

# OA-BCIG INSIGHTS

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



## In Conclusion

### Dr. Nick Ouellette, Superintendent

We have had another outstanding year at OA & BCIG Schools. Our kids and staff have represented our communities on a variety of stages from state competitions to performing for our local patrons. Our kids are the reason so many people work so hard in and around our districts. Our greatest asset we have is our kids. As we continue to move forward as a strong educational community we will continually need to keep in mind what is best for our greatest asset, kids. I believe we have some of the greatest people working for our districts that do just that.

From the teacher that works with students to make sure all kids are learning, to

the maintenance individuals who ensures that our kids and staff have the best possible learning environment. From our associates that work one on one with our kids to meet individual needs, to our administrators that work to lead in a way that improves student achievement. From our kitchen staff that ensure our kids are able to concentrate on learning and not hunger during the day, to the secretaries and central office staff who answer questions of parents and staff throughout the year to put people at ease. From the bus drivers who have dedicated themselves to guaranteeing our kids get to school safely while providing a welcoming

start to their day, to the coaches of the district who try to motivate our kids to reach their fullest potential. From the school board members who work to balance the needs of the students with the wants of the communities, to the countless other volunteers who give freely of their time to the students of the district.

All of these individuals have worked hard this year to make sure that all of our kids have the best possible educational experience they can. To everyone that is employed by the district, volunteers for the district, or supports the districts, I say thank you and have a great summer break.

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## High School Happenings

### Mr. Patrick Miller, Principal

A couple notes as we wind down the school year. First I want to thank the graduating seniors, and their parents, for four great years. The class of 2015 has accomplished a great deal during their time at OA-BCIG High School. It has been a pleasure getting to know these young men and women. One of the best things about working in the school system is seeing the growth and maturity of our students over the years. I have great expectations for the class of 2015 in college and beyond.

A few dates of note:

- May 1 – Senior Service Day
- May 12 – Senior Awards Night practice at 3:00
- May 13 – Senior Awards Night
- May 14 – Senior Breakfast and Commencement practice
- May 17 – Commencement

**Semester tests** at the high school will be held on **Thursday May 21** and **Friday May 22**. Periods 2, 4, 6 and 8 will be testing on Thursday, May 21, and periods 1, 3, 5, 7 will be testing on Friday, May 22. This is a change from past practice as we have typically tested odd periods on the first day and even on the second day. Please encourage your children to prepare and perform to the best of their ability.

## ADMINISTRATION

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OA-BCIG schools will rollover to a **new 1:1 device** during the 2016-2017 academic year. We are forming a committee of students, teachers, parents, and community members who are interested in helping us look for our next 1:1 device. If you are interested in joining this committee, please contact Julie Weeda at [712-364-3371](tel:712-364-3371) or by email [jweeda@oabcig.org](mailto:jweeda@oabcig.org).

## OA Elementary & OA-BCIG Middle School Happenings

### Mr. Doug Mogensen, Principal

The school year has gone by quickly, and it seems like yesterday we opened our doors for our Fall Open House. There are a lot of great things happening at OA Elementary and OA-BCIG Middle School that makes us proud. Our Iowa Assessment scores saw increases in many areas. This reflects a dedication from the staff and the great effort of our students. In the elementary you can see that responsibility, respect, and ready is important when you see all the earned Falcon feathers. The "I Can" bulletin board in the main hallway gives you a glimpse of the learning that goes on in the classroom. The middle school continues to see the large number of students who are successful in the classroom as evidenced by the number of students on the gold and silver honor roll.

May 4 will be the 5th grade orientation visit to the Middle School. This will include a guided tour, information about classes and expectations for next year, and time to answer questions. Eighth grade students will visit the high school for their orientation in early May.

May is a very busy month with field trips, field day, and various other activities. We will always try to keep parents updated

as best as possible to all the upcoming events we have in the elementary and middle school.

As the summer approaches, kids are often more restless and distracted at school. You can help make sure that their last weeks of school are productive by ensuring that they begin the day with a nutritious breakfast.

Studies show a good breakfast makes kids more alert, less distractible and better behaved in school; it even improves their test scores. Let's keep our children focused by making sure they begin every school day with a balanced meal at home or at school.

Please remind your children who are riding bikes to and from school, that when other students are present on school grounds, that the bicycles are to be walked. This is really important after school as there is a lot of foot traffic. We are trying to avoid an incident or two.

With the warmer weather on the way, it is good to revisit the dress code. The following is taken from Code No. 502.1 of board policy which addresses student appearance: The board expects students to

be clean and well-groomed, wear clothes in good repair and appropriate for the time, place and occasion. Clothing or other apparel promoting products illegal for use by minors and clothing displaying obscene material, profanity, or reference to prohibited conduct are disallowed. While the primary responsibility for appearance lies with the students and their parents, appearance disruptive to the education program will not be tolerated. When, in the judgment of a principal, a student's appearance or mode of dress disrupts the educational process or constitutes a threat to health or safety, the student may be required to make modifications.

