

OA-BCIG INSIGHTS

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



From the Superintendent Mr. Terry Kenealy, Superintendent

I hope that the first few weeks of the school year have been a wonderful experience for all of our students, parents, staff, and community members. There were a lot of changes put into place for the start of the school year, new staff members were hired and the buildings underwent a number of upgrades to make the learning environment more comfortable for everyone. If you haven't had the opportunity to visit our school facilities yet this school year, please stop in and visit sometime. We would enjoy showing you around and answering your questions.

Special Election on Tuesday, September 13

On Monday, June 20, 2016, the Northwest AEA Board of Directors and the Prairie Lakes AEA Board of Directors met in joint session to hold a public hearing on the Petition for Reorganization. The Northwest AEA Directors and the Prairie Lakes AEA Directors determined that the prerequisites for a vote on the question of reorganization had been met and they voted to approve the Petition for Reorganization and scheduled a special election in each district for Tuesday, September 13, 2016. In order for reorganization to be approved a simple majority (50% plus one vote) of the votes cast in favor of the question of reorganization is required in each school district.

In addition, the Northwest AEA Directors and the Prairie Lakes AEA Directors determined that the electors of the two school districts be asked to approve a Revenue Purpose Statement at the same special election. The Revenue Purpose Statement would apply to the new school district if the

question of reorganization would be approved by the electors as provided for in Iowa Code. The Revenue Purpose Statement establishes the authority of a school district to utilize the Sales Tax Funds it receives from the State of Iowa and it defines how those funds could be used.

Also, each school district will be voting to fill a vacancy on each school board. The Odebolt-Arthur Community School District will be selecting a new director to complete the term of Naomi Lozier who resigned her position due to an upcoming relocation out of the district. At this time Ryan Schroeder has taken out paperwork to run for the position.

The Battle Creek-Ida Grove Community School District will be selecting a new director to complete the term of Kim Claussen. Danika Hinkeldey was appointed to fill that position this past spring and in accordance with state statute the electors need to vote to fill that position at the next school election which is September 13. As of now Danika Hinkeldey has filed to run for the position.

Special Election Details

Date: Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2016

Time: 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m.

Locations:

Ida County

- *Battle Creek - Community Center
- *Ida Grove - Rec Center

Sac County

- *Arthur - Community Building
- *Odebolt - Fire Station

Voter Registration

- An eligible resident may register to vote now through the day of the election.

(However it is simpler to get a voter registration form and complete it prior to the day of the election.)

- Voter registration forms are available in Sac County at Sac County online at www.sacounty.org, or they will mail them to you, or you can pick them up at the Sac County Auditor's Office, or you can pick them up at the school office in Odebolt.
- Voter registrations forms are available in Ida County by picking them up at the Ida County Auditor's Office, or you can request that they mail a form to you, or you may pick them up at the school offices in each building in Ida Grove.
- If an eligible resident chooses to register at the voting site on the day of the election they would need to present a valid driver's license that has their current resident address on it, or provide a current bill that the resident received at their residence, or have someone who lives in their voting precinct attest to their residency at the voting site.
- An eligible resident is a citizen of the United States, has not been convicted of a felony (or has had their voting rights restored), is at least 17 ½ years old, lives at the address listed on the registration form, has not been ruled incompetent to vote and does not claim the right to vote anywhere else.

Voting Methods

- An eligible resident may vote on the day of the election at the voting site that covers the part of the school district that they reside in.

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- An eligible resident may vote early by going to the courthouse of the county that their school district is located in, Ida or Sac, and completing an absentee ballot.
- An eligible resident may request an absentee ballot by phone or by mail from the Ida County Auditor's Office by September 2, 2016.
- An eligible resident may request an absentee ballot by phone, by mail or

online from the Sac County Auditor's Office by September 2, 2016.

An absentee ballot must be postmarked no later than Monday, September 12 or delivered in person to the County Auditor's Office the day of the election to be valid.

Have a Great School Year!

If you have questions related to your children's classes, the projects or goals of the school district, or need information about any issue related to the school

district please don't hesitate to contact me at tkenealy@oabcig.org or by phone at OA: 668-2289 or BCIG: 364-3687 or go to the district website at www.oabcig.org. We will do our best to answer your questions or provide the information that you need.

Go Falcons!

OA-BCIG High School Happenings

Mr. Patrick, Principal

New Staff

OA-BCIG High School would like to welcome Cristina Buse, Megan Dooley, Tyler Johnson, Adam Mickelson, Tess Mittag, and Kaye Otto to our teaching staff. Mrs. Buse will be teaching science, Mrs. Dooley will be our new guidance counselor, Mr. Johnson will be here 2 periods a day in the social studies department, Mr. Mickelson will be working the special education room, Ms. Mittag will be teaching agriculture education, and Mrs. Otto will be teaching language arts.

