 507.9.

Immunizations

The Iowa Department of Health, Bureau of Immunization, has recently passed a rule for the 2017-2018 school year requiring all incoming 7th graders and 12th graders to receive the Meningococcal Vaccine for protection against Meningitis.

In addition, all incoming 7th graders are also required to receive the Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis) vaccine. This should be administered regardless of the last tetanus shot given. This requirement for 7th graders took affect the 2013-2014 school year.

If you have questions in regards to what your child will need please do not hesitate to email at lindberg@oabcig.org. You may

also visit the Iowa Department of Health for immunizations website at <http://www.idph.iowa.gov/immtdb/immunization/laws>

Heart Screening

Screening America has offered to come to our school district to provide heart screenings for children and young adults in our area (ages 12-34). The services provided include Echocardiogram (ultrasound of the heart looking at function, valves and structure), EKG (tracing of the heart rhythm to look for signs of abnormality), blood pressure in both arms, and a Marfans Syndrome (a genetic disorder that can affect the heart) questionnaire. All of the testing information will be reviewed by a cardiologist. The cost to the parent/guardian would be \$89 and if there is a 2nd or 3rd sibling that would like to be screened the price would be half the cost.

If you are interested in this screening or would like to know further information, please let me know at lindberg@oabcig.org and I will send you paperwork to complete or answer any questions you may have. If we have the minimum number signed up (12), then we are looking for a screening date in April.

Many people do not realize that over 10,000 young people die each year from sudden cardiac death which makes it the second leading cause of death in young people, first being accidents.

As always, if you have any health related questions or concerns please do not be afraid to contact me.

Odebolt Arthur Elementary Can Drive
Ms. Calee Hoffman, OA Elem. 2nd Grade Teacher

In celebration of the 100th day of school the OA Elementary students collected canned goods and non-perishable items for the Sac County Food Pantry. The kids all did a great job of bringing items for those in need. They collected 184 items that went to the food panty on Friday, February 3.

2nd Grade Studies Penguins
Mrs. Ashley Wittrock, OA Elem. 2nd Grade Teacher

Our second grade class studied different types of penguins and their habitats. The final project was for students to research one penguin with their partner by using nonfiction books and their Chromebooks. Students had to find information, such as, where their penguin lives, what the diet is, and the size of their penguin. When they made their penguins, they had to measure them to the actual height and try to create the penguin by what it looks like. Our class enjoyed this project and learned a lot about penguins and their habitats.



CHEERLEADING TRY-OUTS

Practices

Tuesday, March 14 6:00-7:30
 Wednesday, March 15 3:30-4:30
 Friday, March 17 12:30-1:00

****For those in grades 9-12 next year****
****Must attend practices in order to try-out****

Try-Outs

Friday, March 17 1:00-2:30

DANCE TEAM TRY-OUTS

Friday, March 17
 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
 High School Gym



****For those in grades 9-12 next year****



OA-BCIG Music Boosters
LAS VEGAS NIGHT

Thursday, March 16, 2017

Supper begins @ 5:00 p.m.
 in the HS cafeteria

Games from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the HS gym

Chance booth drawings @ 7:30 p.m.

Followed by **raffle** drawings

ENTERTAINMENT

- Middle School Swing Choir
- High School Swing Choir
- Middle School Jazz Band
- High School Jazz Band

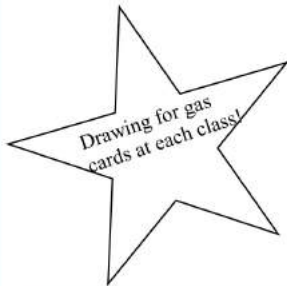


Prom

Mrs. Kate Beyke & Mrs. Donna Rasmussen, Junior Class Sponsors

The OA-BCIG Junior-Senior prom will be Saturday, April 22, 2017, at the Skate Palace in Ida Grove. The junior class has plans underway to make the night special for all who attend. They have been designing table settings, backdrops, centerpieces and invitations. The theme for this year is "Neon Lights" featuring many florescent elements illuminated by the use of black lights. Juniors and guests will find the night glowing with eye popping colors and a splash of fun. Grand march will be held in the high school gym, with seating available for the public. We will have more information in the future as the details are finalized.