With the end of the year approaching, we will continue to hold high expectations for academic output, behavior, and attendance. Teachers will expect hard work and continue to assign learning activities as we still have much teaching and learning to do. I want to thank you all for your help and support this year. I very much appreciate your support as well as feedback and suggestions; we can't always tell how our actions and responses to issues are perceived by students or parents, so your input is very important to us.

## Senior Information



**Senior Song:** "Give Me Back My Hometown" by Eric Church

**Senior Flower:** White Rose

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

**Friday, May 1:** Senior Service Day

**Friday May 1:** Caps and gowns may be picked up from Mrs. Sadler in her room. Picking them up early allows for changes or alterations if there is an improper fit.

**Tuesday, May 12:** Seniors will practice for awards night at 3:00.

**Wednesday, May 13:** Seniors will check out of ALL classes. Non-teaching signatures are to be obtained during study halls. Seniors will turn in completed sheets to their 8<sup>th</sup> hour teacher. Please note, checking out includes making sure all academic and financial obligations are taken care of. **All senior grades must be completed and turned in to teachers when you check out of that class - no exceptions.**

**Wednesday, May 13:** Senior Dinner/Video and Senior Awards Night in the H.S. cafeteria. Dinner serving will **begin at 5:45** p.m. with the senior video to be shown after dinner. Senior Awards will be presented in the gymnasium following the video. Please bring your cap (tassel on the left) and gown or you will not be allowed to participate in ceremonies. Seniors will march in as practiced. Award recipients are to meet in the back of the gym after the ceremony for newspaper pictures except those receiving the OABCIG Dollars for Scholars Scholarships, Harold and Leone Godbersen Family Foundation, and First State Bank, who are to meet on the risers for a picture immediately following the presentation. **Anyone who is planning to present an award/scholarship at senior awards night needs to contact Tasha (ttromp@oabcig.org) at the high school office or guidance counselor Mrs. Lensch (alensch@oabcig.org) BY MAY 6 (364-3371) so we can get you on the program.**

**Thursday, May 14:** Seniors last day of classes. Breakfast at 8:30 a.m. Practice for commencement beginning at 9:00 a.m. - meet in the cafeteria and be ready to go. When practice has been satisfactorily completed, seniors will be dismissed.

**Sunday, May 17:** Graduation is at 2:00 p.m. Be in cap, gown and honor cords by 1:30. Be lined up and ready to march in by 1:50. Gowns may be turned in after graduation ceremonies in the choir room or they **must** be brought to the H.S. office by noon on Monday, May 18. You will receive your diploma when your gown is returned.

Please remember this ceremony is for you, your family and friends - give it the respect it is due.

## 2015-2016 School Registration Dates

Mrs. Wanda Schiernbeck, Central Office

The 2014-2015 school year has gone quickly! I hope you all enjoy your summer vacation.

Registration for the 2015-2016 school year will be held at the OA Elementary media center **Monday, August 3** from noon until 6:00 pm and at the BCIG Elementary media center **Wednesday, August 5** from noon until 6:00 pm. If you are not able to attend either registration date, please feel free to stop into the BCIG Central Office on the West side of the OA-BCIG High School building and see Wanda any time after August 1, 2015.

Every household will receive a summer newsletter with registration forms and information and the Iowa Eligibility Application the end of July. If you do not receive this newsletter, are new to the district or have incoming preschool children and do not receive the "OA-BCIG INSIGHTS" newsletter, or if you need assistance completing any of the forms, please call Wanda at 364-3687 for assistance or stop in at the Central Office. Thank you!

## Guidance Notes

Mrs. Angela Lensch, High School Counselor

### Service Club-Above and Beyond

As the end of the year approaches, I am looking for a few good Falcons! See me if interested.

By the end of this school year we will start working on specific agenda/goals for the fall. This includes, organizing my leadership group. If you think you know of anyone that is interested let them know.

A sincere THANK YOU to some of our Service Club for their work on the bridge painting project. Coordinated by Mike Rickert.

### Senior Scholarships

All scholarship information is available for students on the Google drive, it is also posted on the school website at [www.oabcig.org](http://www.oabcig.org), and on my school counselor's webpage. <https://sites.google.com/a/oabcig.org/mrs-lensch-oa-bcig-professional-school-counseling/scholarships>.

If you have a scholarship application you would like distributed to seniors,

Please contact me at [alensch@oabcig.org](mailto:alensch@oabcig.org) or at 712-364-3371/712-830-3366. Students are given weekly lists of available scholarships.

### ACTs Preparing for 2015- 2016

If you're taking the ACT, this ACT registration info will come in pretty handy! Check the ACT registration dates below to make sure you plan your time

appropriately before you register.

The 2015 ACT Test without Writing registration fee is \$38, which includes sending your scores to four colleges of your choice.

### When Should YOU Take Them?

Most students opt to take the ACT exam either the spring of their junior year, or the fall of their senior year, although you can the ACT much earlier than that. Some students take it in middle school for practice. Since you can take the test up to twelve times - yes it's actually possible - you can kind of play around with dates. To determine when the best time to take it for you. Personally, I recommend taking the ACT at least by the spring of your junior year.

### WITCC Summer Registration for College Classes

On May 7 at 10:00 am we will be having a WIT representative here to help any students to register for summer classes. If you are interested please let me know, so I can get you a pass to the office.

