

# OA-BCIG INSIGHTS

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



## From the Superintendent Mr. Terry Kenealy, Superintendent

### Joint Board Work Sessions:

Over the last several weeks, the Odebolt-Arthur and Battle Creek-Ida Grove School Boards have had two valuable work sessions. The board members have participated in a discussion on a number of issues facing the school districts and the conversations have been open and honest with everyone participating in the process. The following is a summary of what they have discussed and identified as issues that need to be addressed from the work session on Tuesday, September 22:

### Discussion and Identification of the "Big Picture" issues of the district:

- Reorganization vs whole grade sharing
- Best possible facilities in both communities
- Providing quality education
- Uniting and growing together

### Obstacles/Other Thoughts to the "Big Picture" issues:

- Fear of the unknown
- Mistrust
- Districts would be worse off apart from each other

### Discussion of the District's Biggest Needs:

- Keeping/retaining quality teachers plus continuing education
- Financial stability and growing progressively
- Quality education for students/keep improving academically
- Viable buildings/facilities with facility upgrades and improvements
- Safe environment
- Good leader to keep teachers informed/positive open communication

### Obstacles/Other Thoughts on the District's Biggest Needs:

- Resources and money from the state
- Passing a bond issue

### Discussion of What is most Important?

- Reorganization
- Keeping our schools strong/keep moving forward
- Quality education that offers students what they need to be prepared for life after high school and in the world
- Providing quality education in a safe environment
- Continuity of staff
- Uniting adults of both communities regarding the strengths of whole grade sharing, can still make progress with whole grade sharing
- Maintain facilities

### Obstacles/Thoughts to What is Most Important:

- Focus on needs rather than wants
- Good things are happening for kids today due to the decision to whole grade share, what will things look like 10 years from now?
- How to address the challenges facing the school districts, must make decisions that are good decisions for kids

### On Tuesday evening the 29<sup>th</sup> the board members were given the opportunity to identify some additional thoughts on the identified goals or add goals:

- Both Boards working together as a team including working on facility plans
- Making our schools 'marketable' in the region to attract students/families to our schools and communities through the programs the district offers
- Continue whole grade sharing with the goal of eventual reorganization but it may not be possible to pass reorganization at this time
- Open and transparent communication between the two boards to bridge the gap

in communication that causes misinformation to flourish behind the scenes

- When whole grade sharing began originally, what were the motivating factors and have the original goals been achieved, has the partnership been successful or are we just sitting in limbo
- Continue to make improvements to all facilities but don't always get projects completed, need accountability to get all projects successfully finished
- Need to look at the programs we offer and the programs our students leave the district to participate in. Do we need to adjust our offerings so students don't need to leave the district for part of the day to access some programs
- Need to identify and list all of the obstacles preventing consolidation and provide our patrons accurate information to help them understand the issues
- If people had the facts about our discussions about bonding for facility improvements maybe they would be more accepted by the patrons

### The board members will continue their conversation about the issues at the next regular board meeting. Some of the items that will be discussed include:

- a discussion of how to get the community involved in the conversation on the issues facing our districts,
- a discussion on how to honor and recognize the history and traditions of OA and BCIG,
- a discussion on whether or not to create a combined Facilities Study Committee that includes both districts facilities and how to proceed with that process,
- a discussion of the extent needed for the Iowa Association of School Boards to work with both districts in developing budget projections

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Tip of the Month

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that covers a number of possible scenarios

- a recommendation from the superintendent to utilize a School Improvement Needs Assessment Survey through the Iowa Association of School Boards to help identify what our staff, students, parents, families and communities think about our districts and programs.
- a discussion regarding the next steps related to the issue of reorganization

#### **We Need To Hear From You:**

- The members of the two school boards would like to ask for your input, thoughts, ideas, questions and perspective on the issues facing the districts. The board members are committed to gathering as much information as they can from the patrons, students, staff and families of our communities and in answering any questions that you might have in a thorough and timely manner.

As a district we are working to develop a format or multiple formats to provide

information, gather information, provide opportunities for discussion and provide answers to your questions. We will do our best to get information out to you, to answer your questions, to listen to your thoughts, ideas and concerns and to keep you informed. Please don't hesitate to contact us with your thoughts, ideas and questions.

**May you all enjoy Thanksgiving with family and friends!**

## **OA Elementary & OA-BCIG Middle School Happenings**

A lot of school spirit was shared during Homecoming Week as students and teachers dressed to support the Falcons during homecoming week. On Friday, Oct. 9, students from the high school came to Odebolt to share some school spirit. The celebration included the band, choir students, student-athletes and cheerleaders. Mrs. Boger emceed the activities which included the live game of hungry hippos. A number of parents participated in the game. We thank them for their participation. The day was capped off with the Falcon Olympics held in the OA gym. PK through 8th grade students participated in a series of competitions for fun and to build school spirit. There were such games as an obstacle course, football throw, and chariot races. All students and staff had a great time with this spirit building event.