LOVE AND LOGIC PARENT UNIVERSITY®



New Opportunities and OABCIG Schools proudly announce
April Wells - Independent Facilitator
Presenting
Love and Logic:
Parenting the Love and Logic Way! ®

Would you like to feel more confident as a parent?
Would you like to have more fun parenting?
Would you like to feel more relaxed at the end of the day?

If you answered yes to any or all of these questions, you won't want to miss this class!

Love and Logic is a series of 5 FREE classes that is designed to help give parents the tools to have positive interactions with their children and create an empowering environment for them!

Contact information:

Jayne Wilhelm:
New Opportunities:
712-662-7921
jwilhelm@newopp.org

April Wells:
OABCIG
712-887-0752
awells@oabcig.org

WHO: Anyone in Sac County / OABCIG school district who is interested in learning the techniques necessary to become a Love and Logic Parent!

WHEN: Classes begin in March!
Dates are: March 15th; March 29th
April 5th; April 19th; April 26th
Snow date make up session: May 3rd

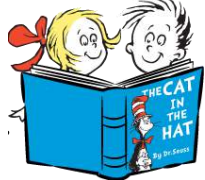



TIME: 6:15 p.m.—8:00pm. A healthy snack will be provided.

WHERE: Odebolt Middle School Conference Room

WHAT: A commitment from you to attend the classes and practice positive parenting techniques!

Childcare: We will provide childcare services for free

Call Jayne or April to register for class by March 10th.
** This class brought to you from a Sac County Child Abuse Prevention Council via Prevent Child Abuse Iowa Grant

Activity Calendar for March 2017						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	MARCH 1	2	3	4
Girls State Basketball Tournament - Des Moines						
WVC MS/HS Choir Festival @ Holstein 4:00 7/8 WR @ Sgt. Bluff		Hoagie Sales End 4:00 7/8 WR @ Spencer	1:00 Dismissal	All Iowa Honor Dance - Des Moines		
				6:00 OA Elem/MS TAG Family Challenge Night 6:00 BCIG Preschool Parent Mtg.	Read Across America 	Booster Club 6-8th B BB Tourney
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
4:00 7/8 WR @ Odebolt		10:00 NHS Inductions 3:45 MS Solo & Ensemble Contest @ Odebolt	1:00 Dismissal	6:00 OA Preschool Parent Mtg. 7:00 BCIG 4-5th Musical	7:00 MS Dance	State Indv. Speech Contest
Boys State Basketball Tournament - Des Moines						
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
HS Wrestling Banquet 6:30 School Board Mtg. @ Odebolt		Coyote Jazz Festival Hoagie Assembly @ Odebolt ASVAB Testing for Juniors 6:00 Cheerleading Try-Out Practice	3:30 Cheerleading Try-Out Practice 6:00 Love & Logic Class @ Odebolt	End of 3rd Quarter 5:00 Las Vegas Night @ Ida Grove 	NO SCHOOL-teacher work day 8:00 Dance Team Try-Outs 12:30 Cheerleading Try-Out Practice 1:00 Cheerleading Try-Outs	10:00 Track @ BVU Indoor
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
WVC MS/HS Band Festival @ Moville		2:30 Dismissal MS Frozen Food Sales Begin 4:00-7:30 PT Conferences		2:30 Dismissal WVC Art Show @ Mapleton 4:00-7:30 PT Conferences	NO SCHOOL 5:00 Father-Daughter Dance Grand March @ High School 6:00 Father-Daughter Dance sponsored by KEY Club @ High School	
OA Elementary Book Fair						
26	27	28	29	30	31	April 1
		OA 3-7th TAG Field Trip	6th NW AEA Math Bee @ Sioux City 6:00 Love & Logic Class @ Odebolt	FFA Banquet 	4:00 TR @ Ridgeview	2A State Music Solo & Ensemble Contest