Building Goals 2016-17

At the end of the 2015-16 school year the high school staff developed the following goals for this year:

- Make more use of enduring understandings and essential questions to allow students to make connections between the content and the world of work.

- Improve communication between school and home.
- Alignment of assessments to Iowa Core Standards.

Schedule Change

In an effort to improve learning opportunities on 1:00 early dismissal days we will be altering the class schedule. Typically we ran a shortened class schedule, allowing each class to meet, but only for a short time. This year we will hold a modified schedule, with only 4 periods meeting each early out day. On the first early out day of the month periods 1, 3, 5 and 7 will meet, on the second early out of the month periods 2, 4, 6, and 8 will meet. This allows us to hold classes for a longer period of time which in turn should provide more meaningful learning opportunities for students.

OA Elementary & OA-BCIG Middle School Happenings

Mr. Doug Mogensen, Principal

It's great to get back into the routines of school. I hope that all of you were able to enjoy the summer months. Now is the time to get back to the routines that school days and nights give us. My hope for you is that your child has some good routines for the return of school. These routines should include a consistent bedtime, morning time, and homework time. I know family lives are chaotic, and with a little work toward routines, the chaos can be diminished. Take time to review your family routines and find out what can make things easier at the busiest of times.

Our middle school has seen a few new teaching faces. Tyler Johnson is teaching 8th grade social studies classes. Kalin Butler is our FCS teacher and Tessa Mittag is teaching our 8th grade agriculture exploratory. Tony Napierala is teaching our physical education middle school classes. In the elementary Mrs. Wittrock is now teaching 2nd grade. Last year she was one of our 4th grade teachers.

The Parent-Teacher-Community Partnership (PTCP) will be collecting the box top and soup labels again this year. The school will collect the box tops and soup labels for the PTCP. Community members can turn these items into the office. The classes will have a little friendly competition on which class can collect the most items. Every box top and label turned in helps fill a need at school.

Our Parent-Teacher Community Partnership is always looking for community members to help and support the school. The group has helped out with classroom parties, snacks for Iowa Assessments, and end of the year activities. For more information please contact Angie Quirk at 668-2313 or see our school website for O-A PTCP mission statement, other things the group has done, and information on how to join the group.

A couple reminders from the handbook for parents and students.

- BIKES should be walked through heavy sidewalk traffic, rather than ridden.
- Because of the importance of bus safety and the primary job of the bus driver to operate his/her bus, students will be expected to behave in an appropriate manner while using school transportation. Please see the handbooks for more information about bus violations and guidelines.
- We ask that you remind your children of appropriate behavior when attending school extracurricular activities. At football games, students are expected to watch, cheer, and enjoy the game. No ball games will be allowed during the game.

We look forward to another wonderful school year and always ask for parent and community support as we continue to help students grow as learners. Together we will make a difference.

BCIG Elementary Happenings

Mr. Alan Henderson, BCIG Elem. Principal

School is off to a good start. It was fun to stand outside and watch students come in with their big smiles. We have had some major updates in the building. When you drive by you have seen the new windows in front of the building. They really change the way our building looks. All new cabinetry in the classrooms looks great with a fresh coat of paint. Still a little compact until the new classrooms are done, but that will be right around the corner.

We are getting ready for our first round of FAST testing. This is a statewide initiative to test students in the areas of fluency, accuracy, vocabulary, and comprehension. It will help us identify students that need some extra interventions to get them up to speed in reading.

Thank you to all of you who signed up for the Parent Teacher Partnership. It is great to have such support from the parents in our school. I look forward to working with all of you as we continue to make our school "Where the Best Begin."

Some activities coming up in September:

September 9: 4th grade to Farm Bureau Safety Day

September 13: Mrs. Snyder to country school

September 15: Mrs. Steil to country school

September 16: Mrs. Nettles to country school

September 30: Homecoming

We look forward to working with your students this year. Please stop by and visit.

**** PLEASE JOIN US FOR SCHOOL BREAKFAST AND SCHOOL LUNCH ****



OA and BCIG kitchen staff strive to fix delicious and nutritious meals for our students and staff. Stop by and get some brain fuel to make your school day better.



Guidance Notes

Mrs. Megan Dooley, High School Counselor

On **Monday, September 19**, we will be having an Iowa College Access Network (ICAN) representative at the high school to discuss transitioning to high school for freshmen and financial aid for seniors. We encourage both students and parents of freshmen and seniors to attend.