OA Elementary students visited the Odebolt Fire station on October 5 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.

On October 13, sixth grade middle school students visited the Orpheum in Sioux City to listen to the Sioux City Symphony as they interacted with students and played for students Beethoven's Symphony No. 9.

Veterans Day will be observed at the Odebolt School on Wednesday, 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 3 and November 5 starting at 4:00 on both days. The middle school fall concert is also taking place on Tuesday, November 10 at 7:00. No school November 25, 26, and 27 - Thanksgiving Holiday.

Children doing homework can be stressful in any household. Here are a few

suggestions from The US Department of Education - [www2.ed.gov](http://www2.ed.gov).

**Set a regular time to do homework.** A scheduled time, preferably not right before bed, works best. A scheduled time to do homework, with the time posted for all to see, may benefit you and your student.

**Pick a place for homework.** A designated space such as the kitchen or dining room table works well. In front of the TV usually has its problems.

**Remove distractions.** Turn off the TV and other distractions. All members of the household may want to find a quiet activity during the homework time.

**Provide supplies and resources.** Have the necessary items needed to complete the homework available. You may need to contact your child's teacher for necessary resources that you may need to complete the homework.

**Set a good example.** Let your children see you involve yourself in learning activities such as reading or doing math as you balance the checkbook. Talk to your children about what you do at work.

## **Talented & Gifted News Mrs. Staci Rohlk TAG Instructor**

### **BCIG Elementary Talented and Gifted**

Third through fifth grade TAG students are learning that their brain is a muscle that needs exercising. Throughout first quarter, we are focusing on growing their mathematical minds and improving their self-directed and independent learning skills with Khan Academy. The 5th grade TAG students have been focusing on the importance of math skills in everyday life and toured UBI on Mon., Sept. 21, as an extension of what they have been accomplishing in math. The bank employees discussed math in relationship to money, savings & checking accounts, credit cards (responsible use, credit scores, etc.) and accuracy in math...priceless.

The BCIG 3rd grade Enrichment class demonstrated their geometry lessons on tangrams with the residents of Willow Dale Care Center in Battle Creek in October. Tangram is an old Chinese puzzle game consisting of 7 pieces (squares, triangles, parallelogram) called 'tans'. It's known in China as the "seven clever pieces" and can be used to form a variety of geometric shapes, letters of the alphabet, animals, people, and objects. The students and residents worked together to create farm animals and Halloween shapes.

### **OA-BCIG 9-12 TAG**

This school year has been initiated with several personal interviews with the students on the TAG roster at the high

school during Success. We will be looking into several of their interest areas to provide visiting opportunities for them to enrich their learning.

Involvement in our community is a very important part of our responsibilities in the TAG program. There are two different areas that we work very hard to contribute towards. We enjoy visiting with residents at Willow Dale Care Center in Battle Creek and playing BINGO one Friday every month. We will also be conducting a few science enrichment activities with the K-2 grade students in the elementary.

## High School Happenings

### Mr. Patrick Miller, Principal

Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on November 3 and 5. We look forward to working with you to do all we can to provide a positive and successful high school experience for your children. If you do not have access to view your child's progress via JMC we encourage you to do so. Please contact the school with any academic concerns you may have.

As fall activities are nearing a conclusion, I want to take this time to thank all who have supported our students and coaches. I believe we will once again have excellent sportsmanship ratings for our football program, we hope to carry that over into winter activities. We ask that you are positive when attending events. Cheer on our students, and be respectful to our opponents and officials.

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# 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<sup>th</sup>**.

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

Please **RSVP** by November 1<sup>st</sup>.

Call OA-BCIG High School @ 364-3371 or email [anielsen@oabcig.org](mailto:anielsen@oabcig.org)

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## Library News

Mrs. Mary Rohlk, K-12 Librarian

The middle school library held a fundraiser that culminated with a pie in the face prior to the homecoming pep rally at the Odebolt building. Students had the opportunity to vote for the teacher to get the pie by dropping money in designated cans. Those that donated money could sign up to be drawn as the "thrower." Almost \$70 was raised for library books. Thanks to our staff volunteers Mr. Mogensen, Mrs. Boger, and Mrs. Hannam. A special thanks to Mr. Hugo for taking the pie to promote reading!

It's never too early to start shopping for Christmas! Support the BCIG Elementary book fair, November 2-5. Open daily during from 8:00-4:00 and during parent teacher conferences. All proceeds go towards library books.



## Art Club Activities

Mrs. Kate Beyke, Art Club Sponsor

We received great support from the Falcon Driveway fundraiser! We would like to thank Grant Godbersen and Gomaco for donating the metal for the stencil, Butch Ehrig for delivering and helping us with the metal, and Taylor Clark, for working her magic on the plasma cutter. If you missed your chance on ordering a Falcon Driveway painting this time, we will be holding it again in the spring.

