

OA-BCIG INSIGHTS

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



From the Superintendent Mr. Terry Kenealy, Superintendent

New Whole Grade Sharing Agreement To Be Negotiated

Following the failed vote for school district reorganization, the Odebolt-Arthur Community School District Board of Directors met in a special meeting on Tuesday, September 20 in the OA-BCIG Middle School Library at 6:30 p.m. There were approximately 30 students, parents, staff and patrons in attendance. On Thursday, September 22 the Battle Creek-Ida Grove Community School District Board of Directors met in special session in the Battle Creek-Ida Grove Elementary Gym at 6:30 p.m. There were approximately 130 students, parents, staff and patrons in attendance.

The purpose of the special meetings was to address two important issues. Each district needed to hold a required organizational meeting to administer the oath of office to the newly elected board members, Ryan Schroeder for Odebolt-Arthur and Danika Hinkeldey for Battle Creek-Ida Grove and to elect officers for this year. In addition, each district discussed the results and implications of the failed vote for reorganization.

During the special meetings, the board members heard comments, concerns, thoughts and ideas from students, parents, and patrons regarding the failed vote and their overwhelming desire to keep the whole grade sharing agreement intact for the 2017-2018 school year. A number of parents and patrons asked that the board members consider giving reorganization another chance within six months to a year.

The following is a summary of the comments and input from the Battle Creek-Ida Grove Special Board Meeting held on Thursday, September 22, 2016, prior to the vote to terminate the current whole grade sharing agreement:

- there was significant frustration that the vote failed in Odebolt,
- there was an impassioned frustration that the vote appeared to have failed due to a lot of misleading information, information that was not true, and

information designed to make patrons fearful of reorganization that was distributed throughout the Odebolt community,

- there was a consistent theme in the comments made to the Board that whole grade sharing has worked so well that after seven years of overwhelming success it seemed to make sense to formally commit to the long term stability of the partnership by approving reorganization which three of the four communities did in overwhelming fashion,
- due to the fact that it was apparent that the majority of the patrons of Odebolt wanted nothing to do with reorganization, that it was time to move forward and focus on the BCIG district, and work to make BCIG the best district it can be,
- there were concerns raised about the students of OA-BCIG and what would happen to them if the partnership between the districts is ended,
- there were concerns raised about the students, parents and patrons who voted yes for reorganization,
- but the overwhelming message received by the BCIG Board during the special meeting and in letters and emails leading up to the meeting was that it was time to move on and terminate the whole grade sharing agreement.

After listening to the parents, patrons, and students during the special meeting and in the days leading up to the meeting, the Battle Creek-Ida Grove Board of Directors voted to terminate the current whole grade sharing agreement effective July 1, 2017.

However, the Battle Creek-Ida Grove Board of Directors also voted to invite the Odebolt-Arthur Board of Directors to enter into negotiations to create a new whole grade sharing agreement that would go into effect with the beginning of the 2017-2018 school year. In order for that to happen, there are some deadlines that must be met in addition to successfully negotiating a new agreement. The deadlines include:

- Each school district must pass a

Notice of Intent to Negotiate a Whole Grade Sharing Agreement no later than November 1, 2016, (Both school boards passed a resolution to publish a Notice of Intent to Negotiate a New Agreement on Tuesday, October 11.).

- Each school district must publish notice of and hold a public hearing on the proposed new whole grade sharing agreement prior to formally approving the agreement,
- Each school district must formally approve and sign a new whole grade sharing agreement prior to February 1, 2017 in order for it to be effective for the 2017-2018 school year.

Following the special meetings, each school board held work sessions to begin discussions on the issue of whole grade sharing, what they would want in an agreement, further discussions on reorganization, facilities planning, academic program planning, among other things. The following is a brief summary of those work sessions.

On Monday, October 3, 2016, the Odebolt-Arthur Community School District Board of Directors met in a work session at 6:30 p.m. in the OA-BCIG Middle School Library. There were approximately 75 patrons, staff, parents and students in attendance plus Dr. Jeff Herzberg, the Chief Administrator of Prairie Lakes AEA to assist the board in their discussions.

On Tuesday, October 4, 2016, the Battle Creek-Ida Grove Community School District Board of Directors met in a work session at 6:30 p.m. in the Battle Creek-Ida Grove Elementary School Gym. There were approximately 50 patrons, staff, parents and students in attendance plus Dr. Timothy Grieves, the Chief Administrator of Northwest AEA to assist the board in their discussions.

On Sunday, October 9, 2016, the Odebolt-Arthur Community School District Board of Directors met in a work session at 7:00 p.m. in the Odebolt-Arthur Elementary School Library. There were approximately 60 patrons, staff,

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Tip of the Month

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parents, and students in attendance.

On Tuesday, October 11, 2016, the Odebolt-Arthur Community School District Board of Directors and the Battle Creek-Ida Grove Community School District Board of Directors met for a joint regular board meeting in the Battle Creek-Ida Grove Elementary School Gym. There were approximately 75 students, staff, parents, and patrons in attendance. In addition, Dr. Timothy Grieves, Chief Administrator of the Northwest AEA was present to assist the school board members as they begin the work that needs to be done to come to an agreement on a new whole grade sharing agreement for the 2017-2018 school year.