On an important side note, classes taken in the summer, the school will not be financially responsible for the class. Tuition will be the responsibility of the students and their parents.

### SENIOR AWARDS NIGHT

Anyone who is planning to present an award/scholarship at senior awards night on May 13, 2015 needs to contact

me, Mrs. Lensch, ([alensch@oabcig.org](mailto:alensch@oabcig.org) or 364-3371) by no later than May 6 so we can get you on the program.

If you ever need anything I can be reached by email [alensch@oabcig.org](mailto:alensch@oabcig.org) or phone 712-364-3371 or this summer at 712-830-3366. You can also visit my website

at <https://sites.google.com/a/oabcig.org/mrs-lensch-oa-bcig-professional-school-counseling/>. There you will find more information about the OA- BCIG counseling department, updates, scholarship opportunities, and important assessment information. Finally, you can find Mrs. Lensch's OA- BCIG Counseling Page information on Facebook ([https://www.facebook.com/MrsLenschOABCIGCounseling?ref\\_type=bookmark](https://www.facebook.com/MrsLenschOABCIGCounseling?ref_type=bookmark) ) or follow me on Twitter @AngelaLensch.

In closing, I often recommend to my students to look to doing what you love and feel passionate about as they begin to start choosing their career pathways. I can attest, after my first year at OA-BCIG, that this is personally true. I love my career, its challenges, its rewards, and my work with my students.

Joining the OA-BCIG district, as their high school counselor, I can say that statement has held very true for myself. It's been s great year and I am looking forward to all of our new challenges and successes during the next school year. Thank you for sharing your student with me!

## ACT Testing Dates and Deadlines

Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)	Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)
June 13, 2015	May 8	May 9–22	Feb. 6, 2016	Jan. 8	Jan. 9-15
Sept. 12, 2015	August 7	Aug. 8-21	April 9, 2016	March 4	March 5-18
Oct. 24, 2015	Sept. 18	Sept. 19-Oct. 2	June 11, 2016	May 6	May 7-20
Dec. 12, 2015	Nov. 6	Nov. 7-20	ACT OA-BCIG Code- 16212		

ACT materials are available in the high school guidance office.

Register on-line at: [www.act.org](http://www.act.org)

Our testing site is at Denison Community High School.

## BCIG Elementary Happenings

### Mr. Alan Henderson, Principal

#### Change Isn't Always Easy

I went to a conference on scheduling, to see if there was anything we could do to better structure our day for the needs of the students. One of the things our speaker mentioned was helping teachers who are experts in areas to focus on those things. The one place I thought we could look at helping teachers focus on certain subjects was in 3rd and 4th grade. I started to look at having some teachers focus on literacy (reading and writing) and some teachers focusing on math/science/social studies. If we could balance the schedule between morning and afternoon, we could look at students from 3rd and 4th grade switch teachers at noon to teach the other half the day.

What this would look like is having 3 teachers teach literacy to 3rd grade in the morning and 4th grade literacy in the afternoon. The same would be for math/science/social studies. Teachers would have the same students for half the day in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and half the day in 4<sup>th</sup>. The teachers could get to know their material and their students. Hopefully in the end we will see student achievement to continue on a rise from one grade to another. Third and 4th grade seem like a good place to start to see how it goes and how it will benefit our students.

As I started out change is never easy, but in the end we want to continue to look for ways that will benefit our students and see what we can do to serve them the best we can for their future.



#### Driver's Education

The first session of driver's education is already underway. There will be another session offered in June. The cost of the class is \$350. If your student has their permit, and you would like them to take the June session, pick up enrollment forms at either the HS or the MS office. **STUDENTS MUST ALREADY HAVE THEIR PERMIT BEFORE THEY CAN REGISTER FOR THE CLASS.**

To register for the class, return the enrollment form from the driving academy, a copy of the students permit and a deposit of any amount. **MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO OA-BCIG.** The total of the fee must be **paid no later than May 8, 2015.** Class size is **limited to 32 students.** Forms are now available and can be picked up at any time.

#### Multimedia Students Visit WITCC

##### Mrs. Kari Hadden, Business Instructor

On Tuesday, March 24, the Multimedia class visited WITCC in Sioux City to learn more about academic programs of study and jobs in the field of multimedia. Throughout the morning, the students had the opportunity to visit classes in session in the following programs: **Video Game Design, Graphic Design, Film & Media Production, and Audio Engineering.** The students not only had the opportunity to listen to the individual instructors in each of these programs, but they also had the opportunity to see students working on projects and view completed projects. After lunch, students were then given a tour of the campus which included the opportunity to view the new Culinary, Auto Body, Police Science, and Computer Programming Programs.

Jacob Toben was impressed with the Video Game Design program. He said, "It looked interesting and challenging and the students seemed extremely happy about what they were doing." Trey Rohlk stated, "I thought the best part of the trip was learning about WITCC's computer classes and how I can go about taking them." Blake Anderson replied that he thought the campus tour was probably the best part of the day for him as he had a chance to see what WITCC has to offer.



### Upcoming Event

BCIG 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Hobby Day is Friday, May 8, 2015.

