

OA-BCIG INSIGHTS

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



Conferences and Committee Work Dr. Nick Ouellette, Superintendent

We look forward to seeing our parents and students during our Spring Conferences on March 17 and 19. The High School and Middle School have walk-in conferences that allows parents to come in and visit with any and all of the teachers they would like. The elementary buildings schedule conferences with individual teachers, and you should have a time scheduled with your child's teacher. Conference are held in each of the respective buildings from 4:00 to 7:30 pm.

At the Board meeting in February, both Boards decided to move back to joint meetings on a monthly basis. In addition, we discussed the need to set a vision for the two districts and get on a path towards reorganization. In the coming month I will be looking for volunteers to serve on an OA-BCIG Strategic Planning Committee. This committee will help chart the course for the two districts and ultimately lead to a strong and lasting bond. Our plan will address where we want to be as a district by 2025 educationally, operationally, and collaboratively. Look for updates to come both on our website and through our alert system.

Should you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me directly. I can be reached by email nouvellette@oabcig.org or by phone OA 668-2289 or BCIG 364-2255. I look forward to hearing from you.

High School Happenings Mr. Patrick Miller, Principal

PROM

The March newsletter means that prom will soon be upon us. The OA-BCIG prom will be held on **April 18** at the Skate Palace. The Grand March will be held at the Ida Grove Community Center. Specific times will be announced at a later date.

Super Bowl Review: Praise for a Great Play or Criticism of Play Call

I would guess many of you watched the Super Bowl, or have at least heard about the Seahawks play call near the end of the game. It has been interesting listening to discussions and watching social media conversations. The discussion typically centers around the 'horrible' play call which led to the interception. Personally I thought the call was interesting, and originally thought it bad, but as I sat back and looked at the replay I became more impressed with the play of the Patriots defense. How great of play was that by both Malcolm Butler and Brandon Browner, among others. It had to be impossible to communicate; yet they both did their job and trusted their teammate to get their job done as well.

This day and age of Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and other tech outlets allow people from all over the world to voice their opinions to the multitudes. While the ability to communicate with, and learn from, people all over the world can be a wonderful tool, it can also be used as a way to voice frustration, often times negative.

Which brings me to the point of this article. Pete Carroll, while not my favorite NFL coach, or ex-college coach for that matter, is incredibly talented. He has demonstrated that he knows what it takes to win, and build programs to the very pinnacle of success. He won 89% of his games at USC including 2 National Titles, he has been to two Super Bowls in a very short time with the Seahawks, including winning Super Bowl XLVIII. What I struggle to comprehend is how so many people believe they know more than the Seahawks coaching staff. Had they scored a touchdown throwing the slant pass it would have been hailed as a fantastic call.

Unfortunately, people often take it upon themselves to heap criticism upon others decisions. This seems to be especially true in professions that are in the spotlight, local, national, or worldwide. Politicians, referees and coaches tend to be a few of the professions that seem to incur a great amount of wrath about their job performance. As a former coach I had fans of OA-BCIG, and our opponents, express their feelings to me about my performance. In the vast majority of cases our fans were very appropriate in how they addressed issues they felt strongly about, opponent's fans, well, not so much. Regardless, I urge you to sit back and think before you criticize anyone; refs, coaches, whomever. It is easy to say how you would handle various situations, but not so easy once you take on that role. Take pride in how you represent yourself, your school, and your family.

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Environmental Science
Tip of the Month

BCIG Elementary Happenings

Mr. Alan Henderson, Principal

The end of the 3rd quarter is March 5. As we head into the last quarter and the weather gets nicer, remember to keep reading with your child. It is so important for them to hear you read to help them hear what good reading sounds like. Hearing good reading can improve fluency.

Preschool Sign-Up

We will have our **preschool registration** night **March 12 at 6 p.m.** This is for all parents who have students who turn 4 by September 15 to come and hear about our program. It helps us know who is coming for the following year so we can be prepared

for your child. Please come and visit our teachers, their classrooms and sign your child up for preschool. We look forward to seeing you. If you can't make it, please call the office at 712-364-2360 to sign your child up.

Parent Teacher Conferences

March 17 and March 19 we will have parent teacher conferences. Please come at your assigned time to visit with your teacher, so we can make a plan for the remainder of the year, to help your child be as successful as they can be.

