

OA-BCIG INSIGHTS

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



From the Superintendent Mr. Terry Kenealy, Superintendent

School Board News

On September 8, 2015, the patrons of the Odebolt-Arthur and the Battle Creek-Ida Grove Community School Districts entered their respective voting booths and chose four individuals to serve on the Battle Creek-Ida Grove Community School District Board of Directors for the next four years and three individuals to serve on the Odebolt-Arthur Community School District Board of Directors for the next four years.

The Board Members selected to serve on the Battle Creek-Ida Grove Board of Directors were incumbents Stephanie Konradi, representing District 2 and Tony Bennett, who serves as the At-Large Director. New members on the Battle Creek-Ida Grove Board of Directors are Myra Meek, representing District 1 and Ryan Goodman, who will represent District 3. These four will join Crystal Endrulat, Kim Claussen, and Jeff Rasmussen on the seven-member Board of Directors. At the September Board Meeting the newly elected board members were sworn in and they elected Stephanie Konradi as President and Kim Claussen as Vice-President for the 2015-2016 term.

The Board Members selected to serve on the Odebolt-Arthur Board of Directors include incumbent Pat Hoefling along with new Board Members Brad Lundell and Stacy Raasch. All of the positions on the Odebolt-Arthur Board of Directors are At-Large. These three will join Joey Hoefling and Naomi Lozier on the five-member Board of Directors. At the September Board Meeting the newly elected board members were sworn in and they elected Joey Hoefling as President and Brad Lundell as Vice-President for the 2015-2016 term.

On behalf of the Odebolt-Arthur and Battle Creek-Ida Grove Community School Districts, I want to thank Traci Bengford and Paul Neumann who are stepping down from the Odebolt-Arthur Board of Directors along with Brian Riessen and Jill Godbersen who are leaving the Battle Creek-Ida Grove Board of Directors. These four individuals have sacrificed significant hours,

days, months and years of their time to serve on the Board and help make the decisions that have kept both districts fiscally strong and academically sound for the good of the students that we serve. Without dedicated individuals like Traci, Paul, Brian and Jill our schools would not have the high quality teachers, staff, programs and facilities that are currently in place. Thanks to each of you on a job well done. Your communities appreciate your service.

District Citizens Advisory Committee

At this time I am seeking volunteers who would like to be considered, to serve on the District Citizens Advisory Committee. The Citizens Advisory Committee will meet on a regular basis to discuss issues of concern to the patrons of the districts, gather input and feedback and listen to the ideas and suggestions that you may have regarding your school districts.

If you have been a member of the Citizens Advisory Committee and would like to continue to serve or if you haven't been a member but would like to be considered please contact me as soon as you are able at tkenealy@oabcig.org or at my office phone 364-3687 at Battle Creek-Ida Grove or 668-2289 at my office in Odebolt-Arthur. The first meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee will be held on Monday, October 5, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the High School.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with questions, requests for information, thoughts, ideas, or to schedule a time to meet. I look forward to meeting you and I look forward to visiting with you!

National School Lunch Week
October 12-16, 2015
Watch your cafeteria for special treats!

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New Student, Parent and Community Notification System

If you are a community member and would like to continue receiving school alerts and notifications via email, text, or phone call, please contact Julie Weeda at jweeda@oabcig.org or [712-364-3371 ext 236](tel:712-364-3371) to be added into the new system. We apologize for the inconvenience and appreciate your patience as we complete this transition to our new system that is integrated with our JMC Student Information System.

High School Happenings Mr. Patrick Miller, Principal

Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on November 3 and November 5. As in the past, all teachers will be in the gym for your convenience. There will be teachers who work in both the HS and MS, as well as teachers who will miss part of the evening due to their positions in the district. Information will be emailed to parents in late October.

Below you will find ACT results for the 2014-15 school year.

Year	Total Tested		English		Math		Reading		Science		Composite	
	School	State	School	State	School	State	School	State	School	State	School	State
2008	0	22,950		21.9		22.0		22.9		22.3		22.4
2009	0	22,377		21.9		21.9		22.9		22.4		22.4
2010	42	22,943	21.0	21.8	22.0	21.8	22.5	22.6	22.3	22.3	22.1	22.2
2011	53	22,968	20.5	21.7	21.5	21.8	22.2	22.6	22.3	22.4	21.8	22.3
2012	53	23,119	21.1	21.6	21.9	21.7	22.3	22.5	22.1	22.2	22.1	22.1
2013	47	22,526	21.4	21.5	22.5	21.6	22.3	22.5	22.1	22.2	22.2	22.1
2014	54	22,931	21.1	21.5	22.4	21.4	21.1	22.5	22.4	22.2	21.9	22.0
2015	46	22,675	21.5	21.6	23.1	21.5	23.0	22.7	23.3	22.3	22.9	22.2