Several students, staff members, and a significant number of parents and patrons addressed the board members during the special meetings on September 20 and September 22 and during the work sessions on October 3, October 4 and October 9 and also at the joint board meeting on Tuesday, October 11. In summary the students, patrons, and parents addressed a number of issues during their presentations that included:

- asking the board members questions as to their intentions related to the failed vote,
- asking about their intentions regarding the future of whole grade sharing,
- asking the board members to find a way to keep whole grade sharing in place for the 2017-2018 school year or until a vote to reorganize can be held again,
- asking the board members to support another vote on reorganization within the next six months to a year,
- asking the board members to focus on what is best for the students and families that the OA-BCIG partnership has been serving since 2009-2010,
- several parents and patrons stated that they have no desire to share with another district, they want to stay OA-BCIG,
- a number of parents and patrons indicated that they are opposed to a one-way share
- a number of staff members, parents and patrons asked the board members to find a way to work together to keep OA-BCIG intact for the good of the students and families.

During the special meetings, the work sessions, and the joint regular board meeting, the board members discussed a number of issues including:

OA-BCIG High School Happenings

Mr. Patrick, Principal

Thanks to all who supported the Falcons in all areas during the fall season. November brings us *Guys and Dolls*, as well as the start of winter athletics. We had great fan turnout for both football and volleyball and hope that trend continues throughout the year. It was fantastic to see positive crowds even if we were not always ahead on the scoreboard.

As we move forward I will once again stress positive sportsmanship. We all must remember that there will be calls during a game that do not go our way, there will be mistakes made by coaches, and kids. We will win some games and we will lose some games, but we always want to remain positive

- continue to whole grade share in the same manner that the two districts do now,
- consider a one-way sharing agreement that would leave OA-BCIG High School for grades 9-12 as is and both districts provide a PK-8 program on their own,
- create benchmarks that would have to be met that includes; continue whole grade sharing through 2017-2018, all board members work to support a successful vote for reorganization within six to twelve months, a facilities committee would work to complete a comprehensive facilities plan for the building in Odebolt and the high school building in Ida Grove as soon as possible and a committee would be created to evaluate academic programs and offerings in the two districts to develop a five year plan to enhance our academic programs,
- work on overcoming differences between the two boards so that they can focus on the issues that need to be addressed rather than their attitude towards each other,
- addressed concerns regarding how information was distributed to patrons that was misleading, created fear about reorganization, or was not true leading up to the vote for reorganization,
- a need to clarify the difference between whole grade sharing versus operational sharing,
- a discussion on the board configuration that was in the petition and the options available or considered during the process to finalize the petition,

On Tuesday, October 11, 2016, during the joint regular board meeting the board members were presented with information on state accreditation requirements for both a high school and a middle school, course offerings at the middle school and high school levels today compared to the year prior to whole grade sharing, information on staffing history, and information on enrollment projections. The board members were provided with some financial information that showed the impact of a 50/50 split of the academic programs and some enrollment projections that take into account projected open enrollment. In addition, the board members were shown the various options that have been discussed at the work sessions over the past two weeks which include:

- **Option 1:** Whole grade sharing stays the same but only for one more year.
- Each district would be required to approve a memorandum of understanding that would

include stipulations like; each board would positively support the whole grade sharing agreement for the 2017-2018 school year, each board would support a vote on reorganization no later than September of 2017, support for a new vote on reorganization means: assist in the collection of petition signatures, assist in disseminating accurate information regarding reorganization that must be approved by each board, each board must assist in correcting information regarding reorganization that is not true or is misleading in an effort to better inform the patrons prior to a vote on reorganization, a new joint facilities committee will be created and a joint academic program task force will be created.

- **Option 2:** Revised whole grade sharing agreement for the 2017-2018 with everything remaining the same as the current agreement except the funding formula would be changed to a 50/50 split of educational costs instead of by percentage of students. This option would also include the Memorandum of Understanding.
- **Option 3:** One way sharing agreement with OA-BCIG High School for grades 9-12 in Ida Grove and the two districts providing PK-8 programs on their own with a Cooperative Agreement for 7th and 8th Grade Activities as OA-BCIG and it includes the Memorandum of Understanding.

The options listed above are the starting point for negotiations based on the conversations and discussions from the board work sessions. The two boards will meet again in a combined work session on Tuesday, October 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the BCIG Elementary School Gym to continue the negotiations process.

The two boards have been asked to try and finish up a new agreement and hold a public hearing on the tentative agreement by Thanksgiving so that students, families, and staff members will know what they will have available to them in the next school year. If the two boards fail to come up with an agreement by February 1, then each district would be on their own to provide PK-12 programs for their students.

If you have questions or need additional information please don't hesitate to contact me.

Go Falcons!

towards officials, towards the opponent, and towards our own athletes. Our Sportsmanship Rankings have been very good over the past few years and we hope to continue that trend. As kids make mistakes it becomes easy to criticize their performance, I encourage you to consider every athlete, musician, or thespian as your own child and treat them with respect, how you would want your child treated.

Scheduling for the 2017-18 school year is not that far away. Please challenge your child to excel academically, check JMC for regular grade updates, and talk to your children about the importance of education.