6:00 pm
Freshman Transition Presentation for Students and Parents

Topics will include:

- Career Assessment and Pathway Identification Utilizing ACT Profile
- Course Selection based on Career and College Outlook
- Options: Apprenticeship, Military and College Degree Types
- Financing Education: Cost of College Projections and Savings Options
- Money Management Basics
- A Parent's Role

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.

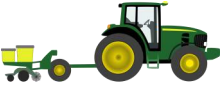
7:00 pm
Free Financial Aid Presentation for Seniors and Parents

Topics will include:


- Financial Aid Process
- FAFSA Application Review
- Understanding FAFSA Results
- Understanding Costs – College Comparisons
- Financial Aid Options
- Scholarships Process
- Where to Go for Help

Feel free to contact me with questions at mdooley@oabcig.org or 712-364-3371. Thanks!

Test Date	Registration Deadline
September 10, 2016	August 5, 2016
October 22, 2016	September 16, 2016
December 10, 2016	November 4, 2016
February 11, 2017	January 13, 2017
April 8, 2017	March 3, 2017
June 10, 2017	May 5, 2017



Ida County Farm Bureau
Farm/Ag Safety Day
at the Ida County Fairgrounds
is Friday, Sept. 9 for
BCIG 4th Graders.



**4th Grade
Country School Dates**

Sept. 13 - Mrs. Snyder (BCIG)
Sept. 15 - Ms. Steil (BCIG)
Sept. 16 - Mrs. Nettles (BCIG)
Sept. 22 - OA 4th Grade

*sponsored by Ida County Historical Society
and held at Moorehead Park

Senior Information for the Yearbook

Have you had your senior photos taken yet? If not, you need to get them scheduled soon. The yearbook needs **one wallet size portrait (vertical) senior photo** and **one baby photo** of each senior. The baby photo will be returned as soon as it is scanned and the senior photo will be kept and used for the senior collage that will hang in the cafeteria. In order to guarantee you will be in the yearbook, photos must be submitted to Mrs. Beck by **NO LATER** than **February 1, 2017**.

Even if you or your professional photographer email a photo to Mrs. Beck, you still need to submit an actual wallet as soon as you get one. For questions, please contact hbeck@oabcig.org or call 364-3371.



Library Listings

Mrs. Mary Rohlk, K-12 Librarian

The high school library fiction section took on a new arrangement over the summer. A library survey taken last winter revealed that almost 80% of the students preferred a library arranged “like Barnes and Noble” or by genre rather than the traditional shelving by author. Mrs. Rohlk and Mrs. Wilcke worked to designate the thirteen genres, update the automation system, label the books, and rearrange the collection. The genre designations are classics, Christian, adventure, fantasy, paranormal, science fiction/dystopian, mystery, westerns, sports, realistic fiction, historical fiction, relationships, and horror. Hopefully, the students will more easily find books to suite their reading taste!

All library catalogs may be accessed from any computer with internet access. Click on library resources under the student resources on the district webpage.





School Pictures




OA Elem./OA-BCIG Middle School

- Tuesday, August 30

BCIG Elementary

- Wednesday, August 31

OA-BCIG High School

- Thursday, September 1





Homecoming

Thursday, September 29

- Parade @ 6:00, downtown Ida Grove
- Coronation, Pep Rally & Super Class Night @ 7:00 at the high school

Friday, September 30

- Football game vs. Missouri Valley @ 7:00

Make sure to check the school website for additional homecoming information as it becomes available:

<http://www.oabcig.org/pages/homecoming>.

The OA-BCIG homecoming parade will be on Thursday, September 29, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. Staging will be at 5:30 starting west of Brenner's. Entry forms will be located on the school website as we get closer to the event. Email, fax, or deliver completed entry forms to the OA-BCIG High School by September 27. Please contact Donna Rasmussen at the high school if you have any questions (drasmussen@oabcig.org or 364-3371).



Little Falcon Cheer Clinic

Friday, September 23

3:30-5:00 @ BCIG Elem. & OA Elem.

Grades 1st - 5th

Performance that night @ 6:30

before the football game in Ida Grove vs. Logan Magnolia

Cost \$5.00/student

Notes will go home the week prior to the clinic.

We will not be ordering shirts.




Proper Footwear for P.E.

Ms. Jamie Boege BCIG Elem. Physical Education

It's time to talk about proper footwear for physical education class! Not only do we want to wear proper, clean tennis shoes for our impending new gym floor next year, we want to wear proper shoes for our feet during movement and exercise.