OA Elementary & OA-BCIG Middle School Happenings

Mr. Doug Mogensen, Principal

I want to congratulate Ms. Hoffman's second grade class for winning the traveling Falcon Feathers trophy for the month of February. This trophy represents the three R's of respect, responsibility, and readiness of the students. The class or the individual students can be given a Falcon Feather for showing good behavior. Ms. Hoffman's second graders will proudly display the trophy.

The elementary students have finished up the winter FAST assessment, and now we will continue to progress monitor students and provide interventions for students who are deficient according to the FAST data. The AEA team, teachers, and I continue to meet weekly to analyze the data and work through the planning of the interventions. Our current focus on improving reading, informing parents, and providing necessary interventions is our effort to meet the Iowa legislative requirements to have all students proficient readers in third grade. By 2017 all students

are required to be proficient in reading. Please call the school if you have questions about your child's reading progress.

Now that the University of Iowa is no longer sponsoring Invent Iowa, we will have our own version of this for our elementary and middle school students. Mrs. Jensen will be putting this together to help students participate and share their talents of inventing. The plan is to have student share their ideas and inventions during the beginning of March.

I encourage parents of middle school students to have conversations with their children about their school day. When you hear, "school was boring; I learned nothing new today," I reassure you that something new was taught. You can check assignments on the middle school webpage, <http://www.oabcig.org/pages/oa-bcig-middle-school> by clicking on Middle School Assignments on the left of the page. This will open up a document that

has the days/weeks assignments. You will be able to see homework which covers their new learning.

In order to help us prepare for our 2015-16 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, 2015, and will be attending the OA Preschool Program. Preschool classes will run from 8:20-12:30 daily, and transportation is available.

MARCH Dates to Remember:

March 5-End of 3rd Quarter
 March 6-10 No School
 March 16-19 Elementary Book Fair in the Elementary Library
 March 17 and March 19 Parent-Teacher Conferences 4:00-7:30—Dismissal @ 2:30
 March 20-No School
 March 23-2:00 dismissal—Professional Development for Teachers

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. Hadden or emailed to her at khadden@oabcig.org as the Multimedia class will be creating the video this year. Please have them turned in April 2, 2015.

Library Listings

Mrs. Mary Rohlk, K-12 Librarian

The Odebolt Arthur Elementary Library will be hosting their annual **Scholastic Book Fair** during parent teacher conferences, **March 17 & 19**. The book fair will also be open during the school day, **March 16-19**.

There are several ways for the community to support the book fair. 1). Purchase books for your children or grandchildren at the book fair. The school receives 50-60% of each purchase. 2). Order from the Online book fair which begins on March 8. This link can be found on our book fair webpage, <http://goo.gl/wvb1RY>. Spread the word to family from afar. Anyone may order from the online fair, but the books will be shipped to our school. 3). Support the "All for Books" campaign. **All** donated money goes towards books for our school library. In turn, Scholastic donates to an organization which supports children experiencing a distressed situation. Scholastic donates one book for each dollar donated to OA during this campaign. If you would like to write a check, please make it payable to Odebolt Arthur Schools. *All for Books* donations may be sent with your child or dropped off at the building office between March 2 and March 6.

Watch the *Chronicle* for more details. Information will also be sent home with PreK-5th grade students. We hope to see you at the book fair! There will be more books than ever before and we hope to make this book fair the best one ever!



Measles Outbreak

Mrs. Angie Kastner, School Nurse

In the last couple months there has been an eruption of information and discussion on measles. So you may ask why are we hearing about measles again? In recent years there are more reported measles cases compared to previous years. Experts contribute this to more pockets of unvaccinated people and more measles cases in countries where we travel to and then return to the U.S.

Measles is a serious respiratory disease (in the lungs and breathing tubes) that causes a rash and fever. It is very contagious. In rare cases, it can be deadly. Before the measles vaccination program started in 1963, it is estimated that about 3 to 4 million people got measles each year in the United States. Of those people, 400 to 500 died, 48,000 were hospitalized, and 4,000 developed encephalitis (brain swelling) from

measles. Since the development and implementation of the vaccination program, measles rates have drastically reduced to a point in 2000 that the CDC declared measles eliminated (which means that there is an absence of continuous disease transmission for greater than 12 months). This is because the measles vaccine is very effective, the recommended two doses is 97% effective in preventing measles.

Why do we have pockets of unvaccinated people? For a period of time parents, against the medical advice of their health care providers, would choose not to vaccinate their children. In contrary to the personal beliefs and the beliefs of celebrities, it is scientifically proven that there is NO link between the measles vaccine and Autism. This was one false belief that led parents to not

vaccinate their children, which now poses a health risk to those who may contract the disease.