The show will be from 2:00-3:00 pm in  
Mrs. Snyder's and Mrs. Nettles' 4<sup>th</sup> Grade classrooms.

Everyone is invited to attend!!



Environmental Science  
Tip of the Month

**Jr. High Math Bee**  
**Mrs. Patricia Winterrowd, Math Instructor**

OA-BCIG seventh and eighth grade students have been busy taking several math bee practice tests and honing their skills in order to participate in the Northwest AEA Math Bees hosted by Morningside College. The purpose of the math bee is to recognize and reward good math students. The math bee is comprised of five individual timed tests and one team test. Each team has four members and will be competing against approximately thirty other teams from Sioux City and the surrounding area.

Representing the seventh grade will be Abby Bender, Sam Devitt Carson Godbersen, Jennifer Godbersen, Cora Hansen, Hunter Maass, Taylor Oldham, and Sarah Petersen. They will compete on Wednesday, May 6 in Sioux City. The eighth grade participants are Bailey Cobb, Kelsey Dausel, Kirstin Dausel, Ellie Diersen, Ethan Ernst, Reed Godbersen, Brooklyn Hoffman, and Lindsey Kruse. Their competition is on Thursday, May 7.



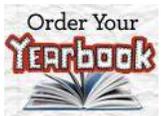
**Robotics Competes at USD**  
**Mrs. Susie Maass, Robotics Coach**

The OA BCIG robotics club competed in the USD programming competition in Vermillion, SD on April 8. The team was sent a robot in January. After assembling the robot, the students worked on writing the programming and using the sensors from the robot, to navigate a 10 x 20 maze. RJ Bumann donated his time and talents to help teach the students about the wiring of the robot and the basics of computer programming. After the first 10 minute run, the team was tied for 2nd place. The team ended up earning 3rd place honors after the tie breaker round. Each team member won a cordless keyboard and mouse. The team consisted of only sophomores (Gabe Malcom, Trey Rohlk, and Amanda Gunderson), but if there would have been juniors or seniors on the team, they would have received a \$2000 housing scholarship to USD, renewable for 4 years. The team also came home with a third place trophy.



**NW AEA Math Bee**  
**Mrs. Missy Jensen, OA TAG Instructor**

On Thursday, March 26 OA-BCIG Middle School had two 6th grade math teams compete in the NW AEA Math Bee in Sioux City, Iowa. Members of Team A were: Truman Clark, Isabelle Schroeder, Eric Sibenaller, Anna Winterrowd and alternate Carli Ullrich. Members of Team B were: Casey Faulkenberry, Chris Mace, Garrett Nichols, Emma Schirmmacher and alternate Amber Hoefling. Isabelle Schroeder placed 5th overall out of 144 students participating. In the team competition Team A placed 10th out of 36 teams. The students each took five individual tests and completed one team test together. This was an excellent experience for the 6th graders.



**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](http://www.jostensyearbooks.com) OR click the link on the school website [www.oabcig.org](http://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](mailto:hbeck@oabcig.org).



## Fall Sports Information

### Mr. Larry Allen, Activities Director

Student Athletes are reminded that there are **3 forms required to participate in sports** this fall. Forms will be available in each of the school offices. Athletes should return the forms to the office at which they will be participating.

#### Physicals (GREEN)

Be sure to get your physicals taken care of early. You cannot practice on August 10 if you do not have a physical. This **GREEN** form is available at either school office.

#### Concussion Forms (BLUE)

The State Athletic Associations require each participant to

have a completed concussion form on file each school year. This **BLUE** form will be handed out by coaches, and will be available in the school offices. This form must be completed before an athlete will be allowed to practice.

#### Health Information Forms (PINK)

Please have this **PINK** form turned in prior to the start of practice. This form provides medical information to the medical or school personnel, in the event of an injury situation.

## Glogster

### Mr. Larry Allen, MS Computers

Recently the 6<sup>th</sup> grade students created a project during computer class using an online program called Glogster. Glogster is a virtual poster where students can create posters adding elements of pictures, text, video and audio clips. Students in the middle school have been using Glogster for the past five years. This year we received some exciting news regarding a glog that one of our students created. Mrs. Allen received an email from the Glogster Team stating that they were really impressed by a project entitled "Ancient Greece"; this glog was recently added to Glogpedia. They will be using this glog in their GlogStar project, showing educators around the world what can be achieved with the Glogster platform and a little imagination. They will also use the glog in a blog post introducing our GlogStars of the month, and encouraging educators to get inspired.

Congratulations Emma Schirmmacher! Along with her glog they will include a short video and a picture of Emma. You can view her work at <http://dancegirl923.edu.glogster.com/ancient-greece-e-s/>



## Talented & Gift News

### Mrs. Staci Rohlk, TAG Instructor

#### BCIG Elementary Science Enrichment

First graders learned about gravity, potential and kinetic energy, and skills associated to working in teams during a STEM enrichment activity with high school TAG students when they built, tested, and modified a non-electronic pinball machine. The first and second graders will be participating in programs "Reasons for the Seasons" and "Candy Planets" provided by the Student Role Model program associated with Women in Science and Engineering at ISU.