Breakfast & Lunch Menus for March 2017

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>*Available only at the high school.</p>				
		<p>1 BCIG B: breakfast burrito, salsa BCIG L: fish sandwich, Elem-mixed green salad, corn, *salad bar, mandarin, oranges, apple OA B: French toast or cereal, peach cup and toast OA L: fish sandwich w/WG flatbread, cooked carrots, veggie sticks, apple</p>	<p>2 BCIG B: assorted cereal, WG toast BCIG L: mandarin chicken, broc-caulif salad, carrots, rice, PB sandwich, applesauce, banana OA B: breakfast bar or cereal, orange half and toast OA L: chicken gravy over potatoes, steamed broccoli, veggie sticks, banana, dinner roll w/butter</p>	<p>3 BCIG B: blueberry muffin, yogurt BCIG L: grilled cheese, tomato soup, celery—PB cup, Fruitables juice, pineapple, orange OA B: donut or cereal, banana half and toast OA L: cheese stick w/marinara, corn, veggie sticks, orange half, bread & jelly</p>
<p>6 BCIG B: breakfast pizza BCIG L: BBQ pork rib/WG bun, sweet potato tots, green beans, mixed fruit, apple OA B: biscuit & gravy or cereal, applesauce cup and toast OA L: pizza burger w/WG bun, baked beans, veggie sticks, peach cup</p>	<p>7 BCIG B: assorted cereal, WG toast BCIG L: spaghetti, spinach salad, peas, garlic toast, pears, orange OA B: cheese omelet or cereal, pear cup and toast OA L: pancakes & sausage, hash brown potatoes, veggie sticks, pineapple cup</p>	<p>8 BCIG B: egg patty, bacon, WG toast BCIG L: popcorn chicken, Elem-broccoli, cauliflower, carrots w/ranch, corn, *salad bar, apricots, apple OA B: breakfast pizza or cereal, peach cup and toast OA L: chicken strips, green beans, veggie sticks, apple</p>	<p>9 BCIG B: mini cinnis, *assorted cereal BCIG L: taco-in-a-bag, lettuce, tomato, cheese, salsa, black bean salad, rice krispy bar, applesauce cup, banana OA B: muffin or cereal, orange half and toast OA L: WG rotini pasta w meat sauce, spinach salad, veggie sticks, banana, WG breadstick</p>	<p>10 BCIG B: cheese omelet, WG toast BCIG L: cheese quesadilla, broc-caulif salad, carrots, sidekicks, orange OA B: pancakes or cereal, banana half and toast OA L: cheese pizza, cooked carrots, veggie sticks, orange half</p>
<p>13 BCIG B: pancakes w/syrup, *sausage BCIG L: hamburger w/WG bun, baked beans, potato salad, mandarin oranges, apple OA B: breakfast pizza or cereal, applesauce cup and toast OA L: pork patty w/WG bun, cooked carrots, veggie sticks, peach cup</p>	<p>14 BCIG B: assorted cereal, WG toast BCIG L: chili, carrots, celery, cinnamon roll, saltines, applesauce, orange OA B: breakfast stick or cereal, pear cup and toast OA L: hamburger patty w/WG bun, baked beans, veggie sticks, pineapple cup</p>	<p>15 BCIG B: cheese omelet, WG toast BCIG L: BBQ chicken breast w/WG bun, Elem-mixed green, salad, peas, *salad bar, Goldfish, apricots, apple OA B: waffles or cereal, peach cup and toast OA L: chili, spinach salad, veggie sticks, apple, cinnamon roll</p>	<p>16 BCIG B: ultimate breakfast round, *assorted cereal BCIG L: pepperoni pizza, green beans, Caesar salad, pineapple, orange OA B: egg & sausage biscuit or cereal, orange half and toast OA L: shamrock nuggets, corn, veggie sticks, banana, bread & jelly</p>	<p>17 NO SCHOOL</p> 
<p>20 BCIG B: breakfast pizza BCIG L: chicken patty w/WG bun, steamed broccoli w/cheese, corn, mixed fruit, apple OA B: French toast sticks or cereal, pear cup and toast OA L: taco-in-a-bag, corn, veggie sticks, peach cup</p>	<p>21 BCIG B: assorted cereal, WG toast BCIG L: meatball sub, sweet potato tots, marinated fresh veggie salad, strawberry applesauce cup, orange OA B: breakfast boat or cereal, applesauce cup and toast OA L: hot dog w/WG bun, baked beans, veggie sticks, pineapple cup</p>	<p>22 BCIG B: egg patty, bacon, WG toast BCIG L: chicken nuggets, Elem-mixed green salad, carrots, *salad bar, pears, apple OA B: cinnamon roll or cereal, peach cup and toast OA L: chicken patty w/WG bun, cooked carrots, veggie sticks, apple</p>	<p>23 BCIG B: glazed donut, *assorted cereal BCIG L: BBQ beef w/WG bun, cottage cheese, baked beans, coleslaw, peaches, orange OA B: breakfast bar or cereal, orange half and toast OA L: tater tot hot dish, steamed broccoli, veggie sticks, banana, bread & jelly</p>	<p>24 NO SCHOOL</p> 
<p>27 BCIG B: breakfast wrap, salsa BCIG L: turkey-in-gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, dinner roll, mandarin oranges, apple OA B: breakfast hot pocket or cereal, pear cup and toast OA L: scalloped potatoes & ham, green beans, veggie sticks, peach cup, bread & butter</p>	<p>28 BCIG B: assorted cereal, WG toast BCIG L: crispito, lettuce, tomato, cheese, salsa, taco fiesta beans, Spanish rice, applesauce, orange OA B: breakfast wrap or cereal, applesauce cup and toast OA L: fiestada pizza, corn, veggie sticks, pineapple cup</p>	<p>29 BCIG B: cereal bar, yogurt BCIG L: pork patty w/WG bun, Elem-Fruitables juice, corn, *salad bar, pineapple, apple OA B: breakfast pizza or cereal, peach cup and toast OA L: popcorn chicken, steamed broccoli, veggie sticks, apple, bread & jelly</p>	<p>30 BCIG B: mini strawberry bagels, *assorted cereal BCIG L: tavern w/WG bun, tator tots, peas, *PB sandwich, strawberries & bananas, orange OA B: egg & sausage patty or cereal, orange half & toast OA L: taco w/WG soft shell, refried beans, veggie sticks, banana, Spanish rice</p>	<p>31 BCIG B: cheese omelet, WG toast BCIG L: cheesesticks w/marinara, Caesar salad, carrots, mixed fruit, apple OA B: muffin or cereal, banana half and toast OA L: cheese bread w/marinara, cooked carrots, veggie sticks, orange half</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.