Night Hike was held on October 17, where the art club members helped paint wickedly cute Halloween characters on the cheeks of witches, super heroes, and scary monsters. We also loved checking out all the carved pumpkins. Be on the lookout for these artists in action!



## Guidance Notes

### Mrs. Angela Lensch, High School Counselor

#### Senior Student-Parent Visits - Success!

All senior students and their parents were invited to set up a time to visit about the many events taking place during the senior year. Several seniors still need to make appointments. Topics discussed included:

- graduation requirements
- senior classes and schedule
- future plans
- college visits, admissions
- scholarships, etc.

The response from parents and seniors has been very positive, reinforcing the great support and interest shown for the success of our students.

#### Dollars for Scholars

Recently all success groups were given an introductory lesson on beginning or updating their Dollars for Scholars applications. Students should all be in their Dollars for Scholars account and be doing some ongoing input of information freshman-seniors. It's never too early to get a head start. Application log in can be found here- <https://public.dollarsforscholars.org/index.php?action=userLogin> or may be accessed via the school website under student resources, dollars for students. If your student is struggling to get on or has questions send them my way.

#### Senior Google Drive Folder

In your Google Drive, seniors will find a folder labeled OA-BCIG Senior Scholarship and Information folder. This folder is very important as it contains senior information and will get scholarship updates as they arrive, so checking it frequently is recommended. Right know you will find your senior checklist, scholarship listings, scholarship tips and writing guides, ACT dates and resources, and also your senior information sheet that is to be filled out and returned to me. If you have any problems accessing please contact me.

#### Quick tips on taking the ACTS

1. Carefully read the instructions on the cover of the test booklet.
2. Read the directions for each test carefully.
3. Read each question carefully.
4. Pace yourself—don't spend too much time on a single passage or question.

5. Pay attention to the announcement of five minutes remaining on each test.
6. Use a soft lead No. 2 pencil with a good eraser. Do not use a mechanical pencil or ink pen; if you do, your answer document cannot be scored accurately.
7. Answer the easy questions first, then go back and answer the more difficult ones if you have time remaining on that test.
8. On difficult questions, eliminate as many incorrect answers as you can, then make an educated guess among those remaining.
9. Answer every question. Your scores on the multiple-choice tests are based on the number of questions you answer correctly. There is no penalty for guessing.
10. If you complete a test before time is called, recheck your work on that test.
11. Mark your answers properly. Erase any mark completely and cleanly without smudging.
12. Do not mark or alter any ovals on a test or continue writing the essay after time has been called. If you do, you will be dismissed and your answer document will not be scored.

(source: <http://www.actstudent.org/testprep/tips/>)

**Great Resource: Fastweb** <http://www.fastweb.com/>

Fastweb is the leading online resource in finding scholarships to help you pay for school. How does Fastweb work? Fastweb members are matched to relevant scholarship opportunities completely free of charge. With roughly 1.5 million scholarships worth more than \$3.4 billion, there are scholarships for every student's educational goals, activities and interests.

Additionally, Fastweb members can find insider financial aid tips, advice on high school and college life, as well as job and internship matches in their area.

#### Contact Information

If you ever need anything I can be reached by email [alensch@oabcig.org](mailto:alensch@oabcig.org) or phone 712-364-3371. 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.

### ACT Testing Dates and Deadlines

Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)	Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)
Dec. 12, 2015	Nov. 6	Nov. 7-20	April 9, 2016	March 4	March 5-18
Feb. 6, 2016	Jan. 8, 2016	Jan. 9-15, 2016	June 11, 2016	May 6	May 7-20
<b>ACT OA-BCIG Code- 162129</b>					

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.

## Health Education Code No. 603.5

Students in grade levels one through twelve 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.

## Asbestos Containing Material 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.



## OA First Graders Visit Schulte Show Cattle Farm Mrs. Diane Schulte, OA 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher

Ms. Schroeder's and Mrs. Schulte's Odebolt-Arthur first graders have been learning about animals this year. Recently, they took a fun field trip to the Schulte Show Cattle farm, home of Klint, Ashley, Kash, and Chanel Schulte. The students observed how show calves were groomed. Larry Schulte and Skylar Reis demonstrated the daily routine of rinsing, shampooing, blowing dry, and combing up the hair on a calf named Rose. Then, each child was given the opportunity to get some hands-on experience touching the soft hair as each student took turns combing the calf. Mrs. Schulte shared some information about their cattle business, gave tours of the barn, and showed the students some of the equipment and tools used to care for the needs of the cattle.