It is my recommendation that when it comes to the health of children, utilize experts like doctors and nurses for information on diseases and vaccines. Understand that anyone can post anything on the Internet, even if it is not scientifically supported or proven. If looking up health information on the Internet, make sure it is a trustworthy site that provides accurate information, not personal opinions.

For current and accurate measles information visit: Centers for Disease Control www.cdc.gov or the Iowa Department of Public Health www.idph.state.ia.us

Guidance Notes

Mrs. Angela Lensch, High School Counselor

Scholarships, Scholarships, Scholarships

As we begin our spring semester, many scholarship deadlines will be coming soon. Please have conversations with your student about applying for scholarships that are made available.

In addition to the monthly scholarships sent out to students, the **OABCIG Dollars for Scholars application** is now available. Please visit my website for the link to begin the application. This scholarships is **due on March 15**.

Scholarship Page- <https://sites.google.com/a/oabcig.org/mrs-lensch-oa-bcig-professional-school-counseling/scholarships>

Registration

Please be in conversation with your student(s) regarding making wise decisions about courses for next school year. E-mail me at alensch@oabcig.org with questions regarding registration.

ACT Testing Dates and Deadlines

Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)
April 18, 2015	March 13, 2015	March 14–27, 2015
June 13, 2015	May 8, 2015	May 9–22, 2015

The testing site is Denison Community High School.



OA-BCIG Music Boosters LAS VEGAS NIGHT

Thursday, March 5, 2015

Supper begins @ 5:00 pm
in the HS cafeteria

Games from 6:00-8:00 pm in the HS gym

Chance booth drawings @ 7:30 pm

Followed by raffle drawings

ENTERTAINMENT

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



Last Minute Tips for Seniors applying for the OABCIG 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 OABCIG 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.

21th Annual Whitey Thompson Hike-Bike-A-Thon Wednesday, May 6, 2015

When: Wednesday, May 6, 2015

Where: Starts and ends at Skate Palace in Ida Grove.

Prizes: Chance to win bike, Nike shoes, and Chamber bucks. T-shirt to all participants with 15 sponsor letters.

Safety: Bank employees and volunteers stationed along the route.

Refreshments: After the event at the Skate Palace.

Transportation: Bikes and kids will be picked up in Odebolt and transported to Ida Grove.

How it works:

- ◆ Students will receive brochure/consent form the week of March 9th.
- ◆ When student brings signed consent form back to school, they get a packet of sponsor letters.
- ◆ Complete sponsor letters and return to any school or United Bank of Iowa office by **March 27**.

NOTE: It is very important to **return sponsor letters by March 27**. The letters are sent as a bulk mailing, so late packets cause delays and cost extra postage. Students who turn in packets late may not get a T-shirt.

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All proceed go the OABCIG Dollars for Scholars

OA Preschool Celebrates 100th Day of School Ms. Reann Marra, OA Preschool Teacher

Our class celebrated our 100th day of school! There are so many fun activities that we celebrated ALL week long! Each student had a great time making their own collection of 100 items, 100 stickers crown, 100 snacks, and we found 100 hidden Hershey kisses and put the kisses on a number line! We had a great time celebrating our 100th day of school!



OA-BCIG Athletics Hoagie Sales to Begin

Mr. Larry Allen, Activities Director

OA-BCIG High School and Middle School students will once again be selling hoagie sandwiches February 24 through March 11, with pick-up/delivery date of March 24. They will be sold in multiples of 2 with a cost of \$2.50 each and a minimum order of 4 hoagies. The famous hoagie is a 6-inch sandwich on a bakery fresh bun, made with 3 meats and 2 slices of cheese.

Since 1987, a total of 182,774 sandwiches have been sold. This is the major moneymaker each year for the Athletic Department. The funds are used to purchase uniforms, equipment, etc., for all OA-BCIG High School & Middle School athletes.

Please call your favorite OA-BCIG student or call the middle school at 668-2827 to order your delicious hoagies today!

As the winter activities have concluded, March is a “SPRING” board to some new activities for our students. Please check the school calendar for exact times and any changes to the schedules.