#### OA-BCIG 9-12 TAG

Spring has been a busy time for our high school TAG students. Students had an opportunity to attend Backstage Pass at the University of Nebraska Medical Center which is a hands-on insider's view of the School of Allied Health Professions including Clinical Laboratory Science, Perfusion, CT, CVIT, Cytotechnology, Diagnostic Medical Sonography, Medical Nutrition, MRI, Nuclear Medicine, Physical Therapy, Physician Assistant, Radiation Therapy, and Radiography. Seven students traveled to Waterloo to tour the John Deere Tractor Cab and Assembly Operations plant and met with two members of the Chassis Engineering design team to learn about college and internship opportunities, as well as potential career options.



## CUM Folder Destruction

**Class of 2012 (BCIG District) & Class of 2010 (OA District)** - your cum folders will be shredded this summer. If you would like to keep this folder yourself, call the HS before June 1, 2015 and ask for it to be saved. You can then pick up your folder anytime in June.

## HS Vocal Notes

Mrs. Linda Johnson, Vocal Music Director



Approximately 25 OA-BCIG vocal students participated in the state solo/small ensemble contest in Sloan on Saturday, April 11. The students have been preparing various solos, duets, and other small groups since the end of January. Many early mornings, late afternoons and extra lessons resulted in eight I ratings (superior), four II ratings (excellent) and three III ratings (good).

### I Ratings

Solos: Amanda Gunderson, Courtney Peters, Connor Musel, Anna Dewey  
 Duets: Anna Dewey/Eliot Clough, Amanda Gunderson/Jessica Gunderson  
 Ensembles: Women’s Quartet (Amanda Gunderson, Anna Dewey, Tanya Burow, Jessica Gunderson), Men’s Quartet (Darian Ernst, Cole Veltri, Connor Musel, Eliot Clough)

### II Ratings

Solos: Bailey Ross, Carrie Miller  
 Duets: Connor Musel/Dalton Clausen

Ensembles: Men’s Triple Trio (Darian Ernst, Connor Musel, Connor Christiansen, Will Lozier, Dalton Clausen, Tyler Andrews, Toby Mason, Jacob Henderson, Blake Netherton)

### III Ratings

Solo: Marzia Fineran-Shivers  
 Duet: Brittany Pereira/Bailey Ross  
 Trio: Amanda Gunderson, Sydney Bauer, Jessica Gunderson  
 Accompanists were: Carol Sadler, Alicia Nelson, Jodie Hudson and Mindy Miller

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, May 7 Fine Arts Concert \*Required Event  
 Saturday, May 9 State Large Group Contest (Sheldon) \*Required Event  
 Tuesday, May 12 High School Fine Arts Banquet

## FFA News

Mrs. Rachel Stoberl, FFA Adviser

As the school year is coming to an end, the FFA activities are continuing throughout the summer. Please remember that all animals being shown at the county fairs MUST be identified by May 15. Mrs. Stoberl has the tags, so please see her to set up a time to get them tagged. Be sure to watch Twitter and Facebook for important dates for the Iowa State Fair as well.

FFA members drove their tractors to school on Wednesday, April 8. We had a great turn out, even with the rainy cold weather. A big thank you to the BCIG preschool and kindergarten classes for coming up to check out the tractors. After school, FFA members enjoyed an ice cream social in the ag room.

At the end of April, students also helped with the Sac County Ag Safety Day and the Iowa FFA State Leadership Conference. At Ag Safety Day, FFA officers helped teach younger kids about farm safety and led groups through many different stations. At State Leadership Conference, Jaden Uhl participated in Courtesy Corps and attended several events as the Northwest District Secretary. A big congratulations to Katlyn Cowlham and Erin Burk on receiving their Iowa Degrees.



## Family Challenge Night

Mrs. Missy Jensen, OA TAG Instructor

On Tuesday, March 31 at 6:00 pm the Odebolt-Arthur Elementary and OA-BCIG Middle School Talented and Gifted Program hosted a “Family Challenge Night.” The 3rd-8th grade talented and gifted students each shared an activity or project they worked on during the 2014-2015 school year. The 8th grade students then presented a STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) challenge. Each family was given a bag of supplies and were invited to build a catapult. The goal was to build a catapult that could launch a mini marshmallow the furthest distance or with the greatest accuracy. The families were lead through the engineering design process. Each family followed a series of steps to come up with a solution to accomplish their goal. Over 50 families had fun participating in the Family Challenge Night. The 8th graders did an outstanding job making sure the night ran smoothly. Mrs. Jensen, the K-8th grade Talented and Gifted teacher, organized the event.



# Reading Recovery

Mrs. Kara Neville, Mrs. Tina Krager & Mrs. Shelly Spotts, Reading Recovery Teachers

Odebolt-Arthur and Battle Creek-Ida Grove Elementary Schools are committed to providing high-quality, comprehensive literacy instruction for our students. Research tells us that 80% or more of students should be adequately served through this type of instruction. But what happens to the 20% who may not be meeting early literacy expectations? Both OA and BCIG have several elementary teachers who are trained in the Comprehensive Intervention Model, or CIM, which is a model of intervention instruction designed to close the gap between our lowest achieving students and the average student. The CIM includes individual and small-group interventions that align with the classroom curriculum. One of the components of CIM is Reading Recovery®.