Frank and Diane Neville were also part of the farm visit. Frank brought his pony, Sadie, and gave pony cart rides to all of the kids. The students observed the way a horse moved and learned that ponies like snacks, too. Their granddaughter and Mrs. Schulte's high school intern, Brenna Neville, helped students on and off the pony cart, as well as, showed the students how to feed Sadie a snack. Everyone enjoyed a fun ride around the pasture in the cart, while other enjoyed popcorn and drinks served by Diane Neville. Rudy Thies drove the bus and helped with the tour. It was a great day to learn about animals on the farm.



## Middle School Mock Trial to Compete

### Mrs. Missy Jensen, MS TAG Instructor

On Saturday, November 7, the OA-BCIG Middle School Mock Trial teams will travel to Rock Rapids to compete at Central Lyons Middle School in the 2015 Iowa Middle School Mock Trial Program.

Mock trial is designed to introduce students to our legal system by providing a challenging, academic competition. In mock trial, students play the roles of attorneys and witnesses as they prepare and present both sides of a hypothetical legal problem. Participants are given a hands-on opportunity to examine the legal process, and current legal issues. Mock trial also helps students develop important critical thinking skills. Attorney Peter Goldsmith (of

Boerner & Goldsmith Law Firm) has contributed his time and expertise to partner in coaching the students.

Twenty students in the Talented and Gifted program are participating in Mock Trial this year. The middle school has two teams competing. The 7th Grade TAG students competing are: Trust Wells, Emma Schirmmacher, Anna Winterrowd, Truman Clark, Elle Schroeder, Cade Ernst, Joie Matthies, Eric Sibenaller, Chris Mace and Garrett Nichols. The 8th Grade TAG students competing are: Josie Wulf, Abby Bender, Nicole Lozier, Jennifer Godbersen, Sarah Petersen, Danielle Lozier, Amber Lozier, Kylee Weber, Cora Hansen and Hunter Maass. The

M.S. TAG teacher, Mrs. Jensen and Attorney Peter Goldsmith, coach the students.

This year's case, *The State of Iowa vs. Ty Tanney*, is a criminal case where the state of Iowa is prosecuting the defendant of unlawfully and unintentionally causing the death of Hamnet Stratford by operating a motorboat while under the influence of alcohol. The State of Iowa has to prove Ty Tanney guilty beyond a reasonable doubt. The OA-BCIG M.S. Mock Trial teams have been preparing since the beginning of school and are excited to compete.



7th Grade  
Mock Trial



8th Grade  
Mock Trial

## Veteran's Day at BCIG Elementary

### Mrs. Julie Staley, BCIG Elem. Counselor

Veteran's Day will be observed at BCIG Elementary with a program at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, November 11. Fifth grade students will sing and the three winners of the American Legion U.S. Flag Essay Contest will read their entries. Members of the American Legion Posts of Battle Creek and Ida Grove and family members of students who are veterans are welcome to attend. The public is not invited due to limited space in the elementary gym.

## I Scream, You Scream, We All Scream for Ice Cream

### Mrs. Calee Hofmann, OA 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher

Our first science unit came to an end with a fun and exciting class experiment. Second grade students finished off their matter unit by turning a liquid into a solid. Students mixed and shook up the ingredients in a baggie to make homemade vanilla ice cream.

During guided reading time, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students expanded their learning by creating a song to remember the tips for having clean teeth they read about in their book. The lyrics were created by Issac Hoefling, Carter Hannam, and Caden Spetman. "Brush your teeth, brush your teeth, every day and night. Don't forget to floss your teeth to make your smile bright, hey! Eat good food, eat good food, stay away from sugar. See your dentist every year to keep your smile whiter" (to the tune of Jingle Bells)



## OA-BCIG Music Boosters

We are off to a great year of planning in music boosters this year. If you are interested in helping support music education in our school, please feel free to contact one of our co-presidents and offer your assistance. As always, please feel free to join us at our monthly meetings. (Last Monday of the month in alternating districts. Even months are in Ida Grove at the high school and odd months are in Odebolt in the elementary library.)

\*\*We are looking for gently used instruments to help students in need. If you have one you would like to donate, please contact band directors Neil Anders ([nanders@oabcig.org](mailto:nanders@oabcig.org)) at the middle school or Ben Mauritz ([bmauritz@oabcig.org](mailto:bmauritz@oabcig.org)) at the IG elementary and high school!

## OA Elementary & OA-BCIG Middle School Music Notes

Mrs. Linda Johnson, Vocal Music Teacher

### K-2 Concert

The kindergarten, first and second graders will present their musical concert, "Holiday Wishes" on Thursday, December 10 at 7:00 p.m. This is a cute little play by Michael and Jill Gallina that features several survey-takers asking busy mall shoppers what they want for the holidays. The survey reveals that the really important things can't be purchased and "the most valuable wishes seem to be, ones that come from the heart and are absolutely free". Second graders (with the help of a few first graders) will be taking care of the speaking parts with all K-2 students singing some really special songs!

The 5<sup>th</sup> grade band and 4/5<sup>th</sup> grade children's choir will also be performing.