- March 2 WVC MS/HS Honor Band - Mapleton
- March 5 OA-BCIG Las Vegas Night – Music Department - Ida Grove
- March 7 All-Iowa Dance Team Performance - Des Moines
- March 13 FFA Banquet - Ida Grove
- March 14 BVU Solo Ensemble Festival - Storm Lake
- March 14 OA-BCIG Dance Night - Ida Grove
- March 16 HS Quiz Bowl - Moville
- March 19-22 HS Music Trip to Chicago
- March 23 WVC HS/MS Band Festival - Onawa
- March 24 Hoagie Assembly - Odebolt
- March 26 WVC Art Show - Kingsley
- March 31 OA Elementary & OA-BCIG MS TAG Sharing Night - Odebolt



Blood Drive

Wednesday, March 25

8:30-2:00

OA-BCIG High School Gym

hosted by Student Council

What is At-Risk, Part III

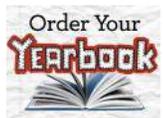
Mrs. April Wells, At-Risk Coordinator

Last month I reviewed at risk factors related to the Individual Domain. Today I will review the Family Domain. These are factors related to family background and home experiences that can affect students. Again, it is important to remember that these factors alone do not single out a student as at-risk, but found in combination with other risk factors, increase the student’s chances of having some difficulties in school.

- **Background characteristics** (socioeconomic status (SES)--parental education, income, occupational level, youth in non-English speaking homes, family structure--single-parent, step-parent)
- **Level of household stress** (substance use, family conflict, family financial or health problems, moving, death, divorce/remarriage)
- **Family dynamics** (family processes and relationships, quality of early care-giving and mother-child relationships, low monitoring of everyday activities, have no curfew on school nights or who have a high degree of regulation)
- **Attitudes, values, and beliefs about education** (Parents’ attitudes, values, and beliefs about education, low parental educational expectations have been found to be linked to higher rates, if parents also dropped out of school or a sibling has dropped out)
- **Behavior related to education** (parents’ actions related to education, rarely talk to their child about school or get involved in school activities, a lack of study aids at home, parent monitoring homework)

OA-BCIG is dedicated to helping families be successful. We continue to try to work together with families when common and not so common life events affect students and families. If ever you feel more assistance is needed, please know you can contact the school and visit with the counselors, administration or myself.

Source: Iowa Department of Education website



Time is Running Out to Order Your 2015 Yearbook

Time is quickly running out to get your 2014-2015 OA-BCIG yearbook ordered. Yearbooks feature school photos of all students in the district from preschool-seniors, faculty, extracurricular groups/teams, and special events/activities at the high school throughout the school year.

Last day to order is May 4, 2015. Cost is \$50.

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



BCIG Elementary Talented & Gifted News

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 toured the showroom of model airplanes at Byron Originals and got a glimpse of the history of Ida Grove's Aviation Expo. Fourth grade TAG students created Jet Toys where they experimented with engineering design, jet propulsion, and simple machines. Fifth graders have examined the concepts of elastic and gravitational potential energy, as well as kinetic energy and have begun creating and testing their own models of gravity cruisers.



FFA News

Mrs. Rachel Stoberl, FFA Adviser

Spring becomes a very busy time for the OA-BCIG FFA. This year we have several kids participating in many of the FFA activities available. Read below to find out more or check us out on Facebook and Twitter!

Best of luck to Erin Burk and FFA President, Katlyn Cowlham, as they have applied to receive their Iowa FFA Degree. The Iowa FFA Degree is a rigorous process in which the students must keep and maintain accurate records of their Supervised Agricultural Experience. The Iowa FFA Degree is the highest rank that can be conferred upon active members by the Iowa FFA Association and must meet the following requirements: received the Chapter FFA Degree, been an active FFA member for at least two years, completed 360 hours of systematic school instruction in Agriculture Education, earned or invested at least \$1,000 or worked at least 300 hours for their SAE, participated in at least 25 additional hours of community service activities, demonstrate leadership abilities through parliamentary law, giving a speech, and serving the chapter, satisfactory scholastic record, helped with the chapter Program of Activities, and participated in approved FFA activities.

Another big event going on early this spring is District FFA Officer Interviews. We want to wish Jaden Uhl luck as she anxiously awaits the results. If she is selected at the interviews, she will then go on to District Convention where she will give a speech in front of all of the delegates

from the Northwest District. Best of luck Jaden!

Spring also brings with it our Sub-District contest, District contest, and State Leadership Conference. We have several students competing at the sub-district level: Katie Knudsen, Kent Krager, Hunter Lindgren, Jaden Uhl, and Daltyn Swanger. If they are in the top for their particular event, they will be advancing to districts. If they are in the top for their event at the district level, they then advance on to the state competition in April. If you see any of these students, please wish them good luck!