Year	English		Math		Reading		Science		Composite	
	School	Nation	School	Nation	School	Nation	School	Nation	School	Nation
2010	21.0	20.5	22.0	21.0	22.5	21.3	22.3	20.9	22.1	21.0
2011	20.5	20.6	21.5	21.1	22.2	21.3	22.3	20.9	21.8	21.1
2012	21.1	20.5	21.9	21.1	22.3	21.3	22.1	20.9	22.1	21.1
2013	21.4	20.2	22.5	20.9	22.3	21.1	22.1	20.7	22.2	20.9
2014	21.1	20.3	22.4	20.9	21.1	21.3	22.4	20.8	21.9	21.0
2015	21.5	20.4	23.1	20.8	23.0	21.4	23.3	20.9	22.9	21.0

College Readiness Benchmark ACT Results

A Benchmark score is the minimum score needed on an ACT subject-area test to indicate a 50% chance of earning a B or higher, or 75% chance of earning a C or higher in the corresponding college level course.

Percent of OA-BCIG students who met College Readiness Benchmarks

Year	Total Tested		English		Math		Reading		Science		Met all four	
	School	State	School	State	School	State	School	State	School	State	School	State
2011	53	22,968	72	77	53	52	60	62	36	40	25	31
2012	53	23,119	75	77	57	51	66	62	34	38	25	30
2013	47	22,526	77	76	60	50	47	54	47	46	32	32
2014	54	22,931	76	75	61	48	48	52	48	47	30	31
2015	46	22,675	72	75	67	48	57	55	59	48	39	33

Art Club Fundraiser Mrs. Kate Beyke, Art Club Sponsor

OA-BCIG art club members have been busy bees! With 23 members strong, we kicked off September with our annual spirit shirt fundraiser. The shirts were created and designed by the creative minds of the art club. Thanks to all who purchased and helped us raise money for our program! Have you attended a football game this year? You might have noticed the awesome falcon in the middle of the field! Art club took part in the big job of helping paint the falcon. Doesn't it look great?

Art club students are participating in creative monthly activities before and after school. In the month of September students recognized International Peace Day by decorating

pinwheels that were displayed around the school. This month, the students will be carving and painting pumpkins for Halloween, come vote for your favorite!

Watch for our next fundraiser starting **October 12, Falcon Driveway paintings**. We will come to your house and paint the school mascot at the end of your driveway in the school colors. These will be available for purchase from **October 12-23 for the cost of \$20**. Sales slips can be found around the businesses of Ida Grove, at the high school office or online at the school web site.

Keep your eye out for these artists in action!

BCIG Elementary Happenings

Mr. Alan Henderson, Principal

It has been a good start to the year. Teachers and students are getting adjusted and they are both finding their routines. We are all excited to see the construction begin. We know it will take some adjustment this year as we have to move some classrooms around to work on updating current rooms, but we know it will be worth it to have classrooms updated.

Teachers have been busy with some beginning assessments to see where kids are at in math and reading so we know who to provide interventions for. We will use this beginning data to build our reading and math data walls for each grade.

We look forward to Homecoming the week of October 5th and getting to dress up and supporting the Falcons as they play. The elementary will be dressing up Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday and notes will be sent home as to what the dress up days will be.

OA Elementary & OA-BCIG Middle School Happenings

Mr. Doug Mogensen, Principal

Middle School News

We have had an excellent start to the year; students and teachers are excited to be back in the groove. Middle school teachers are meeting regularly during their TEAM time to assess student progress and make plans to meet students' needs. Teachers are also meeting in Professional Learning Groups to provide students with opportunities to achieve at their highest learning level. This year we will continue to focus on raising our reading scores, improving our overall technological knowledge levels, and increase parent involvement through better communication efforts.

Middle School ASSIGNMENT PAGE - The middle school teachers keep you updated with the day's assignments on the Middle School Assignments link found on the left hand side of the Middle School webpage - <http://www.oabcig.org/pages/oa-bcig-middle-school>.

The week of September 14 was proclaimed Constitution Week. Throughout the week, teachers and students focused on this great document and what it means for our country and us.

Parent-Teacher Conferences 4:00-7:30 - Please mark your calendar: **Nov. 3** and **Nov. 5** - 2:30 dismissal both days.

Elementary School News

Students and teachers are off to a great start. Teachers have established the routines in which they deliver the curriculum to the students and students respond by engaging themselves with

new learning experiences. I have observed many exciting learning opportunities in the first month of school.

Students in 4th grade visited the one room school house at Moorehead Park in Ida Grove. They enjoyed the opportunity to learn about this old way of life and school.

The preschool students were visited by the Sac County naturalist. They learned about butterflies. Butterflies with tracking devices were released to make their way to Mexico. I hope we hear that a couple of them made it.

Fire Prevention Week will be the week of October 5-9. Students will have a chance to visit the Odebolt Fire Station and learn about the importance of smoke detectors in the house.

Red Ribbon Week will be held the week of October 23-31. This week is to increase awareness of drug and alcohol use and to promote good character values in our kids.