Procedures for Investigating Allegations of Abuse of Students by School Employees *Series 400, Code No. 402.3*

Physical or sexual abuse of students, including inappropriate and intentional sexual behavior, by employees will not be tolerated. The definition of employees for the purpose of this policy includes not only those who work for pay but also those who are volunteers of the school district under the direction and control of the school district. Employees found in violation of this policy will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including discharge.

The school district will respond promptly to allegations of abuse of students by school district employees by investigating or arranging for the investigation of an allegation. The processing of a complaint or allegation will be handled confidentially to the maximum extent possible. Employees are required to assist in the investigation when requested to provide information and to maintain the confidentiality of the reporting and investigation process.

The school district has appointed a Level I investigator and alternate Level I investigator. The school district has also arranged for a trained, experienced professional to serve as the Level II investigator. The Level I investigator and alternate will be provided training in the conducting of an investigation at the expense of the school district. The names of the investigators are listed in the student handbook published annually in the local newspaper and posted in all school facilities.

BCIG Elementary TAG **Mrs. Staci Rohlk, TAG Instructor**

Our focus this quarter has been on science and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics). The third graders became "flight design engineers" by creating FP-Gliders made of foam plates and various styles of paper airplanes. They were fortunate to get to tour the showroom of model airplanes at Byron Originals and got a glimpse of the history of Ida Grove's Aviation Expo. Fourth and fifth grade TAG students are exploring robotics and will experience an upcoming visit to Gomaco to see industrial robotics in action.



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