Reading Recovery® targets the lowest-performing first graders, and is a daily 30 minute lesson conducted one-on-one with a first grader and a specially trained teacher. During the lesson, students read short books to build fluency and confidence, practice writing, and work on phonemic awareness skills. As a result of this intense, special tutoring, most first graders are able to leave this intervention in twenty weeks or less, and are able to read and write at satisfactory levels in their classroom. Other kids receive continued support through small group reading lessons, which build on the strategies learned during Reading Recovery®. Some children are referred for a longer-term intervention such as special education.

Odebolt-Arthur has implemented Reading Recovery® for the past four years, and Battle Creek-Ida Grove has had Reading Recovery® for more than 15 years. During that time, both districts have helped countless students progress in learning to read and write. Parents of former Reading Recovery® students have fully supported this intervention stating things such as, "Thank you for everything! I have seen major improvement in [my son's] reading and willingness to do his homework." And, "[My son] has come a long way with [Reading Recovery] since the first day. He has become a much better reader. He is a good writer also." Also, "[My daughter] has made some pleasing changes. She now has confidence in her abilities and believes in herself. She isn't calling herself 'dumb' anymore."

In both districts, the teachers trained in Reading Recovery® also spend a portion of their day teaching reading to small groups of students. On average, a Reading Recovery® teacher at Odebolt -Arthur or Battle Creek-Ida Grove will work with 30-40 elementary students or more throughout the school year. The specialized training of Reading Recovery® teachers extends far beyond first graders, as they utilize their skills and knowledge not only with other students, but also as literacy mentors for their colleagues. Developing a strong foundation in literacy for all of our students is vital to their continued success. Teachers trained in the Comprehensive Intervention Model (CIM) and Reading Recovery® play a significant role in this success for Odebolt-Arthur and Battle Creek-Ida Grove.



Mr. Hartwig's Intro to Construction class is in the process of building a 6' by 8' building for the ticket takers at the football games. Nolan Warnke and Keller Wunschel are the carpenters for this project.



### NASA Participants

Ethan Tromp, Jessica Gunderson, Amanda Gunderson, Olivia Freese, Parker Rasmussen, and April Wells (chaperone) traveled to Texas in March for the annual NASA space settlement challenge contest. Also pictured are Jordan Menning (AEA consultant) and Norm Chaffee (founding director & outreach advisor).

Mrs. Nielsen and her Foods and Cuisine students would like to thank Roger Bumann and the Ida County Pork Producers for their generous donation.



Check out the stop animation videos created by the Multimedia class by clicking on the QR Code to the right.

## Library Listings

Mrs. Mary Rohlk, K-12 Librarian

The students at both elementary schools took part in the Iowa Goldfinch Award book and Iowa Children's Choice Award book programs. The students previewed the books in the spring of 2014 and were encouraged to check out and read the books during the current school year. Local voting took place the end of March. A discussion about voting etiquette was part of the K-3 classes.

The Iowa Goldfinch award books were chosen by the students of Iowa and approved by a committee of teacher librarians. These books were mostly picture books with a few beginning chapter books. These books were recommended for grades 3-6. The Goldfinch results for the BCIG Elementary were first place - *Creepy Carrots* by Aaron Reynolds, second place - *Bad Kitty School Daze* by Nick Bruel, and third place - *Extra Yarn* by Mac Barnett. The results from OA Elementary were first place - *The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr. Morris Lessmore* by William Joyce, second place - *I Want My Hat Back* by Jon Klassen, and third place - *Nancy Clancy Super Sleuth* by Jane O'Connor. All votes were submitted to the state vote tabulation. The Iowa Goldfinch Award book for 2015 was *Creepy Carrots*.

The Iowa Children's Choice award books were chapter books chosen by the students of Iowa and approved by a committee of teacher librarians. They covered a wide variety of genres. They were recommended reads for grades 3-6. The voting results for BCIG Elementary ended in a three way tie for first place. Those books were *Athlete vs Mathlete* by W.C. Mack, *The Ghost of Graylock* by Dan Poblocki, and *Pie* by Sarah Weeks. At OA Elementary, the top vote getter was *Saving Zasha* by Randi Barrow while *Underdogs* by Mike Lupica came in as a close second. Third place went to *Inside Out and Back Again* by Thanhha Lai. All votes were submitted to the state voting. The Iowa Children's Choice Award winner for 2015 was *The Ghost of Graylock*.

This process will begin again as soon as the books arrive for the 2015-2016 school year.

## TAG Field Trip to Kansas City

Mrs. Missy Jensen, OA TAG Instructor

The 8th grade talented and gifted students traveled to Kansas City for their educational field trip on April 9 and 10. The students funded their trip by doing two fundraisers, a soup supper and a Thirty-One party. The students researched and planned their trip. They visited the Science City Museum in Union Station. At Science City, they took a two hour class on 3D printers. The students were able to design and print their own creations. They also took part in the many exhibits at Science City. On Friday, the students toured the National World War I Museum and Liberty Tower. They also took a class at the Arrowhead Sports Lab Education Center. They finished the field trip by taking an extensive tour of Arrowhead Stadium. This was an outstanding learning experience for the 8th graders.