For students own safety when coming to P.E. the expectation is that students are wearing appropriate shoes as it is essential for physical activity. Sometimes children's footwear is chosen based upon what is aesthetically pleasing rather than what is best for safety and efficient movement. Style is often the major reason a particular pair of shoes is worn and they are often not suitable for P.E.

Athletic tennis shoes are built to provide support to your foot and ankle during physical activity, and as a result they help reduce the risk of fractures and sprains while active. We sometimes see leg, ankle and foot injuries that could have been prevented if proper athletic footwear had been worn. Please understand that the necessity of wearing proper shoes is 100% instruction and safety driven.

Running shoes, basketball shoes, cross training shoes, and tennis shoes are ideal in a physical education setting. While skateboarding shoes are not ideal for physical activity they are acceptable in P.E. (flat bottom shoes).

What an ideal P.E. shoe looks like:

- Shoe fits the foot, not slipping out.
- Shoe has a back where heel is not exposed.
- Shoe has an appropriate bottom where running will not hurt the foot.

For the physical education department, I will be collecting donated shoes to be stored at school for students that forget their tennis shoes. I am looking for shoes in a range of sizes that are clean and in good shape. If you have any you are looking to donate, you can bring them to school with your child or drop them off at my office in the gym.

FALCON SPIRIT BOX

Get your falcon gear early for homecoming from the Athletic Boosters Spirit Box. All proceeds go back to our athletes. Items will be available before football and volleyball games. You can also get a hold of Becky Miller (bmiller@oabcig.org) or Donna Rasmussen (drasmussen@oabcig.org).
 Thanks for your support!

High School Music Notes

Mr. Jacob Pedersen, Choir Director

The new school year has barely started and already we have had several choir-related events. In August, five students attended Buena Vista University's Pre-All-State Camp. Students who attended were Marzia Shivers (12th), Emma Endrulat (10th), Alyssa Mason (10th), Ethan Ernst (10th), and Taylor Oldham (9th). The high school show choir also attended OA-BCIG's first show choir camp and learned choreography for this year's season. We are off to a great start to the school year. We live in a community filled with extra events, so try to find other opportunities to sing or attend concert events this year. Students receive points for lettering in choir if they participate in church choir, community choir, sing the national anthem at sporting events, attend a musical, or another school's concert. Please send me these extra performances so I can keep track of them.



Join The Athletic Boosters

Mrs. Donna Rasmussen, Booster President



The OA-BCIG Athletic Boosters welcome your participation! The Athletic Boosters take pride in being able to provide OA-BCIG athletes with additional equipment that goes above and beyond what is furnished by the school district. Each year the Athletic Boosters ask for parental and athlete support to assist with the fundraisers (mainly the concessions during the Herb Irgens Wrestling Invitational), but please consider also getting involved by attending the monthly meetings to decide how funds will be used and what extra benefits the Athletic Boosters could provide in our district. Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the high school library. We hope to see you there! If you can't attend meetings, please consider submitting your name as a volunteer that we could call to help with other activities as they arise.



Bullying and Harassment

The Odebolt-Arthur and Battle Creek-Ida Grove Community School Districts do not tolerate bullying and/or harassment of their students. In accordance with that view the OA & BCIG School Boards have adopted the following Anti Bullying/Harassment Board Policy No. 104 as follows:

Series 100 Code No. 104

ANTI-BULLYING/HARASSMENT POLICY

Harassment and bullying of students and employees are against federal, state and local policy, and are not tolerated by the boards. The boards are committed to providing all students with a safe and civil school environment in which all members of the school communities are treated with dignity and respect. To that end, the boards have in place policies, procedures, and practices that are designed to reduce and eliminate bullying and harassment as well as processes and procedures to deal with incidents of bullying and harassment. Bullying and harassment of students by other students, by school employees, and by volunteers who have direct contact with students will not be tolerated in the school or school districts.

The boards prohibit harassment, bullying, hazing or any other victimization of students, based on any of the following actual or perceived traits or characteristics, including but not limited to age, color, creed, national origin, race, religion, marital status, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical attributes, physical or mental ability or disability, ancestry, political party preference, political belief, socioeconomic status, or familial status. Harassment against employees based upon the employee's race, color, creed, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, religion, age or disability is also prohibited.

This policy is in effect

while students or employees are on property within the jurisdiction of the boards; while on school-owned or school-operated vehicles; while attending or engaged in school-sponsored activities; and while away from school grounds if the misconduct directly affects the good order, efficient management and welfare of the school or school districts.