### 3-5 Grade

The upper elementary music students have been learning and brushing up on some very important vocabulary terms that are found regularly in our music classes. They have been working in pairs, small groups and learning games to help them remember these important symbols and what they mean. Fourth grade will also be learning about the various instruments and their "families", while the fifth grade will be studying all about music in history.

### Children's Choir

All students in the OA fourth and fifth grades had the opportunity to join our children's choir this fall. This choir meets twice each week and the students are learning some really cool songs to share with you at the elementary concert on

## FFA News

Mrs. Taylor Clark, FFA Adviser

Following a successful FFA trapshoot competition in early September, a few members from the FFA Chapter participated in District Livestock judging at the Clay County Fair and District Soil Judging at Morningside College. It was very exciting to have our trapshoot team place first overall and have the first and second place individuals with Kenny Hausmann shooting a perfect 20/20 and Amanda Gunderson winning a shoot-off to earn a close second. Zane Dausel also played an important role in getting the team a plaque and ribbon.

At livestock judging and soil judging we encountered some stiff competition, but I now know how high I can set my expectations for our members in upcoming

### BCIG Officers for 2015-2016 School Year:

President: Tammie Dausel ([tdausel@hotmail.com](mailto:tdausel@hotmail.com))

Vice President: Becky Veltri

Treasurer: Brenda Miller

Secretary: Jackie Netherton

### OA Officers for 2015-2016 School Year:

President: Wendy Ullrich ([wendyullrich22@gmail.com](mailto:wendyullrich22@gmail.com))

Vice President: April Wells

Treasurer: Kelli Duff

Secretary: Mary Gunderson



Thursday, December 10 at 7:00 p.m. Make sure to join us as we sing about how Santa is the man and how the reindeer can do the twist!

### OA-BCIG Middle School Concert

The middle school choirs and bands have been working extra hard to get ready for their first concert of the year. The concert will be held on November 10 at 7:00 p.m. Please make sure you attend this concert to see the great work these kids have been doing so far this year. Invite a friend, family member or neighbor to enjoy and evening of music and just plain fun and show your support for music in our school.

### Show Choir

We started up the middle school show choir rehearsals right after Labor Day and boy, do these kids learn quickly! They are at rehearsal bright and early every Tuesday and Thursday morning at 7:20 a.m. and by the first of October they were ready for choreography.

### NWICDA Honor Choir (7/8 Grade)

Eight students have been selected to represent OA-BCIG in the NW Iowa Choral Director's Junior High honor choir in LeMars on Tuesday, November 3. Many students auditioned for a spot and the decision was difficult with so many talented and hopeful students. Participating this year will be Corin Bower, Marley Hewitt, Cora Hansen, Taylor Oldham, Trust Wells, Alex Clark, Tevin Harms and Jake Nieman.

competitions. We walked away with some great experience and had several young members involved that can carry their experience into the upcoming competitions.

For those of you who have supported the FFA Chapter in the past and/or look forward to fruit, meat, and cheese sales, just a few more weeks and we will be coming around to place orders! Feel free to email me as well if a student doesn't make it to you: [tclark@oabcig.org](mailto:tclark@oabcig.org). For those of you out on the roads, please keep our slow moving vehicles in mind. Those farmers are working long hours to help feed a hungry world. Thanks and Happy Harvest!

## Top Ten Tips for Completing the OA-BCIG Dollars for Scholars Profile

OA-BCIG Dollars for Scholars presented the Top Ten Tips to earn scholarships and complete the Dollars for Scholars profile. Although this presentation was for freshman, this is good information for all high school students and parents.

1. Start early:
  - Get involved in your school and community
  - Give your classes your best effort
  - Start working on your profile as a freshman
2. Read instructions carefully.
3. Record your activities often – quarterly, each semester.
4. Be Thorough – remember we do NOT know whose application we are scoring.
5. Community and School Activities – list number of years, number of hours, honors, offices you’ve held, describe your involvement, specific duties, etc.
 

**Example:** you’ve participated in 4-H - 4 years, 50 hours  
I showed pigs and won Best of Show, did Share the Fun, and my clothing selection won and was chosen to go to state fair. I served as President one year and Secretary two years.

**Example:** you’ve been involved in church – 4 years, 40 hours  
I attended worship every week and ushered once a month, attended youth group monthly, waitressed for the Easter breakfast for two years, served at the soup supper six times, raked leaves for shut-ins one weekend, attended National Youth Gathering for one week, helped with crafts at Vacation Bible School for one week for two years.

**Example:** you’ve participated in choir – 2 years  
I was in concert choir, small & large group contests, & Men/Women in Song.
6. Dollars for Scholars involvement – how to list on profile:  
(Hike Bike, Evening for Education, Pancake Breakfast, Talent Show)
  - activity tab
  - activity name – type in name of activity such as “Hike Bike”
  - activity type: choose community service from dropdown menu
  - activity – choose Dollars for Scholars from dropdown, complete the information.