The 8th graders attending the trip were Cameron Webb, Ellie Diersen, Kenny Hausman, Quintin Cranston, Devin Behrendsen, Reed Godbersen, Alyssa Mason, Kirsten Dausel, Kelsey Dausel, Brayden Butler, and Lindsey Kruse. Mrs. Missy Jensen and Mrs. Staci Rohlk chaperoned the trip. Thank you to all who participated in the fundraisers to make this trip possible.



## OA-BCIG Athletic Boosters

Mrs. Donna Rasmussen, Booster President



The OA-BCIG Athletic Boosters are a group of parents and other adults who enjoy being involved in promoting high school athletics. If you have a child involved in any high school sport, cheer or dance team, you are **automatically** a member of the boosters. The boosters' biggest fundraiser each year is concessions at the Herb Irgens wrestling meet. We also support athletics in other ways--buying the supplemental equipment for teams and individuals to use to increase their skills. Another way we support our athletes and school is by trying to boost school spirit and pride. For this we stock and sell clothing and other items in the Falcon box housed at the high school as well as support our athletes that are state bound with a special "State Qualifier" t-shirt. At our last meeting we approved a large purchase of stencils that will allow us to paint the football end zones with "FALCONS" and the fifty yard line with a large falcon head mascot emblem. The Athletic Boosters meet the second Wednesday of each month at the high school, please join us, and get involved to support your school and athletes.

# Activity Calendar for May 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 BCIG 1st Grade FT-Sioux City 4:00 G/B, JV/V Golf @ IG	2 9:00 B Golf @ Odebolt 9:00 G Golf @ IG HS Rodeo @ Estherville
3 HS Rodeo @ Estherville	4 Baseball practice begins 3:30 WVC Coed Track Meet @ Sloan 4:00 B Golf @ Moville 4:00 G Golf @ Sloan	8 4:00 B JV Golf @ Anthon 7:00 MS Spring Concert @ Odebolt	6 2:00 Dismissal 2:45 Hike-Bike-A-Thon 	7 OA Elem/MS TAG FT-Zoo 7:00 HS Spring Concert @ IG	8 All-Iowa MS Band @ Des Moines IBA Conference HS Rodeo @ Marshalltown	
10 HS Rodeo @ Marshalltown	11 Softball practice begins 10:00 WVC Golf Championship @ LeMars 4:00 MS Track @ Mapleton 4:30 B Track @ Dunlap 6:30 School Board Mtg. @ Odebolt	12 3:30 MS WVC Track @ Correctionville 7:00 HS Fine Arts Banquet	13 2:00 Dismissal 5:45 Senior Supper 7:00 Senior Awards Night	14 Seniors Last Day 6th Grade Conservation Day @ Hagge Park BCIG 3rd Grade FT-Cherokee 4:00 Coed Track State Qualifying Meet @ Holstein	15 B Golf Sectionals @ TBD 1:00 OA Elem. Track Meet 1:00 BCIG Kindergarten Graduation	16 
17  2:00 Graduation	18 6th Grade FT-Living History Farms G Golf Districts @ TBD	19 10:00 BCIG Elem (K-2) Track Meet 1:00 BCIG Elem (3-5th) Track Meet	20 2:00 Dismissal	21 State Track Meet @ Des Moines HS Semester Tests		
24	25 	26 Teacher Professional Development G Golf Regionals @ TBD 5:30 SB @ Wall Lake	27 Teacher Work Day 6:00 BB vs. MVAO @ IG 6:00 SB vs. MVAO @ BC	28 6:00 BB vs. Ridge View @ Early 6:00 SB vs. Ridge View @ Galva	29 HS Semester Tests End of 4th Quarter Last Day of School B Golf Districts @ TBD	23 30 HS Rodeo @ Carson Boys State Golf 6:00 BB vs. Denison @ IG
31 HS Rodeo @ Carson						