If, after an investigation, a student is found to be in violation of this policy, the student shall be disciplined by appropriate measures which may include suspension or expulsion. If after an investigation a school employee is found to be in violation of this policy, the employee shall be disciplined by appropriate measures which may include termination. If after an investigation a school volunteer is found to be in violation of this policy, the volunteer shall be subject to appropriate measures which may include exclusion from school grounds. "Volunteer" means an individual who has regular, significant contact with students.

When looking at the totality of the circumstances, harassment and bullying means any electronic, written, verbal or physical act or conduct toward a student which is based on any actual or perceived trait or characteristic of the student and which creates an objectively hostile school environment that meets one or more of the following conditions:

- Places the student in reasonable fear of harm to the student's person or property;
- Has a substantially detrimental effect on the student's physical or mental health;
- Has the effect of substantially interfering with the student's academic performance; or

- Has the effect of substantially interfering with the student's ability to participate in or benefit from the services, activities or privileges provided by a school.

"Electronic" means any communication involving the transmission of information by wire, radio, optical cable, electromagnetic, or other similar means. "Electronic" includes, but is not limited to communication via electronic mail, internet-based communications, pager service, cell phones, electronic text messaging or similar technologies.

Harassment and bullying may include, but are not limited to, the following behaviors and circumstances:

- Repeated remarks of a demeaning nature;
- Implied or explicit threats concerning one's grades, achievements, property, etc.
- Demeaning jokes, stories, or activities directed at the student; and/or
- Unreasonable interferences with a student's performance.

Sexual Harassment of a student by an employee means unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, or other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature when:

- Submission to the conduct is made either implicitly or explicitly a term or condition of the student's education or benefits;
- Submission to or rejection of the conduct is used as the basis for academic decisions affecting that student; or
- The conduct has the purpose or effect of substantially interfering with the student's academic performance by creating an intimidating, hostile or offensive education environment.

In situations between students and school officials, faculty, staff or volunteers who have direct contact with students, bullying and harassment may also include the following behaviors:

- Requiring that a student submit to bullying or harassment by another student, either explicitly or implicitly, as a term or condition of the targeted student's education or participation in school programs or activities; and/or
- Requiring a submission to or rejection of such conduct as a basis for decisions affecting the student.

Any person who promptly, reasonably, and in good faith reports an incident of bullying or harassment under this policy to a school official, shall be immune from civil or criminal liability relating to such report and to the person's participation in any administrative, judicial, or other proceeding relating to the report.

Individuals who knowingly file a false complaint may be subject to appropriate disciplinary action.

Retaliation against any person, because the person has filed a bullying or harassment complaint or assisted or participated in a harassment investigation or proceeding, is also prohibited. Individuals who knowingly file false harassment complaints and any person who gives false statements in an investigation shall be subject to discipline by appropriate measures, as shall any person who is found to have retaliated against another in violation of this policy. Any student found to have retaliated in violation of this policy shall be subject to measures up to, and including, suspension and expulsion. Any school employee found to have retaliated in violation of this policy shall be subject to measures up to, and including, termination of employment.

(Bullying and Harassment continued....)

Any school volunteer found to have retaliated in violation of this policy shall be subject to measures up to, and including, exclusion from school grounds.

The school or school districts will promptly and reasonably investigate allegations of bullying or harassment. The Building Principal or designee will be responsible for handling all complaints by students alleging bullying or harassment. The Superintendent or designee will be responsible for

handling all complaints by employees alleging harassment.

It is also the responsibility of the superintendent, in conjunction with the investigator and principals, to develop procedures regarding this policy. The superintendent also is responsible for organizing training programs for students, school officials, faculty, staff and volunteers who have direct contact with students. The training will include how to recognize harassment and what to do in case a student is

harassed. It will also include proven effective harassment prevention strategies. The superintendent will also develop a process for evaluating the effectiveness of the policy in reducing bullying and harassment in the school district.

The board will annually publish this policy. The policy may be publicized by the following means:

- Inclusion in the student handbook
- Inclusion in the employee handbook

- Inclusion in the registration materials
- Inclusion on the school or school districts' web site,
- Inclusion in the school newsletter "INSIGHTS".

And a copy shall be made available to any person who requests it at the BCIG Central Administrative Office at 900 John Montgomery Drive, Ida Grove, Iowa.

Immunization Laws in Schools

OA and BCIG School Districts new students and kindergarten students must submit a certificate of immunization against diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, poliomyelitis, rubeola, rubella, and other immunizations required by law. The student may be admitted conditionally to the attendance center if the student has not yet completed the immunization process, but is in the process of doing so. Failure to meet the immunization requirement will be grounds for suspension, expulsion or denial of admission. Upon recommendation of the Iowa Department of Education and Iowa Department of Public Health, students entering the districts may for the first time be required to pass a TB test prior to admission. The districts may conduct TB tests of current students.