On January 30, we filled a suburban and headed east to attend a Cow/Calf Conference and Farm Show in Ottumwa, Iowa. Students in attendance were Hunter Lindgren, Kyle Knudsen, Erin Burk, Trey Riessen, Clayton Mandernach, Hayden Roeder, and Elliott Bengford. During the day we attended many different workshops and walked around a vendor fair. The first session that students attended was about training and utilizing working cow dogs. There was a live demonstration using two dogs. Other sessions throughout the day that we attended were: information sessions about Cargill's daily operations and products, tax programs for young farmers, usage of drones on farms, and the pork industry in Iowa. We ended the day with a reception for all FFA members that were in attendance.

In early February, the National FFA Scholarship Applications were due. The OA-BCIG FFA chapter is proud to

announce that we had seven applicants. We would like to wish those seven the best of luck: Kyle Knudsen, Karlie Mandernach, Erin Burk, Katlyn Cowlham, Wesley Swanger, Hunter Lindgren, and Kent Krager.

Please mark your calendars for our annual **FFA Banquet, Friday, March 13** 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 receive a formal invitation, please email rstoberl@oabcig.org with your name and address.

Upcoming Deadlines--There are many important dates coming up quickly. First, the OA-BCIG FFA Scholarship applications are due no later than Thursday, March 5. Mrs. Stoberl needs to know the maximum amount of FFA tags you will need for ALL animals being shown in FFA no later than March 26. If you don't tell me an accurate number and are in need of more tags than you requested, we might run out. If you or someone you know would like to run for FFA office, applications are due Thursday, March 5. Late applications will not be accepted as we are electing at our March meeting and they may be inducted during the banquet.

PROGRAM FOR TALENTED AND GIFTED STUDENTS

Code No. 604.3

The board recognizes some students require programming beyond the regular education program. The board will identify students with special abilities and provide education programming.

It is the responsibility of the superintendent to develop a talented and gifted program which provides for identifying students, for program evaluation, and for training of employees.

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CORPORAL PUNISHMENT

Code No. 503.5

Corporal punishment is defined as the intentional physical punishment of a student and is prohibited. It includes the use of unreasonable or unnecessary physical force or physical contact made with the intent to harm or cause pain. No employee is prohibited from:

- Using reasonable and necessary force, not designed or intended to cause pain, in order to accomplish any of the following:
 - ◆ To quell a disturbance or prevent an act that threatens physical harm to any person
 - ◆ To obtain possession of a weapon or other dangerous object within a pupil’s control
 - ◆ For the purposes of self-defense or defense of others as provided for in Iowa Code Section 704.3
 - ◆ For the protection of property as provided for in Iowa Code section 704.4 or 704.5
 - ◆ To remove a disruptive pupil from class or any area of school premises, or from school-sponsored activities off school premises
 - ◆ To protect a student from the self-infliction of harm
 - ◆ To protect the safety of others
- Using incidental, minor or reasonable contact to maintain order and control.

Reasonable physical force should be commensurate with the circumstances of the situation. The following factors should be considered in using reasonable physical force for the reasons stated in this policy:

1. The size and physical, mental and psychological condition of the student;
2. The nature of the student’s behavior or misconduct provoking the use of physical force;
3. The instrumentality used in applying the physical force;
4. The extent and nature of resulting injury to the student, if any;
5. The motivation of the school employee using physical force.

Upon request, the student’s parents shall be given an explanation of the reasons for physical force. It shall be the responsibility of the superintendent to develop administrative regulations regarding this policy.

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ANNUAL HOAGIE SALES

February 24– March 11th

2 Sandwiches for \$6.00

3 Meats: Ham • Turkey • Summer Sausage

2 Cheeses: American • Swiss

Assembly & Delivery Date is Tuesday, March 24th

Students in grades 6th – 12th are taking orders.

Call your favorite OA-BCIG student or call the Middle School at 668-2827

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SECTION 504 STUDENT AND PARENTAL RIGHTS

Code No. 102.E4

The Odebolt-Arthur Community School District and the Battle Creek-Ida Grove Community School District does not discriminate in its educational programs and activities on the basis of a student's disability. It has been determined that your child has a qualifying disability for which accommodations may need to be made to meet his or her individual needs as adequately as the needs of other students. As a parent, you have the right to the following:

- Participation of your child in school district programs and activities, including extracurricular programs and activities, to the maximum extent appropriate, free of discrimination based upon the student's disability and at the same level as students without disabilities;
- Receipt of free educational services to the extent they are provided to students without disabilities;
- Receipt of information about your child and your child's educational programs and activities in your native language;
- Notice of identification of your child as having a qualifying disability for which accommodations may need to be made and notice prior to evaluation and placement of your child and right to periodically request a re-evaluation of your child;
- Inspect and review your child's educational records including a right to copy those records for a reasonable fee; you also have the right to ask the school district to amend your child's educational records if you feel the information in the records is misleading or inaccurate; should the school district refuse to amend the records, you have a right to a hearing and to place an explanatory letter in your child's file explaining why you feel the records are misleading or inaccurate;
- Hearing before an impartial hearing officer if you disagree with your child's evaluation or placement, you have a right to counsel at the hearing and have the decision of the impartial hearing officer reviewed.

Inquiries concerning the school district's compliance with the regulations implementing Title VI, Title IX, and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), §504 or *Iowa Code §280.3* should be directed to:

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O-A Elementary Principal
600 S Maple Street
Odebolt, Iowa 51458
Phone: 712-668-2827

Alan Henderson
BC-IG Elementary Principal
403 Barnes Street
Ida Grove, Iowa 51445
Phone: 712-364-2360

Who have been designated by the school district to coordinate the school districts' efforts to comply with the regulations implementing Title VI, Title IX, the ADA, §504 and *Iowa Code §280.3*.

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OPEN ENROLLMENT

Iowa Open Enrollment law allows parents/guardians to enroll their child in a district other than their district of residence without paying tuition by completing a timely filed open enrollment application. Open Enrollment applications are available from any Iowa School District, Area Education Agency or the State Department of Education. An application must be completed for *each* child and filed with the *receiving school district*.

Open enrollment applications must be filed with the receiving district by March 1 of the school year preceding the school year for which open enrollment is requested. For example, an application must be filed by March 1, 2015, in order to be approved for the 2015/2016 school year. For Kindergarten students the deadline is September 1.

Exceptions to these deadlines are as follows:

- Students currently living in and attending an Iowa district, and whose family moves to another Iowa district, but the student wants to remain in the original district;
- Students, who move into the district from out of state or for another reason considered to be good cause, as listed in the open enrollment law, may have the deadline waived.

Once an application is approved, your child may continue in the receiving district until they graduate, your move from your resident district or the parent rescinds the application. You do not need to reapply each year.

High School students who transfer school districts through open enrollment have a 90 school day waiting period to participate in varsity athletic competition, although they may practice with the team during this time. However, the student may participate immediately in a varsity interscholastic sport if the student is entering grade nine for the first time and did not participate in an interscholastic competition for another school or school district during the summer immediately following 8th grade.

If a parent/guardian meets income eligibility guidelines for transportation assistance, application for that assistance should be filed with the resident district. Transportation assistance is available only between contiguous districts. Income eligibility guidelines are available with the open enrollment application packet.

Can an Open Enrollment Application be denied? A request can be denied if the filing deadlines are not met, if the resident district has a diversity plan that would be adversely affected, if there is not classroom space available for the student or if the student is under suspension or expulsion from his/her current school district. Out of state residents are not eligible for open enrollment and would need to pay tuition to attend.

If you have any questions about open enrollment regulations, please contact the Superintendent.

Hollywood Movie Premiere

OA-BCIG Dance Team

would like to invite your to our

DANCE CLINIC



What: OA-BCIG Dance Clinic and Dance Night

When: Saturday, March 14, 2015

Where: OA-BCIG High School

Time: 8:30-11:30 am (Dance Clinic)

DANCE NIGHT

4:30-6:30 pm Dinner will be served

4:30-6:30 pm Chance Booth Open

7:00 pm Dance performances begin

The dance clinic is open to any OA-BCIG student in grades preschool through 8th grade. Each group will learn a short routine that they will perform that same evening during our dance night.

There is a \$10.00 registration fee for the clinic, which includes: a t-shirt, snack, meal, and admission to dance night. Please invite your family and friends to join you that evening for dinner and some great entertainment from area high schools and studios. The meal will cost \$5.00. Admission to the performance will be \$3.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children. Please detach the bottom portion of this form and return it to your classroom by February 27th.

If you have any questions please call

Kelsie Nettles at 364-2360 or email at knettles@oabcig.org.

Student's Name: _____ Grade: _____

Teacher: _____

Parent(s): _____

Phone #: _____ Cell #: _____

T-shirt size: Please circle one

Youth: S M L Adult: S M L XL

I will not hold the OA-BCIG school district or dance team responsible for any injuries during our dance clinic or dance night.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Return by February 27th Please make checks payable to: OA-BCIG Dance Team.