**Example:** Hike Bike – participant (sent sponsor letters) – 8 years, helper (pushed kids up the hill) – 2 years.
7. Use proper punctuation, spelling, and grammar.
8. Expect it to take some time.
9. Ask questions if you need help: guidance counselor, teachers, Mr. Miller, DFS board.
10. Keep email and contact information current.

Source: [www.oabcig.dollarsforscholars.org](http://www.oabcig.dollarsforscholars.org)



## MILITARY RECRUITER OPT OUT FORM

(To Prevent School Officials from releasing Student’s Personal Information to Military Recruiters)

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Administrator of Odebolt-Arthur/Battle Creek-Ida Grove Community High School:

I understand that the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 allows a student or a student’s parent/guardian to prevent the release of personal information to military recruiters.

\_\_\_\_\_ I request that the above student’s name, address and telephone number not be released to military recruiters.

**Signature of parent/guardian:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I am 18 years old and I request that my name, address and telephone number not be released to military recruiters.

**Signature of student:** \_\_\_\_\_

The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (Section 9528) requires that high schools must provide military recruiters access to student names, addresses and telephone listings. Parents or students may request that this information **not** be provided without written parental/guardian consent and districts must comply with all such requests.

**The completion and return of this form serves as your request to withhold release of the student’s private information to Military Recruiters.**

## BCIG Elementary Addition Mr. Alan Henderson, Principal

Many of you may have noticed that there is progress being made in adding on some classrooms and a new gym at the elementary. We are also looking forward to changes within our building as well. We are going to be updating all of the bookcases, shelves, and countertops in classrooms. To be able to keep our bids down and to give the construction crew time to get this done we have to move some classrooms throughout the year. This is not an easy task as we already have a tight space. Some time throughout the year students will have their class in a different space than their classroom to allow for these updates. It will take approximately 2 weeks for each classroom. Although we know it will be difficult, we are going to use this time as an adventure to do some different things during those two weeks. Once those two weeks are up, they will move back to their classroom which will look much different than when they left. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call and we can set up a time to visit. You may reach me at 712-364-2360 or via email at [ahenderson@oabcig.org](mailto:ahenderson@oabcig.org).

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## Fall Play . . . "Buckshot and Blossom" Mrs. Kariann Jurgenson, Play Director



For this year's fall play, the OA-BCIG Drama Department will present Tim Kelly's "Buckshot and Blossoms". The cast includes Tanya Burow, Leah Lierman, Connor Musel, Blake Netherton, Bailey Ross, Gable Sohm, Elliott Bengford, Dallas Hare, Bree Henningsen, William Lozier, Andrew Mace, Carrie Miller, Vandy Mosier, Courtney Peters, Autumn Rohlk, Mally Sangpanjun, Marzia Shivers-Fineran, Stephen Stangl, Alexia Thomas, Hannah Veit, Sydney Bauer, Sarah Black, McKinna Faulkenberry, Jenna Henderson, Madison Lansink, Sadie Railsback, Alexis Renze, Claire Sohm, Daltyn Swanger, Kelsey Dausel, Kirsten Dausel, Ellie Diersen, Emma Endrulat, Alyssa Mason, Madison Schiernbeck.

Marzia Shivers-Fineran describes the action of the play as "a western comedy where a conniving, shady, and corrupt hotel owner does a lot of dirty dealings in the town of Trail Dust." There are some contradictory explanations of the play's plot from some cast members. Stephen Stangl says that the play is about a "misunderstood businessman who is under attack by the evil town sheriff" while Blake Netherton states that "this play is about a crooked businessman that thinks he can outsmart the best sheriff in the west with the help of a dumb blonde." Of course, Stephen plays said businessman and Blake plays the sheriff.

When asked who the most interesting character in the play is, Autumn Rohlk cast her vote for Alibi (played by Will Lozier) and Hopalot (played by Elliott Bengford). Will himself stated that Saddleblanket (played by Dallas Hare) was the most interesting character "because he talks really funny". There were many votes for Gabby Ways, played by Connor Musel. Blake Netherton adds that "the most interesting character is Gabby Ways because he is probably the only person that has been sat on by Sitting Bull."

The cast has been working hard on preparing this fall's show. In addition to working hard, they've been having fun, too. Stephen Stangl says, "I always have fun on stage. Play is always just a fun experience". Blake Netherton adds that "play is probably the most fun thing that I do because you get to act as a character that can have a completely different personality." Tanya Burow says that "being part of the cast is always an interesting experience. It's a family atmosphere and you will always take away great memories and fun inside jokes."

The curtain rises on "Buckshot and Blossoms" at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, November 13 and Saturday, November 14 in the OA-BCIG High School Cafetorium. There will be no call-ahead seating for this show. Tickets (\$3 for students and \$5 for adults) will be available at the door prior to the show. Courtney Peters says "I think everybody should come to the play to support those involved. It is going to be very funny, so be there or be square." Andrew Mace adds "You should come to the fall play because it's going to be funny. I think that many people will enjoy it."