# Breakfast & Lunch Menus for May 2015

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p><i>In accordance with Federal Law and USDA policy, this institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.</i></p> <p><i>Milk choice, fruit and juice served daily.</i></p> <p><i>All breads are whole grain.</i></p> <p><i>*Available only at the high school.</i></p>				<p>1 <b>BCIG B:</b> breakfast pizza <b>BCIG L:</b> beef tips, mashed potatoes, corn, bread-butter, mixed fruit, orange <b>OA B:</b> egg &amp; toast <b>OA L:</b> pancake sausage on a stick, blueberry muffin, clementines, apple juice</p>
<p>4 <b>BCIG B:</b> sausage breakfast bagel, *Nutrigrain bar <b>BCIG L:</b> hot ham &amp; cheese, strawberry romaine salad, green beans, pineapple, apple <b>OA B:</b> cook's choice <b>OA L:</b> cook's choice</p>	<p>5 <b>BCIG B:</b> cereal bar, WG toast <b>BCIG L:</b> turkey burger, WG bun, smiley fries, cole slaw, pears, oranges <b>OA B:</b> cook's choice <b>OA L:</b> cook's choice</p>	<p>6 <b>BCIG B:</b> cheese omelet, WG toast <b>BCIG L:</b> chicken tetrazzini, Elem-mixed green salad, cooked carrots, butter sandwich, *fresh veggie bar, mandarin orange, apple <b>OA B:</b> cook's choice <b>OA L:</b> cook's choice</p>	<p>7 <b>BCIG B:</b> WG donut, *assorted cereal <b>BCIG L:</b> taco-in-a-bag, lettuce, tomato, cheese, salsa, black bean salad, rice crispy bar, sidekicks, banana <b>OA B:</b> cook's choice <b>OA L:</b> cook's choice</p>	<p>8 <b>BCIG B:</b> egg patty, bacon, WG toast <b>BCIG L:</b> sausage pizza, cottage cheese, corn, marinated fresh veggie salad, peaches, orange <b>OA B:</b> cook's choice <b>OA L:</b> cook's choice</p>
<p>11 <b>BCIG B:</b> WG biscuit &amp; country gravy, *scrambled eggs <b>BCIG L:</b> French toast sticks, sausage, hash brown, celery-carrot sticks, apricots, apple <b>OA B:</b> long john, HB eggs <b>OA L:</b> chicken patty, WG bun, corn, applesauce, lettuce, lt. ranch, cauliflower</p>	<p>12 <b>BCIG B:</b> assorted cereal, WG toast <b>BCIG L:</b> mandarin orange chicken, br. rice, cooked carrots, broc-caulif salad, bread-butter, applesauce, orange <b>OA B:</b> pancakes <b>OA L:</b> cheese stuffed breadsticks, marinara sauce, carrots, pears, lettuce, lt. ranch, celery</p>	<p>13 <b>BCIG B:</b> cheese omelet, WG toast <b>BCIG L:</b> pork patty, WG bun, calico beans, spinach salad, mixed fruit, apple <b>OA B:</b> cinn. roll, yogurt <b>OA L:</b> mandarin orange chicken, br. rice, mixed fruit, cucumbers, lettuce, lt. ranch, dinner roll</p>	<p>14 <b>BCIG B:</b> ultimate breakfast round, *assorted cereal <b>BCIG L:</b> chicken patty, WG bun, Elem-broccoli, corn, Caesar salad, pineapple, banana <b>OA B:</b> egg &amp; cheese burrito <b>OA L:</b> popcorn chicken, green beans, broccoli, lettuce, lt. ranch, pineapple, dinner roll</p>	<p>15 <b>BCIG B:</b> mini strawberry bagels, yogurt <b>BCIG L:</b> Elem-catfish strips, HS-fish sandwich or BBQ chicken sandwich, green beans, carrots, uncrustable, pears, orange <b>OA B:</b> breakfast wrap <b>OA L:</b> turkey burger, WG bun, tomato, onion, pickles, baked beans, apple, lettuce, lt. ranch</p>
<p>18 <b>BCIG B:</b> breakfast pizza <b>BCIG L:</b> BBQ pork rib, WG bun, baked beans, potato salad, mandarin oranges, apple <b>OA B:</b> long john, string cheese <b>OA L:</b> chicken nuggets, corn, celery, cucumbers, lettuce, lt. ranch, pears, dinner roll</p>	<p>19 <b>Elem. Track &amp; Field Day</b> <b>BCIG B:</b> assorted cereal, WG toast <b>BCIG L:</b> chicken nuggets, carrots, broc-caulif salad, animal crackers, peaches, apple <b>OA B:</b> breakfast pizza <b>OA L:</b> pork patty, WG bun, green beans, red peppers, broccoli, lettuce, lt. ranch, pudding cup, tropical fruit</p>	<p>20 <b>BCIG B:</b> breakfast wrap w/salsa <b>BCIG L:</b> meatball sub, peas, sweet potato tots, applesauce, apple <b>OA B:</b> Nutrigrain bar, toast <b>OA L:</b> hamburger, WG bun, tomato, pickles, onion, cooked carrots, lettuce, lt. ranch, peaches</p>	<p>21 <b>BCIG B:</b> pop tart, WG toast <b>BCIG L:</b> Elem-chicken nuggets, HS-corn dog, green beans, carrots, pineapple, apple <b>OA B:</b> blueberry muffin <b>OA L:</b> bean &amp; cheese burrito, pineapple, cauliflower, broccoli, lettuce, lt. ranch, dinner roll</p>	<p>22 <b>BCIG B:</b> cereal bar, toast <b>BCIG L:</b> ham &amp; cheese sandwich, baked Cheetos, carrots, juice, raisins, apple <b>OA B:</b> egg &amp; toast <b>OA L:</b> pizza, broccoli, carrots, lettuce, lt. ranch, ice cream cups</p>
<p>25 </p>	<p>26 </p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 </p>	<p>29</p>

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### 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Whitey Thompson HIKE-BIKE-A-THON



**When:** Wednesday, May 6, 2015 @ 2:45 pm

**Where:** Starts/Ends @ the Skate Palace in  
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**Transportation:** Bikes/Kids will be picked up in  
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