OA Elementary & OA-BCIG Middle School Happenings

Mr. Doug Mogensen, Principal

As we near the Thanksgiving season, I would like to take a moment to express how grateful I am to be associated with the families and faculty of OA-BCIG. As an administrator I am thankful for students who pleasantly work hard to learn, parents who encourage, and teachers who are dedicated and truly care about each child. I am thankful for our Parent Teacher Community Partnership group who do all they can to make OA-BCIG a great place to be. I am truly grateful for the opportunities I have experienced here over the past four years. Thank you for your help, support, understanding, and friendship. There is no other place my family and I would rather be. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Past Month News: On September 30, Falcon Pride was shared by all the student in Odebolt when we were visited by high school students for a short pep assembly. Mrs. Boger emceed the event and all were entertained by the middle school band, the cheerleaders, and the high school seniors. A lot of school spirit was shared during homecoming week as

students and teachers dressed to support the Falcons during homecoming week. The week was capped off with the Falcon Olympics which was held in the OA gym. Kindergarten through 8th grade students participated in a series of competitions such as an obstacle course, football throw, and chariot race. All students and staff had a great time with this spirit building event. Thank you Mr. Hugo for your help in putting this together.

OA Elementary students visited the Odebolt fire station on October 13 where they learned that the firefighter is here to help and that the most important thing parents can do to prevent fires is to have smoke detectors in the house. The 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade classes went through the smoke house which simulated a smoke filled house.

On October 13, 6th grade middle school students visited the Orpheum in Sioux City to listen to the Sioux City Symphony as they interacted with students.

This Month: Veterans Day will be observed at the Odebolt School on

Friday, November 11. Mrs. Jo Lyons, the school counselor, is putting the program together and the middle school student council will be putting together the program. We will be honoring our local veterans as well as all who have served. Local veterans who plan to attend, please call the school (668-2827) as we are planning to make a list of those who are honored. We will ask name, dates served, and where most of your service took place.

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be November 1 and November 3 starting at 4:00 on both days. The middle school fall concert is also taking place on Monday, November 7 at 7:00.

No School Dates: Nov. 4, 23, 24, 25
Early Outs: Nov. 9 and 30

Middle School Parents: Please check out the MS Assignment link on the OA-BCIG Middle School webpage. This is where you can find out what was covered in classes each day as well as homework assignments.

Guidance Notes

Mrs. Megan Dooley, High School Counselor

Spring ACT Prep Course

If your student is interested in taking an ACT Prep Course in the spring, please let Mrs. Dooley know. For planning purposes, we would like to get a good idea if students are interested in a spring course. No dates have been set. Please contact me at mndooley@oabcig.org, see me in my office, or call 712-364-3371.

MVAO College Fair

All juniors were given the opportunity to attend the annual Maple Valley-Anthon Oto college fair. This event was hosted on Tuesday, October 11. Students that signed up for the fair were taken by bus to MVAO in the morning. Students were given an hour to speak with approximately 55 different representatives of colleges and military branches. This was a great opportunity for students to learn more about colleges and programs they may be interested in applying for next year.

Elementary Mentoring

Our mentoring program with BCIG Elementary continues this year. Around twenty-five high school mentors were matched with BCIG Elementary students. This program is facilitated by New Opportunities, which is based out of Sac County.

Senior Scholarships

All senior students should be checking my webpage, HS Counseling, (located on the "Student Resources" tab under "Students" on the HS homepage) for updates on the 2016-17 Scholarship List. As we move through the year, students can expect more scholarships to be made available to them. I update this list as soon as I am aware of a new scholarships.



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
December 10, 2016	November 4, 2016
February 11, 2017	January 13, 2017
April 8, 2017	March 3, 2017
June 10, 2017	May 5, 2017

Field Trip to Schulte Cattle Company Mrs. Diane Schulte, OA 1st Grade Teacher

The first graders of Mrs. Kraft and Mrs. Schulte in the OA-BCIG school district recently went on a fieldtrip to the Schulte Cattle Company near Odebolt. The students learned about cattle, sheep, and horses. Larry and Diane Schulte shared information about the daily chores associated with raising show calves. Each student was given the opportunity to touch and comb one of the calves. Dale and Darin Mohr brought 2 sheep and shared interesting facts about them. Each student was given a small bag of sheep wool to take home. Stacy Raasch shared information about horses. Stacy pointed out some parts of the horse and their equipment, and shared some safety tips. Linda Siebrecht was a guest reader for the trip. She shared snacks, drinks, and a true/false book about animal facts. The groups rotated throughout the morning from one animal station to the next with the help of Kathi Johnson, Kristin Boyle, Karen Hemer, Tiffany Mohr and our bus driver, Rudy Thies. It was a wonderful way to learn some interesting facts about animals on the farm!



Library Listings Mrs. Mary Rohlk, K-12 Librarian

Book Fair at BCIG Elementary

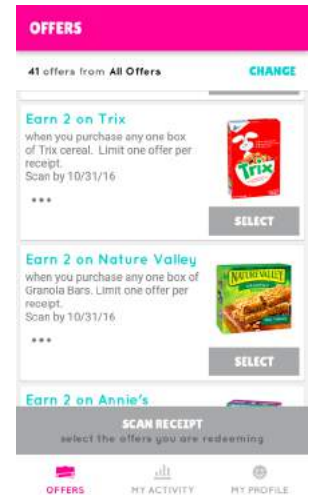
The BCIG Elementary library will once again host their Scholastic book fair during the week of parent teacher conferences. The book fair will be open during school hours and during conferences October 31-November 3. Look for signs as to the room location. This will be determined by construction progress.