# Activity Calendar for November 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 	2 2nd Quarter Begins FB Play-Offs 2nd Round	3 NWICDA MS Honor Choir @ LeMars <b>2:30 Dismissal</b> 4:00-7:30 Parent-Teacher Conferences	4 2A VB Regionals	5 <b>2:30 Dismissal</b> 4:00-7:30 Parent-Teacher Conferences	6 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> 	7 MS & HS NWIBA Honor Band Auditions @ Storm Lake
<b>BCIG Elementary Book Fair</b>						
8	9 Girls BB & Bowling practices begin 6:15 FB Banquet 6:30 School Board Mtg. @ Odebolt	10 7:00 MS Fall Concert @ Odebolt	11 HS Frozen Food Pick Up <b>2:00 Dismissal</b>	12 4:00 MS Boys BB 7th @ Denison 4:00 MS Boys BB 8th @ Odebolt	13 7:00 HS Play @ Ida Grove	14 7:00 HS Play @ Ida Grove FB Play-Offs Semifinals
<b>VB State Tournament</b>						
15	16 Boys BB & Wrestling practices begin Dance butter braid pick up 4:00 MS Boys BB @ Merville	17 4:00 MS Boys BB vs. LB @ Odebolt 	18 <b>2:00 Dismissal</b>	19 OPUS Honor Choir @ Ames 4:00 MS Boys BB 8th @ Anthon 4:00 MS Boys BB 7th vs. AOMV @ Odebolt	20 <b>All-State Music Festival</b>	21 G BB @ Storm Lake Jamboree
22	23 4:00 MS Boys BB 7th @ Early 4:00 MS Boys BB 8th vs. RGV @ Odebolt 5:15 Music Boosters Mtg. @ Odebolt	24 4:00 MS Boys BB 7th @ Cherokee 4:00 MS Boys BB 8th vs. Cherokee @ Odebolt	25 <b>NO SCHOOL-Thanksgiving Break</b>	26 	27	28 B BB @ Storm Lake Jamboree
29 	30	<b>DECEMBER 1</b> 4:00 MS Boys BB @ Schleswig 6:00 WR @ Rockwell City	2 <b>2:00 Dismissal</b>	3 State Dance Competition @ DM 4:00 MS Boys BB 8th @ Denison 4:00 MS Boys BB 7th @ Odebolt 6:00 BB @ RV 7:00 BCIG 3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> Concert	4 State Dance Competition @ DM Drake Honor Band 3:45 Bowling @ Denison 4:00 JV BB G/B @ KP 6:00 BB @ KP	5 Drake Honor Band 10:00 WR @ MNWW Tourney 3:00 G BB vs. Riverside @ IG