Exemptions from the immunization requirement will be allowed only for medical or religious reasons recognized under the law. The student must provide a valid Iowa State Department of Health Certificate of Immunization Exemption to be exempt from the policy.

Student Health and Immunization Certificates

Series 500 Code 507.1

Students desiring to participate in athletic activities in the school district will have a physical examination by a licensed physician, nurse practitioner or physician's assistant and provide proof of such an examination to the school district.

Students enrolling for the first time in the school district will submit a certificate of immunization against diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, poliomyelitis, rubeola, rubella, and other immunizations required by law. The student may be admitted conditionally to the attendance center if the student has not yet completed the immunization process but is in the process of doing so. Failure to meet the immunization requirement will be grounds for suspension, expulsion or denial of admission.

Exemptions from the immunization requirement in this policy will be allowed only for medical or religious reasons recognized under the law. The student must provide a valid Iowa State Department of Health Certificate of Immunization Exemption to be exempt from this policy.

Student Athletes Health & Safety

All OA and BCIG students grades 7 through 12 desiring to participate in athletic activities in the school districts shall present the "Athletic Pre-Participation Physical Examination" certificate signed by a licensed physician, osteopathic physician, osteopath, advanced registered nurse practitioner (ARNP), physician's assistant or qualified doctor of chiropractic, to the effect that the student has been examined and may safely engage in athletic competition.

Additionally, all OA and BCIG students grades 7 through 12 desiring to participate in athletic activities in the school districts, along with their parent or guardian, must read the "Fact Sheet – Heads Up: Concussions in School Sports" and sign the acknowledgement page prior to beginning athletic practices or competitions.

Finally, the "Health and Injury Information Sheet and Consent for Medical Treatment" form must be completed and signed by the athlete's parent/guardian prior to beginning any athletic practices or competitions.

NOTE TO ALL STUDENT ATHLETES: DO NOT show up to practice without all three (3) of these documents completed, signed and turned in to the office of your building of attendance or your coach. The health and safety of our student athletes are of utmost importance to the Coaches, Sponsors and Administration of the OA and BCIG Community School Districts.

School Fee Waivers

You do not have to complete the waiver to get free or reduced-price school meals for your children. You do have to sign the waiver if you wish to have book rent, music fees and/or driver's education fees reduced or waived. If you have any questions about this fee waiver or to complete an Iowa Eligibility Application, please contact Wanda Schiernbeck at 712-364-3687, stop by the Central Office at 900 John Montgomery Drive in Ida Grove or email wschiernbeck@oabcig.org.

STATEMENT FOR WAIVER OF CONFIDENTIALITY TO REDUCE SCHOOL FEES 2016-2017

If your child(ren) qualifies for free or reduced-price school meals, you may also be eligible for other benefits. One of these benefits is reduction of school fees such as book rent, music fees and driver's education fees. If you sign this waiver, your child(ren) will be considered for a full or partial waiver of the above listed school fees. I understand that I will be releasing information that will show that I applied for free or reduced-price school meals for my child(ren). I give up my rights to confidentiality for waiver of school fees ONLY.

I certify that I am the parent/guardian of the child(ren) for whom application is being made.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

**YOU DO NOT HAVE TO COMPLETE THIS WAIVER TO GET FREE OR REDUCED-PRICE SCHOOL MEALS.
YOU MUST COMPLETE THIS WAIVER IF YOU WISH TO HAVE SCHOOL FEES REDUCED OR WAIVED.**

Student Lockers

Series 500 Code No. 502.5

Student lockers are the property of the school district. Students shall use the lockers assigned to them by the school district for storing their school materials and personal belongings necessary for attendance at school. It shall be the responsibility of students to keep their assigned lockers clean and undamaged.

To ensure students are properly maintaining their assigned locker, the principal of the building may periodically inspect all or a random selection of lockers. Either students or another individual will be present during the inspection of lockers. Student lockers may also be searched, at any time and without advance notice, in compliance with Board policy regulating search and seizure.



The BCIG PTP donated a Cement Bench and Garbage Can to the BCIG Elementary Playground in August 2016!