New from Box Tops for Education!

How would you like to earn bonus box tops for your school? There is now a bonus box tops app for both IOS and Android operating systems. Download it from iTunes or the Play Store.

Log in to your box tops account or create an account. Make sure your choose the school you would like to support - Odebolt Arthur Community School or Battle Creek Ida Grove Elementary. Click on offers at the bottom left to find out which products earn bonus points. These offers change regularly and a few are store specific.

After you shop for the selected items, scan the entire store receipt and submit. In a couple of days, click on activity and it should show the points you earned. Finally, don't forget to clip the box top from the package and send it to your school. Instead of 10¢, you just earned 30¢ for your school.



2017 Yearbook On Sale Now

The 2016-2017 OA-BCIG yearbook is now on sale. Yearbooks feature school photos of all students in the district from preschool-seniors, faculty, extracurricular groups/teams, and special events/activities at the high school throughout the school year.

Early Bird Special: Now-November 30 \$45

Regular Price: December 1-May 12 \$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 2017 yearbook will be delivered in late August/early September 2017. Questions?? Contact Heidi Beck at 364-3371 or hbeck@oabcig.org.

Fifth Grade Preposition Circus
Mrs. Renae Remer, BCIG 5th Grade Teacher

The 5th graders at BCIG Elementary have been learning about prepositions. Prepositions are words that show relationships such as point in time, to tell direction, or to show where something is. Examples include: over, on, before, and within. The fifth graders then made a "Preposition Circus." Small circus groups wrote their own script, including ten or more prepositional phrases. Fun was had by all on performance day as we watched "The Clown Ride on the Unicycle", and "The Clown Dance With the Lion."



Third graders from BCIG Elementary School visited the Riessen Pioneer Seed Farm. The students learned about plant genetics and the many products that come from corn. They also enjoyed a farm related scavenger hunt, sitting in the driver's seat of the combine, and a hay ride around the farm.

TAG News
Mrs. Staci Rohlk, TAG Instructor

BCIG Elementary Computer Science Enrichment

Computer science is a foundational subject for all 21st century careers. Currently, there are 109 third, fourth, and fifth graders that have begun their adventures of learning how to code on the Code.org website. This exposure to computer programming provides enhancement in their learning throughout various academic areas and reinforces what classroom teachers teach aligning with the standards of the Common Core. It supports and enhances a growth mindset by challenging the learner and teaching perseverance.

Code.org blends traditional instruction with online learning and helps students internalize what it means to be self-motivated. The program is student driven, self-guided, and self-paced with familiar characters (Angry Birds, Minecraft, Flappy Birds, Star Wars, Frozen, etc.) and personalized feedback. Students are provided authentic experimentation with skills such as sequencing, meaningful collaboration with others, problem-solving and perseverance techniques, internet safety, algorithms, binary code, societal impacts of computing, and digital citizenship. All students can benefit from studying the basics of computer science, regardless of whether they wish to become a doctor, entrepreneur, musician, or astronaut....they are only limited by their imagination and the effort they are willing to put into furthering their coding experience.

OA-BCIG 9-12 TAG

Two students interested in ag-related careers, Ethan Zobel and Kenny Hausman, attended a presentation and tour of the

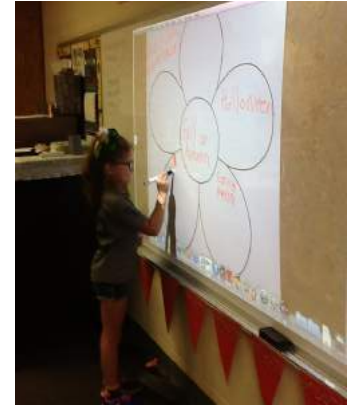
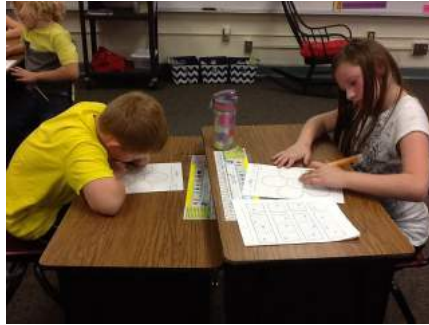
American Natural Processors plant in Cherokee on October 6. This facility provides organic processing of oils, flour and meal from soybeans, canola, sunflower, safflower and flax seeds and is the only plant in the world that manufactures 100% organic soy lecithin for retail sale.



2nd Grade Writers

Mrs. Ashely Wittrock, OA 2nd Grade Teacher

Our second grade class is learning about organizing ideas for our writing. The question the students need to answer is, "What is their favorite season?" We started by brainstorming ideas and filling out a flower organizer. The students had a main idea, their favorite season, and multiple ideas to construct their writings. We are enjoying using the writing process to create our writings!



Guys & Dolls Fall Musical

Ms. Kariann Jurgenson, Play Director

OA-BCIG is proud to present this year's fall musical, *Guys and Dolls*. The production is under the direction of Ms. Kariann Jurgenson, Mrs. Ann Holst, and Mr. Jacob Pedersen.