Activity Calendar for March 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Girls State Basketball Tournament					
	WVC MS/HS Honor Choir @ Mapleton 4:00 MS Wrestling @ Sgt. Bluff	NW ICDA MS Choral Clinic @ West Sioux 4:00 MS Wrestling @ Spencer 		End of 3rd Quarter 5:00 Las Vegas Night @ IG	NO SCHOOL-Spring Break  State Robotics @ Coralville	All Iowa Dance Team Performance @ Des Moines FFA District Convention 8:00 Booster Club 6th-8th Boys BB Tourney State Robotics Competition @ Coralville
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	Boys State Basketball Tournament					
	NO SCHOOL-Spring Break	NO SCHOOL-Spring Break	4th Quarter Begins Hoagie Sales End	4:00 MS Wrestling @ Odebolt 6:00 BCIG 4 yr old preschool registration night	7:00 FFA Banquet @ IG	BVU Solo/Ensemble Festival @ Storm Lake State Indv. Speech Contest @ Sibley 8:30 Dance Team Jr. Camp @ IG 7:00 Dance Night @ IG
						
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	OA Elem./OA-BCIG MS Book Fair					
	HS Quiz Bowl @ Woodbury Central 6:30 Joint School Board Mtg. @ Odebolt	2:30 Early Dismissal 4:00-7:00 Parent-Teacher Conferences		2:30 Early Dismissal 4:00-7:00 Parent-Teacher Conferences		10:00 HS Indoor Track @ BVU
	HS Music Trip to Chicago					
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
HS Music Trip to Chicago	WVC MS/HS Band Festival @ Onawa	3:30 Hoagie Assembly @ Odebolt	8:30-2:00 Student Council Blood Drive @ IG 2:00 Dismissal 	WVC Art Show @ Kingsley		
29	30	31	April 1	2	3	4
		4:00 HS Ridge View Track Meet @ Holstein 6:00 OA Elem/OA-BCIG MS TAG Sharing Night @ Odebolt	FFA State Tag Order Due		NO SCHOOL-Easter Break	