Donated by
BCIG PTP
Parent Teacher Partnership

BCIG ELEMENTARY
PARENT TEACHER PARTNERSHIP
PARENTS AND TEACHERS WORKING TOGETHER TO ACHIEVE SUCCESS AT OUR SCHOOL

Activity Calendar for September 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 All Iowa Dance Team Tryouts @ Ames 	29 1st day of OA & BCIG Preschool	30 OA Elem/MS School Pictures 6:00 VB vs. Lawton Bronson 	31 BCIG Elem. School Pictures	September 1 HS School Pictures 4:30 XC @ Okoboji 6:00 JVR FB vs. MVAO 	2 7:00 FB @ Ridge View 	3 IHSRA Rodeo @ Larchwood 9:00 VB @ Ridge View tourney (Schaller)
4 IHSRA Rodeo @ Larchwood	5 NO SCHOOL Labor Day IHSRA Rodeo @ Larchwood	6 6:00 VB vs. Woodbury Central 6:00 JV FB vs. Ridge View	7 6:30 School Board Mtg @ Odebolt	8 6:00 VB vs. Storm Lake	9 BCIG 4th Grade Farm Safety Day 7:00 FB vs. IKM-M	10 ACT Testing 8:30 VB @ West Monona tourney 9:00 XC @ Ridge View Invite 10:00 JV VB @ Westwood tourney
11	12 5th Grade MidBell Display Night 4:00 7/8th VB @ East Sac 6:00 JV FB vs. Woodbury Central	13 4th Grade Country School-Mrs. Snyder Reorganization Election 4:00 7/8th FB vs. LB 4:00 7th VB @ Schaller 4:00 8th VB vs. RGV 5:30 VB Quad @ River Valley	14 1:00 Dismissal	15 4th Grade Country School-Ms. Steil 4:15 8th VB vs. Carroll 4:15 7th VB @ Carroll 6:00 VB @ KP 6:00 JVR FB @ Kuemper	16 4th Grade Country School-Mrs. Nettles 7:00 FB @ Tri-Center (Neola)	17 9:00 VB @ OA-BCIG Invite 9:00 XC @ Kuemper Invite 9:00 JVR VB @ Denison tourney
18	19 3:45 7th VB @ Westside 6:00 JV FB vs. Westwood 6:00 ICAN 9th Grade Workshop 7:00 ICAN 12th Grade Financial Aid Workshop	20 4:00 7/8th FB vs. RGV 4:00 7th VB vs. SL 4:15 8th VB @ SL 6:00 VB vs. MVAO Dance team works at Gomaco Invite supper	21 Yearbook Ad Sales	22 OA 4th Grade Country School 4:00 JVR VB tourney @ WC 4:00 7th VB @ Sgt. Bluff 4:00 8th VB vs. SBL 6:00 JVR FB vs. East Sac	23 Little Falcon Cheer Clinic 7:00 FB vs. LoMa	24 IHSRA Rodeo @ Ft. Madison 9:00 VB WVC tourney @ Mapleton 11:00 Then Feed Just One
25 IHSRA Rodeo @ Ft. Madison	26 7/8th VB vs. St. Mary's 6:00 VB WVC Finals @ Sloan 6:00 JV FB @ Wall Lake	27 4:00 7/8th FB @ Anthon 4:00 7th VB vs. RGV 4:00 8th VB @ Schaller 4:30 XC @ Hull	28 1:00 Dismissal	29 6:00 Homecoming Parade, Coronation, Super Class Night 6:00 JVR FB vs. Alta-Aurelia	30 Homecoming 7:00 FB vs. MoValley	October 1 IHSRA Rodeo @ Waterloo Marching Band @ Carroll Band Days