Mark your calendars today to spend time with Adelaide, Nathan, Sarah, Sky, and the rest of the fascinating characters featured in this fun show. This musical features well-loved songs like "Bushel and a Peck," "Luck Be a Lady," and "Sit Down You're Rockin' the Boat" as well as a multitude of other fantastic numbers that are sure to have you bouncing in your seat.

Showtimes are Friday, November 11 and Saturday, November 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the OA-BCIG High School Cafetorium. Ticket prices are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students and may be purchased at the door. You may reserve your seats by calling the high school office (712-364-3371) or by e-mailing Ms. Kariann Jurgenson (kjurgenson@oabcig.org) or Mrs. Ann Holst (annholst48@gmail.com). Payment can be made at the high school office or at the door.

The cast for this year's show includes seniors Elliott Bengford, Marzia Shivers, Elyssa Freese, Amanda Gunderson, Dallas Hare, Bree Henningsen, Aedan Hickey, Grace Holmes, Rhett Ketelsen, Jillian Ludwig, Carrie Miller, Vandy Mosier, Courtney Peters, Mally Sangpanjun, Riley Snyder, and Stephen Stangl; juniors Tyler Anderson, Sydney Bauer, Sarah Bergman, Caspian Carlmark, Jenna Henderson, Ryder Meek, Derek Sharkey, Daltyn Swanger, Anna Van Dusen, and Ty Warnke; sophomores Devin Behrenden, Jarrett Bumann, Grant Conover, Kelsey Dausel, Kirsten Dausel, Emma Endrulat, Ethan Ernst, Alyssa Henderson, Lindsey Kruse, Austin Lindner, Alyssa Mason, Madison Schiernbeck, Gage Thoreson, Cameron Webb, and Lizzie Williams; and freshmen Abigail Bender, Corin Bower, Ryder Cranston, Sequoia Dobbs, Taylor Oldham, Sarah Petersen, and Josie Wulf.

Guys and Dolls is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.MTIshows.com

4th Grade Visits the Courthouse

Mrs. Janet Snyder, BCIG 4th Grade Teacher

On Tuesday, October 11, the BCIG 4th grade students in Mrs. Snyder's, Mrs. Nettles', and Miss Steil's class visited the offices of the Ida Co. Courthouse. Each class toured the jail and dispatch areas, the assessor, the clerk of court offices, the auditor, recorder, and driver's license office. Students have been learning about our local, state, and federal government in Social Studies class. We have learned that there are three branches of the government: Legislative, Executive, and Judicial. Students were responsible for knowing the branches of government along with who is in each branch, and the job that they perform.

We want to thank the Ida Co. Courthouse staff for allowing us to visit and tour. It is so exciting to be able to see how our government works locally!!



Best of luck to Taylor Beck, Taylor DeVine, Ethan Ernst, Riley Snyder, Cameron Webb, and Josie Wulf who will be representing the OA-BCIG Dance Team at the State Solo Competition in Newton, IA on November 5.



National School Lunch Program

The National School Lunch Program is a federally funded program which assists schools and other agencies in providing nutritious lunches to children at reasonable prices. In addition to financial assistance, the program provides commodity foods to help reduce lunch program costs. The United States Department of Agriculture is responsible for overseeing the program nationally. In Iowa, the program is administered by the Iowa Department of Education, Bureau of Nutrition Programs and Health Services.

The National School Lunch Program provides a nutritious meal that contains 1/3 of the Recommended

Dietary Allowance of necessary nutrients. The O-A and BC-IG School Meal Programs offer a convenient method of providing nutritionally balanced lunches at the lowest possible price. Our nutritious, delicious school meal programs enhance our children's learning abilities by contributing to their physical and mental well-being. Studies have shown that children whose nutritional needs are met have fewer attendance and discipline problems and are more attentive in class.

Do your Body and Brain a favor – EAT LUNCH AT SCHOOL!!

Asbestos Containing Materials

Code No. 804.4

Friable and non-friable asbestos-containing materials will be maintained in good condition and appropriate precautions will be followed when the material is disturbed for any reason. If there is a need to replace asbestos, it will be replaced with non-asbestos containing materials. Each

school building will maintain a copy of the asbestos management plan.

The school district will notify, appoint and train appropriate employees as necessary.

Tobacco-Free Environment

Code No. 905.2

School district facilities and grounds, including school vehicles, are off limits for tobacco use. This requirement extends to students, employees and visitors. This policy applies at all times, including school-sponsored and non school-sponsored events. Persons failing to abide by this request are required to dispose of the tobacco product or leave the school district premises immediately. It is the responsibility of the administration to enforce this policy.

Health Education

Code No. 603.5

Students in grade levels 1 through 12 will receive, as part of their health education, instruction about personal health, food and nutrition, environmental health, safety and survival skills, consumer health, family life, human growth and development, substance abuse and non-use, including the effects of alcohol, tobacco, drugs and poisons on the human body, human sexuality, self esteem, stress management, interpersonal relationships, emotional and social health, health resources, prevention and control of disease, communicable diseases, including acquired immune deficiency syndrome. The purpose of the health education program is to help each student protect, improve and maintain physical, emotional and social well-being.

The areas stated above shall be included in health education and the instruction shall be adapted at each grade level to aid understanding by the students.

Parents who object to health education instruction in human growth and development may file a written request that the pupil be excused from the instruction. The written request shall include a proposed alternate activity or study acceptable to the Superintendent. The Superintendent shall have the final authority to determine the alternate activity or study.