Breakfast & Lunch Menus for March 2015

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>2 BCIG B: WG biscuit & Country Gravy, *sausage BCIG L: chicken patty w/WG bun, broccoli w/cheese sauce, cherry tomatoes, *cucumbers, pears, orange OA B: blueberry muffin, HB egg OA L: chicken patty w/WG bun, green beans, cucumbers, lettuce, diced strawberries</p>	<p>3 BCIG B: cereal, WG toast BCIG L: beef tips, mashed potatoes, butter sandwich, mandarin oranges, apple OA B: French toast sticks, string cheese OA L: beef tips over mashed potatoes, corn, peaches, dinner roll</p>	<p>4 BCIG B: cheese omelet, WG toast BCIG L: popcorn chicken, Elem-mixed green salad, perfect pinto beans, *fresh veggie bar, PB sandwich, straw-applesauce, orange OA B: WG cinn. roll OA L: orange chicken, brown rice, broccoli, lettuce, mixed fruit, fortune cookie, dinner roll</p>	<p>5 BCIG B: ultimate breakfast round, *cereal BCIG L: tavern w/WG bun, smiley fries, carrots, *animal crackers, pineapple, apple OA B: Nutrigrain bar, string cheese OA L: brd. pork patty w/WG bun, peas, grapes, carrots, lettuce</p>	<p>6 NO SCHOOL Spring Break</p> 
<p>9 NO SCHOOL Spring Break</p> 	<p>10 NO SCHOOL Spring Break</p>	<p>11 BCIG B: sausage pancake wrap BCIG L: BBQ pork rib w/WG bun, baked beans, spinach salad, mixed fruit, apple OA B: WG donut, string cheese OA L: cheese stuffed bread stick, marinara sauce, carrots, pears, lettuce</p>	<p>12 BCIG B: WG pop tart, cereal BCIG L: sausage pizza, corn, marinated fresh veggie salad, jello, *cottage cheese, peaches, banana OA B: mini WG choc. chip pancakes, sausage patty OA L: weiner winks, corn, broccoli, lettuce, mixed fruit, pretzels</p>	<p>13 BCIG B: cheese omelet, EG toast BCIG L: grilled cheese, tomato soup, celery-PB cup, carrots, applesauce, orange OA B: poptarts, yogurt OA L: cheese pizza, cucumbers, cauliflower, lettuce, pineapple</p>
<p>16 BCIG B: breakfast pizza BCIG L: hamburger w/WG bun, sweet potato tots, green beans, pears, orange OA B: WG long john, HB egg OA L: lt. breaded chicken patty, peas, apples, lettuce, celery, radishes, pudding</p>	<p>17 BCIG B: cereal, WG toast BCIG L: taco-in-a-bag, lettuce, tomato, cheese, salsa, black bean salad, rice crispy bar, apricots, apple OA B: apple frugal, string cheese OA L: honey mustard wrap, cucumbers, lettuce, red peppers, rice crispy bar</p>	<p>18 BCIG B: egg patty, bacon, WG toast BCIG L: turkey/cheese sandwich, Elem-cucumbers, peas, *fresh veggie bar, applesauce cup, orange OA B: WG cinn. roll, yogurt OA L: mac & cheese, green beans, mandarine oranges, romaine lettuce, broccoli, dinner roll</p>	<p>19 BCIG B: blueberry muffin, yogurt BCIG L: French toast sticks, sausage, hash brown, celery/carrot sticks, mandarin oranges, apple OA B: breakfast pizza OA L: turkey corn dog, sun chips, lettuce, cucumbers, applesauce</p>	<p>20 NO SCHOOL</p> 
<p>23 BCIG B: ham-egg-cheese bar, WG toast BCIG L: spaghetti w/meat sauce, tossed salad, *mixed vegetables, garlic bread, pineapple, orange OA B: WG donut, yogurt OA L: maidrites w/WG bun, green beans, broccoli, cauliflower, lettuce, pineapple</p>	<p>24 BCIG B: cereal, WG toast BCIG L: BBQ shredded pork w/WG bun, baked beans, potato salad, mixed fruit, apple OA B: breakfast bagel OA L: hamburger w/WG bun, tomato, pickles, onion, lettuce, cooked carrots, strawberry applesauce</p>	<p>25 BCIG B: cheese omelet, WG toast BCIG L: chicken nuggets, Elem-mixed green salad, *fresh veggie bar, sidekicks, orange OA B: WG cinn. roll, HB egg OA L: chicken nuggets, celery, cucumbers, pears, lettuce, dinner roll</p>	<p>26 BCIG B: long john, *cereal BCIG L: cheesesticks w/marinara, corn, Tex-Mex pasta salad, strawberries & bananas, apple OA B: ultimate breakfast cookie, yogurt OA L: softshell taco, refried beans, salsa, shredded cheese, tomato, apple crisp, banana</p>	<p>27 BCIG B: breakfast wrap, salsa BCIG L: fish patty w/WG bun, French fries, green beans, uncrustable, mandarin oranges, apple OA B: egg, toast OA L: fish patty w/WG bun, coleslaw, corn, peaches, broccoli, sherbert cup</p>
<p>30 BCIG B: sausage breakfast bagel, *oatmeal to go BCIG L: mandarin orange chicken, brown rice, carrots, broc-cauli salad, apricots, apple OA B: WG long john, string cheese OA L: popcorn chicken, gr. beans, carrots, tropical fruit, romaine lettuce, dinner roll</p>	<p>31 BCIG B: cereal bar, WG toast BCIG L: ham slice, au gratin potatoes, green beans, dinner roll, cookie, pears, orange OA B: egg wrap OA L: turkey burger w/WG bun, tomato, pickles, onion, peas, apples, lettuce</p>		<p><i>In accordance with Federal Law and USDA policy, this institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.</i></p> <p><i>Milk choice, fruit and juice served daily.</i></p> <p><i>All breads are whole grain.</i></p> <p><i>*Available only at the high school.</i></p>	

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We will do everything possible to ensure everyone in the BCIG Community becomes the best that he or she can be!

As an agent of the community and society, the OA School's purpose is to provide an environment where all persons shall develop life skills by learning to learn.

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Odebolt-Arthur Preschool Parent Meeting

Who: For parents of a child who is 4 years old by September 15, 2015

When: Monday, April 6 @ 5:30

Where: Odebolt-Arthur Elementary School Library

What to Bring: Birth Certificates and Immunization Papers

****Please call the school at 668-2767 if you plan on having your child attend preschool in the fall****

Odebolt-Arthur Preschool Roundup

Who: Any child that is 4 years old by September 15, 2015 that is planning to attend preschool in the fall of 2015

When: Friday, April 17, 2015 from 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Where: Odebolt-Arthur Elementary Preschool Classroom

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