Breakfast & Lunch Menus for September 2016

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. All breads are whole grain.</i></p> <p>*Available only at the high school.</p>				
<p>5 NO SCHOOL Labor Day</p>	<p>6 BCIG B: assorted cereal, WG toast BCIG L: chicken alfredo, spinach salad, corn, garlic toast, pineapple, apple OA B: muffin or cereal, orange cup, toast OA L: shrimp, string cheese, carrots, veggie sticks, peaches, jelly sandwich</p>	<p>7 BCIG B: cheese omelet, WG toast BCIG L: meatball sub, Elem-mixed green salad, green beans, *salad bar, applesauce, orange OA B: French toast or cereal, banana, toast OA L: cheese bread/marinara, corn, veggie sticks, apple</p>	<p>8 BCIG B: ultimate breakfast round, *assorted cereal BCIG L: mandarin orange chicken, br. rice, carrots, broc-caulif salad, PB sandwich, apricots, banana OA B: cheese & sausage omelet or cereal, pears, toast OA L: mini corn dogs, baked beans, veggie sticks, banana, jelly sandwich</p>	<p>9 BCIG B: mini French toast, *Nutrigrain bar BCIG L: BBQ shredded pork/WG bun, cole slaw, baked beans, carrots, mixed fruit, apple OA B: cinn. roll or cereal, apple, toast OA L: crunchy chicken wrap, broccoli, veggie sticks, orange, jelly sandwich</p>
<p>12 BCIG B: breakfast pizza BCIG L: pork patty/WG bun, potato wedges, green beans, mandarin oranges, apple OA B: fruit parfait or cereal, peach cup, toast OA L: cheese pizza, carrots, veggie sticks, mixed fruit</p>	<p>13 BCIG B: cereal bar, yogurt BCIG L: taco-in-a-bag, lettuce, tomato, cheese, salsa, black bean salad, applesauce cup, orange OA B: egg & cheese muffin or cereal, orange, toast OA L: BBQ on bun, peas, veggie sticks, peaches</p>	<p>14 BCIG B: breakfast wrap, salsa BCIG L: hot ham & cheese, Elem-mixed green salad, peas, *salad bar, sidekicks, orange OA B: pancake on a stick or cereal, banana, toast OA L: chicken nuggets, broccoli, veggie sticks, pears, jelly sandwich</p>	<p>15 BCIG B: blueberry muffin, *assorted cereal BCIG L: Hawaiian chicken wrap, cottage cheese, corn, carrot & celery sticks, peaches, banana OA B: waffle or cereal, apple, toast OA L: taco-in-a-bag, refried beans, veggie sticks, banana</p>	<p>16 BCIG B: egg patty, bacon round, WG toast BCIG L: cheese sticks w/marinara, green beans, tossed salad, pears, apple OA B: donut or cereal, pears, toast OA L: cheeseburger, green beans, veggie sticks, orange</p>
<p>19 BCIG B: pancakes w/syrup, *sausage BCIG L: chicken patty/WG bun, broccoli w/cheese sauce, carrots, pineapple, apple OA B: muffin or cereal, applesauce cup, toast OA L: popcorn chicken, carrots, veggie sticks, peaches, jelly sandwich</p>	<p>20 BCIG B: assorted cereal, WG toast BCIG L: spaghetti, peas, Caesar salad, mixed fruit, orange OA B: breakfast pizza or cereal, orange cup, toast OA L: chili/crackers, green beans, veggie sticks, apple, jelly sandwich</p>	<p>21 BCIG B: cheese omelet, WG toast BCIG L: teriyaki chicken/WG bun, Elem- carrots,, cucumbers, green beans, *salad bar, peach cup, apple OA B: French toast sticks or cereal, banana, toast OA L: chicken fajitas, refried beans, veggie sticks, orange</p>	<p>22 BCIG B: mini strawberry bagels, *yogurt BCIG L: pepperoni pizza, broc-caulif salad, corn, strawberries & bananas, orange OA B: cheese omelet or cereal, pears, toast OA L: goulash, broccoli, veggie sticks, banana, jelly sandwich</p>	<p>23 BCIG B: sausage breakfast bagel, *cereal bar BCIG L: BBQ pork patty/WG bun, baked beans, sweet potato fries, mixed fruit, apple OA B: pancakes or cereal, apple, toast OA L: fiestada pizza, corn, veggie sticks, pears</p>
<p>26 BCIG B: breakfast pizza BCIG L: hamburger/ WG bun, smiley fries, cooked carrots, mixed melon, orange OA B: oatmeal or cereal, orange, toast OA L: corn dog, green beans, veggie sticks, applesauce</p>	<p>27 BCIG B: assorted cereal, WG toast BCIG L: crispito, lettuce, tomato, cheese, salsa, taco fiesta beans, Spanish rice, pears, apple OA B: breakfast bites or cereal, peaches, toast OA L: chicken alfredo, broccoli, veggie sticks, orange</p>	<p>28 BCIG B: breakfast wrap, salsa BCIG L: popcorn chicken, Elem-mixed green salad, peas, *salad bar, PB sandwich, applesauce, orange OA B: waffle sticks or cereal, applesauce cup, toast OA L: sweet-n-sour chicken, peas, veggie sticks, pears, WG rice</p>	<p>29 BCIG B: glazed donut, *assorted cereal BCIG L: corn dog, corn, celery sticks, SW pasta salad, strawberry cup, banana OA B: egg & sausage patty or cereal, banana, toast OA L: nachos with beef, refried beans, veggie sticks, peaches</p>	<p>30 BCIG B: egg patty, bacon round, WG toast BCIG L: beef tips, mashed potatoes, green beans, dinner roll, mandarin oranges, apple OA B: donut or cereal, pears, toast OA L: pork patty on bun, carrots, veggie sticks, banana</p>

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