◀ BCIG 3rd graders made butter to better understand the pioneer life of Laura Ingalls.

▶ OA-BCIG High School recently hosted its 2nd annual law enforcement appreciation lunch.



Thank You to Our Yearbook Sponsors

Mrs. Heidi Beck, Yearbook Adviser

The OA-BCIG yearbook staff would like to thank the following businesses for helping support/advertise in our 2016-2017 student publication:

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If any other business would like to help sponsor or run an advertisement in the yearbook, please contact Heidi Beck at the high school (364-3371) or email her (hbeck@oabcig.org). Thank you once again to all of our sponsors!

FFA News

Ms. Tess Mittag, FFA Adviser

The OA-BCIG FFA chapter has had a busy start to the 2016-17 school year! We kicked off the school year with many career development events such as: livestock judging in Dunlap, sub-district soil judging in Wall Lake, district livestock judging in Spencer, trap shooting in Manson, district soil judging at Sioux Center, and horse/livestock judging contests at Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville, Missouri. Students that participated in these events include: Elliott Bengford, Skylar Reis, Daltyn Swanger, Bree Henningsen, Ty Tollufsen, Claire Sohm, Clayton Mandernach, Jeren McKibbin, Hayden Roeder, the entire Horticulture class, Corin Bower, Greysenne Hoefling, Amanda Gunderson, and Kenny Hausman.

Other events that FFA members have participated in are: Odebolt, Battle Creek, and Ida Grove summer parades, volunteered at the local food bank, 4th Grade Ag Day sponsored by Farm Bureau, tour Northwest Missouri State University's campus and Agricultural Sciences Department, and participated at the Ida and Sac Country Fairs.

Thank you everyone that bought tickets and supported the FFA Greenhouse Fundraiser. Also, another big thank you goes to Tiefenthaler Quality Meats for storing and processing the hog for us--the two lucky winners were Vickie Linman and Jim Wareham.

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BCIG Elementary Happenings

Mr. Alan Henderson, BCIG Elem. Principal

November starts off with conferences. Please take the time to come and visit with your student's teacher about your child. This is an opportunity to find out how your child is learning, what works best for them and anything you can do to support them in their education. Know that we can always meet other times as well. If you have a concern, you do not need to wait for conferences. You are always welcome to call and visit to discuss your child.

Snow could fly anytime, please make sure students are ready if it does. Please have boots, hat, coat and gloves at minimum. Snowpants would be a plus to be able to play in the snow. If you are not able to provide those for your child, please contact the school.

Thanksgiving is also right around the corner, don't forget we are off from Wednesday, Nov. 23 through Nov. 27.

Veterans Day Meal

Veterans are invited to a **free meal** served by the OA-BCIG Foods and Cuisine students at the Ida Grove Rec Center on **November 11**.

Serving time will be from **12:00-1:00**.

Please **RSVP** by November 1.



Call OA-BCIG High School @ 364-3371
or email anielsen@oabcig.org

Notes from the Nurse

Mrs. Tiffany Lindberg, School Nurse

Fall has arrived, and winter is right around the corner! Here comes the patterns of inconsistent weather and ups and downs of illnesses. Now is a good time to think about getting a flu shot for your child/children and for yourself. There are some misconceptions in regards to the flu shot. According to the Center for Disease Control you cannot get the flu from the flu shot. There are many different strains of the flu, and the vaccination covers the strain that research believes will be the most prominent. The flu shot protects against the respiratory influenza not the "stomach flu". Some people do get a slight reaction or sore arm at the injection site, but those are mild symptoms in comparison to getting the

flu. Protect yourself and protect your family and friends and get vaccinated.

On another note, for school children especially, here comes hat season for the bitter cold days outside. In order to prevent the spread of head lice, please continue to encourage your children not to share hats, brushes, combs, and hair accessories. These little bugs are transmitted easily through the sharing of these items. The state law says a student cannot be excluded from school due to lice, but the parents will be contacted and then it is up to the parent if they would like to pick up their child in order start treatment of the child's head and treatment of the home. We ask that the student

brings back an empty bottle of the treatment, in order to verify treatment has been started. Lice is a hindrance, but it is not considered contagious, so therefore students and parents have the option to keep their child in school.

Lastly, if your child is in need of immunizations, please have these completed as soon as possible and let the school know or email me at tlindberg@oabcig.org. I have sent out emails to those that are in need of immunizations. If these are not completed, state law states the child can be prohibited from attending school until they are completed.

Curriculum Notes

Mrs. Mistaya Hoefling, Curriculum Director

The OA-BCIG schools are learning environments where we seek to provide unique and valuable learning opportunities for each individual student. While we often think of students as the only learners in schools, teachers are also learners. Teachers learn about their students through relationship building, observations, and data collection. They also have a learning mindset when it comes to instruction. While each educator has his or her own strengths, they also have areas in which they wish to improve. For this reason, our district has tailored our professional development efforts to support teachers in the areas most relevant to them. Just as a one-size-fits-all approach does not always produce the best results for students, teachers benefit from learning that is tailored to support their individual needs.

Each early out Wednesday, teachers in all buildings meet in small groups called professional learning communities or PLCs. These groups work collaboratively to share their expertise. The focus of these groups is to improve their instruction and the academic performance of their students. At each meeting, groups complete a peer review of one of their members, and then they work on their specific group's goals which may include

improving English language arts instruction, rigor and relevance of lessons, student engagement, or other important issues. Learning may be accomplished by reading articles relevant to their topic, reviewing student work, analyzing lesson plans or assessments, and engaging in group discussions.