# Breakfast & Lunch Menus for November 2015

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>2 <b>BCIG B:</b> sausage breakfast bagel; *oatmeal to go <b>BCIG L:</b> hot dog/WG bun, corn, broccoli salad, blueberry applesauce cup, orange <b>OA B:</b> long john, cheese stick <b>OA L:</b> hamburger/WG bun, tomatoes, onions, radishes, peppers, peaches, pudding cup, lettuce</p>	<p>3 <b>BCIG B:</b> asst. cereal, WG toast <b>BCIG L:</b> chicken drummies, Tex-Mex pasta salad, green beans, mixed fruit, apple <b>OA B:</b> ultimate breakfast round, HB egg <b>OA L:</b> beef tips, mashed potatoes, corn, 3 bean salad, applesauce, carrots, lettuce, dinner roll</p>	<p>4 <b>BCIG B:</b> cheese omelet, WG toast <b>BCIG L:</b> chicken alfredo, Elem-mixed green salad, carrots, *fresh veggie bar, bread-butter, pears, orange <b>OA B:</b> cinn. roll, yogurt <b>OA L:</b> Mr. Rib/WG bun, cooked carrots, tropical fruit, cucumbers, lettuce</p>	<p>5 <b>BCIG B:</b> WG glazed donut, *asst. cereal <b>BCIG L:</b> BBQ pork rib/WG bun, peas, carrots, *tossed salad, mandarin oranges, apple <b>OA B:</b> WG pancake <b>OA L:</b> grilled cheese, green beans, oranges, broccoli, lettuce</p>	<p>6 <b>No School</b> </p>
<p>9 <b>BCIG B:</b> breakfast pizza <b>BCIG L:</b> turkey burger/WG bun, baked beans, potato salad, sidekicks, pear <b>OA B:</b> donut <b>OA L:</b> cheese filled bread sticks/marinara sauce, carrots, pears, lettuce</p>	<p>10 <b>BCIG B:</b> asst. cereal, WG toast <b>BCIG L:</b> mandarin orange chicken, brown rice, carrots, broc-caulif salad, bread-butter, apricots, apple <b>OA B:</b> pop tart, yogurt <b>OA L:</b> chicken nuggets, corn, applesauce cup, cucumbers, celery, radishes, lettuce, dinner roll</p>	<p>11 <b>BCIG B:</b> mini strawberry bagels, yogurt <b>BCIG L:</b> chicken strips, Elem-fresh veggies w/ranch, mixed vegetables, *fresh veggie bar, pineapple, orange <b>OA B:</b> cinn. roll <b>OA L:</b> egg/sausage/cheese w/WG bun, hashbrown, Nutrigrain bar, tropical fruit, juice</p>	<p>12 <b>BCIG B:</b> blueberry muffin, asst. cereal <b>BCIG L:</b> pepperoni pizza, Caesar salad, corn, strawberries &amp; bananas, apple <b>OA B:</b> blueberry waffles <b>OA L:</b> orange chicken, rice, broccoli, pineapple, apricots, lettuce, dinner roll</p>	<p>13 <b>BCIG B:</b> egg patty, bacon, WG toast <b>BCIG L:</b> spaghetti, green beans, *tossed salad, garlic toast, peaches, apple <b>OA B:</b> breakfast bagel <b>OA L:</b> turkey burger/WG bun, tomatoes, onion, red peppers, cucumbers, apples, lettuce</p>
<p>16 <b>BCIG B:</b> sausage pancake wrap <b>BCIG L:</b> chicken patty/WG bun, steamed broc-cauli, sweet potato tots, mixed fruit, apple <b>OA B:</b> long john <b>OA L:</b> popcorn chicken, cooked carrots, broccoli, cucumbers, peaches, lettuce, Rice Krispy bar, dinner roll</p>	<p>17 <b>BCIG B:</b> asst. cereal, WG toast <b>BCIG L:</b> chili, cinn. roll, celery-carrots-cucumber sticks, crackers, applesauce, orange <b>OA B:</b> sausage pancake stick <b>OA L:</b> taco-in-a-bag, refried beans, tomatoes, onion, cheese, salsa, carrots, mixed fruit, lettuce, diner roll</p>	<p>18 <b>BCIG B:</b> egg &amp; cheese burrito, salsa <b>BCIG L:</b> pork patty/WG bun, Elem-cherry tomatoes, green beans, *fresh veggie bar, pears, apple <b>OA B:</b> pancakes, yogurt <b>OA L:</b> chili, cinn. roll, carrots, apple slices, crackers</p>	<p>19 <b>BCIG B:</b> WG long john, *asst. cereal <b>BCIG L:</b> crispito, lettuce, tomato, cheese, salsa, taco fiesta beans, Spanish rice, mandarin oranges, banana <b>OA B:</b> breakfast burrito <b>OA L:</b> chicken sandwich/WG bun, cucumbers, green beans, bananas, lettuce</p>	<p>20 <b>BCIG B:</b> asst. cereal, pop tart <b>BCIG L:</b> meatball sub, corn, spinach salad, pineapple, orange <b>OA B:</b> Nutrigrain bar, HB egg <b>OA L:</b> turkey gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, apples, ice cream sandwich, dinner roll</p>
<p>23 <b>BCIG B:</b> cereal bar, yogurt <b>BCIG L:</b> chicken drumstick, scalloped potatoes, green beans, dinner roll, pumpkin bar, peaches, apple <b>OA B:</b> donut <b>OA L:</b> chicken fajitas, cooked carrots, peppers, applesauce, Rice Krispy, lettuce</p>	<p>24 <b>BCIG B:</b> asst. cereal, WG toast <b>BCIG L:</b> hamburger/WG bun, baked beans, hash brown, carrots, sidekicks, apple <b>OA B:</b> breakfast pizza <b>OA L:</b> corn dog, baked chips, clementines, fresh veggies, lettuce</p>	<p>25 <b>No School - Thanksgiving Break</b> </p>	<p>26 <b>No School</b> </p>	<p>27 <b>No School - Thanksgiving Break</b> </p>
<p>30 <b>BCIG B:</b> French toast sticks w/syrup <b>BCIG L:</b> beef tips, mashed potatoes, green beans, bread-butter, mixed fruit, apple <b>OA B:</b> long john <b>OA L:</b> hot dog/WG bun, baked beans, cauliflower, broccoli, mandarin oranges, lettuce</p>		<p><i>In accordance with Federal Law and USDA policy, this institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.</i></p> <p><i>Milk choice, fruit and juice served daily.</i></p> <p><i>All breads are whole grain.</i></p> <p><i>*Available only at the high school.</i></p>		

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- ✓ Please bring pennies to BCIG Elementary anytime in Nov.!
- ✓ Class jars will be on display in lobby during Parent Teacher Conferences in Nov.!



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