Groups complete reporting forms at each meeting. These forms serve as documentation of their work, but they also provide an opportunity for group members to open lines of communication between PLC groups and administration. The reports give groups a voice to request additional information or resources for their continued learning, inform administration about issues they face, or ask questions.

Our PLCs provide a unique and individualized opportunity for teachers to learn collaboratively and improve instruction for all of our students. If you are interested in learning more about the work teachers are doing to improve the educational experience of the OA-BCIG students, please contact Mistaya Hoefling at mhoefling@oabcig.org or (712)668-2767.

Activity Calendar for November 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 	31	November 1 1A/2A Regional Finals MS Mock Trial @ CB 2:30 Early Dismissal 4:00-7:30 PT Conferences	2	3 2:30 Early Dismissal 4:00-7:30 PT Conferences	4 NO SCHOOL FB Q Final Play	5 Dance State Solo @ Newton NWIBA Honor Band Auditions for HS NWIBA MS Honor Band Festival 10:00 ACT Prep Class Quiz Bowl @ Sgt. Bluff (V)
BCIG Book Fair						
6	7 HS G/B Bowling & G BB Practices Begin 6:00 SAVE Training Parent Mtg. 7:00 MS Fall Concert 	8 NWICDA MS Honor Choir @ SL	9 1:00 Dismissal	10 4:00 7th B BB @ Denison 4:00 8th B BB vs. Denison @ Odebolt	11 BCIG 5th Grade Veteran's Day Program 7:00 Fall Musical @ IG	12 FB Semi-Finals 1A/2A 10:00 ACT Prep Class 7:00 Fall Musical @ IG
State Volleyball Tournament						
13	14 Dance Butterbraided Pick-Up HS Boys BB & Wrestling Practices Begin 4:00 7/8 B BB vs. WC @ Odebolt 6:15 FB Banquet-tentative 6:30 Joint School Board Mtg. @ Odebolt	15 4:00 7/8 B BB @ Lawton Bronson	16 OPUS Choir	17 FB State Finals 4:00 7th B BB vs. MVAO @ Odebolt 4:00 8th B BB vs. MVAO @ Anthon	18 FB State Finals 7:00 MS Dance	19 10:00 ACT Prep Class G BB @ SL Jamboree 
All-State Musical Festival-Ames						
20	21	22 4:00 7th B BB @ Cherokee 4:00 8th B BB vs. Cherokee @ Odebolt	23	24	25	26 B BB @ SL Jamboree
NO SCHOOL-THANKSGIVING BREAK 						
27 	28	29 4:00 JV BB vs. River Valley 4:00 7/8 B BB @ Schleswig 5:30 WR @ East Sac (Lake View) 6:00 BB vs. River Valley 8:00 Dance Team Performance	30 1:00 Dismissal	December 1 State Dance Competition 3:45 Bowling @ Denison 4:00 7th BB vs. Denison @ Odebolt 4:00 8th BB @ Denison WR @ Ridge View 7:00 BCIG 1-3rd Xmas Concert	2 State Dance Competition BCIG 5th Wax Museum 4:00 JV BB vs. KP 5:00 MS TAG Soup Supper 6:00 BB vs. KP	3 WVC Quiz Bowl @ Mapleton 10:00 ACT Prep Class 10:00 WR @ MNWW Tourney

Breakfast & Lunch Menus for November 2016

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>31 BCIG B: breakfast pizza BCIG L: French toast sticks, sausage, hash brown, celery, carrots, cottage cheese, strawberry cup, apple OA B: muffin, applesauce, toast OA L: corn dog, corn, fresh veggie sticks, peaches</p>	<p>1 BCIG B: pop tart, *yogurt BCIG L: teriyaki chicken breast/WG bun, baked beans, potato salad, peaches, orange OA B: breakfast bar or cereal, pears and toast OA L: chicken strips, baked beans, veggie sticks, mandarin oranges</p>	<p>2 BCIG B: cheese omelet, WG toast BCIG L: hot ham & cheese, Elem-cherry tomatoes, celery, green beans, *salad bar, mixed fruit, apple OA B: pancake on a stick or cereal, peaches and toast OA L: mac & cheese/lit'l smokies, carrots, veggie sticks, pineapple, bread & peanut butter</p>	<p>3 BCIG B: blueberry muffin, *assorted cereal BCIG L: cheesesticks w/marinara, corn, Caesar salad, applesauce cup, orange OA B: cheese omelet or cereal, orange half and toast OA L: spaghetti & meat sauce, broccoli, veggie sticks, banana, bread stick</p>	<p>4 NO SCHOOL</p> 
<p>7 BCIG B: sausage pancake wrap BCIG L: mandarin orange chicken, broccaulif salad, carrots, brown rice, bread-butter, pears, orange OA B: fruit parfait or cereal, applesauce and toast OA L: cheese pizza, green beans, veggie sticks, mandarin oranges</p>	<p>8 BCIG B: assorted cereal, WG toast BCIG L: corn dog, smiley fries, green beans, mandarin oranges, apple OA B: pancakes or cereal, pears and toast OA L: chicken nuggets, carrots, veggie sticks, peaches, bread & jelly</p>	<p>9 BCIG B: breakfast wrap, salsa BCIG L: pork patty/WG bun, Elem-mixed green salad, peas, *salad bar, apricots, apple OA B: breakfast pizza or cereal, peaches and toast OA L: beef hot dog WG bun, baked beans, veggie sticks, pineapple</p>	<p>10 BCIG B: pumpkin chocolate chip coffeecake, *yogurt BCIG L: taco-in-a-bag, lettuce, tomato, cheese, salsa, black bean salad, applesauce, banana OA B: egg and sausage patty or cereal/mixed fruit and toast OA L: turkey & gravy, mashed potatoes, veggie sticks, apple slices, dinner roll & butter</p>	<p>11 BCIG B: egg patty, bacon round, WG toast BCIG L: chicken patty/WG bun, broccoli, corn, pineapple, orange OA B: French toast sticks or cereal/banana and toast OA L: cheese quesadilla, broccoli, veggie sticks, pears</p>
<p>14 BCIG B: mini strawberry bagels BCIG L: hamburger/WG bun, baked beans, potato salad, mixed fruit, orange OA B: muffin or cereal, applesauce and toast OA L: popcorn chicken, broccoli, veggie sticks, mandarin oranges</p>	<p>15 BCIG B: assorted cereal, WG toast BCIG L: tomato soup, grilled cheese, cottage cheese, cucumbers, carrots, *celery, saltine crackers, peaches, apple OA B: breakfast bar or cereal, pears and toast OA L: cheesesticks w/marinara, green beans, veggie sticks, pineapple</p>	<p>16 BCIG B: cheese omelet, WG toast BCIG L: chicken nuggets, Elem-mixed green salad, carrots, *salad bar, mandarin oranges, apple OA B: pancake on a stick or cereal, peaches and toast OA L: pork patty WG bun, baked beans, veggie sticks, pears</p>	<p>17 BCIG B: ultimate breakfast round, *assorted cereal BCIG L: pepperoni pizza, corn, broc-caulif salad, strawberries & bananas, orange OA B: egg patty & hash brown or cereal/orange half and toast OA L: chicken fajitas on soft shell, carrots, veggie sticks, peaches</p>	<p>18 BCIG B: egg patty, bacon round, WG toast BCIG L: chicken alfredo, spinach salad, peas, garlic toast, pears, apple OA B: donut or cereal, banana and toast OA L: mini corn dogs, corn, veggie sticks, apple slices</p>
<p>21 BCIG B: mini French toast BCIG L: chicken leg, au gratin potatoes, green beans, dinner roll, pumpkin bar, strawberry cup, orange OA B: fruit parfait or cereal, applesauce and toast OA L: tater tot hot dish, green beans, fresh broccoli & carrots, peaches</p>	<p>22 BCIG B: cereal bar, yogurt BCIG L: crispito, lettuce, tomato, cheese, salsa, taco fiesta beans, Spanish rice, pineapple, apple OA B: biscuit & gravy or cereal, pears and toast OA L: chicken patty WG bun, corn, veggie sticks, pineapple, bread & jelly</p>	<p>23 NO SCHOOL</p> 	<p>24 NO SCHOOL- THANKSGIVING</p> 	<p>25 NO SCHOOL</p> 
<p>28 BCIG B: breakfast burrito, salsa BCIG L: BBQ pork rib/WG bun, baked beans, sweet potato tots, mixed fruit, apple OA B: muffin or cereal, applesauce and toast OA L: fiestada pizza, corn, veggie sticks, banana half</p>	<p>29 BCIG B: assorted cereal, WG toast BCIG L: shredded turkey in gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, dinner roll, sidekicks, orange OA B: breakfast bar or cereal, pears and toast OA L: cheese bread w/marinara, green beans, veggie sticks, pineapple</p>	<p>30 BCIG B: cheese omelet, WG toast BCIG L: chicken tenders, Elem-cucumbers, cherry tomatoes, corn, *salad bar, mandarin oranges, apple OA B: breakfast pizza or cereal, peaches and toast OA L: hamburger patty WG bun, baked beans, veggie sticks, apple</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. All breads are whole grain.</i></p> <p>*Available only at the high school.</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.



Art Club donated and installed "Put-In-Cups" that spell out the word "Falcons" on the north side of the track. Put-In-Cups are small square shapes that snap into the chain link fence. The art club members followed a template to get the final design.

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<p>Please stop by the PTP BAKE SALE during Fall Parent Teacher Conferences in the BCIG Lobby!</p> <p>BAKE SALE</p>  <p>A variety of freshly baked goodies, Falcon Fardanas, and other Falcon Spirit items will be for sale!</p> <p><small>If you would like to donate a bakery item to sell please contact bcigptp@oabcpol.com. All proceeds benefit Family Fun Night 2017.</small></p>	<p>SAVE THE DATE!</p> <h1 style="text-align: center; color: yellow;">FAMILY FUN NIGHT</h1> <p style="text-align: center;">BCIG ELEMENTARY FAMILY FUN NIGHT Friday, February 24, 2017 5:30 - 8:00PM</p>
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<p>RECYCLED CRAYON & MARKER COLLECTION BOXES AVAILABLE IN THE LOBBY DURING CONFERENCES!</p> 	
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