Parent-Teacher Conferences 4:00-7:30 - Please mark your calendar: **Nov. 3** and **Nov. 5** - 2:30 dismissal both days.



Senior Announcements

Mrs. Heather Spetman, Senior Class Sponsor

Class Dues: Due to graduation expenses and low senior account balance, class dues will be **\$10 per senior** this year. **In addition to the monetary class dues, each senior will need to volunteer for some service opportunities.** Those opportunities include signing up for one of the following: clean up after the football game on October 9, clean up after the football game on October 23, or clean up after one of three basketball games that will be arranged at a later date. In order to keep the class dues at the reasonable rate of \$10, all seniors need to make this donation of their time and service to the class. Dues may be brought to Mrs. Sadler. Dues must be paid in order to be measured for cap and gown for graduation.

Senior Class Picture: The senior class picture for this year will take place in the fall. We are planning on October 1, school picture re-take day, as the day for this picture. Stevenson Studios will be taking this picture, and ordering for the picture will be done through them. **All seniors are to be present on October 1, if they wish to be included in the class picture.**

Cap and Gown Measurement: The cap and gown measurement for seniors will take place in the high school cafeteria on **October 16** during the lunch period (11:30-12:40). In order to be included in the order for a cap and gown for commencement, seniors need to be

measured for a cap and gown that day. If a student needs to be absent, arrangements need to be made with Mrs. Spetman in advance for this measurement. Additionally, students will have the **OPTION** to purchase an **ADDITIONAL**, decorative tassel at that time **ONLY**. The cost of cap and gown measurement is included in the senior class dues. However, the cost of the **DECORATIVE** tassel will be an additional \$10. That can be paid for **IN CASH ONLY** on October 16 **ONLY**. The decorative tassel is not required, all students will get a tassel to keep with their cap for graduation, however, that tassel will not be decorative, it will be a standard tassel.

Guidance Notes

Mrs. Angela Lensch, High School Counselor

Make This Year Your Best!

As we get back into the swing of things, just a quick reminder as to all the opportunities you will have this year to make it your best year yet. Try some new activities, spend that extra 5 minutes on your schoolwork, and make a new friend or two. As you reflect back on the year next spring you won't regret that extra effort put in guaranteed.

Senior Meetings

Senior meetings with seniors and their parent(s) should be scheduled. If you have not yet scheduled your senior meeting, please do so as soon as possible. During senior meetings, graduation requirements and future plans are discussed. The earlier in the year these discussions take place, the greater likelihood there will be for a smooth senior year and graduation.

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 now 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.

Scholarship Time

Seniors, the time is coming to begin working on scholarships. Below you will find some tips to help you begin preparing for them.

Tips for Scholarship Application Preparation

1. Make a list of all your accomplishments.
2. Develop a list of your extracurricular activities.
3. Write down the three accomplishments of which you are the most proud.
4. Think of a problem that you have faced and write down how you were able to overcome it.
5. Put in writing your career goals, or your reason for wanting to attend college.
6. Pretend that you had to write a letter of recommendation for yourself. Write down the three most important things you would say.

Armed with this list of your best traits, accomplishments, and goals, you're on your way to writing a winning scholarship essay. Of course, you have to make sure that your essay is well-written, on-topic, sounds sincere, and is free of typographical errors.

Note-If you have a scholarship application you would like distributed to seniors, please contact me at alensch@oabcig.org or

at 712-364-3371/712-830-3366. Students are given monthly lists of available scholarships as well.

College Representatives Coming

As of the print date for the October newsletter many college reps have set up appointments to come visit our students. Students need to watch the announcements and check their Google folder for days and times that the college representative will visit. As a reminder, students need to get a pass from Mrs. Lensch before the day of the visit so plan ahead.

Unless you are going to a 4-year university there is no reason to take the ACTs (save your money). Two-year schools and some technical schools will have you take the COMPASS TEST. Below you will find some general information about each of the tests.

THE COMPASS TEST-What Is ACT Compass?

ACT Compass is an untimed, computerized test that helps your college evaluate your skills and place you into appropriate courses. ACT Compass offers tests in reading, writing, math, writing essay, and English as a Second Language (ESL). You will receive your ACT Compass test results immediately upon completion of testing, and your score report will include placement messages informing you what courses you should take and how to register.

Typically, your school will setup and notify you if you will need to take the COMPASS test.

THE ACT TEST-What is the ACT?

The ACT is a national college admissions examination that consists of subject area tests in: English, Mathematics, Reading, Science. ACT results are accepted by all four-year colleges and universities in the U.S. and should be taken if you are going to a four-year college or university.

The ACT includes 215 multiple-choice questions and takes approximately 3 hours and 30 minutes to complete, including a short break (or just over four hours if you are taking the ACT with writing). Actual testing time is 2 hours and 55 minutes (plus 40 minutes if you are taking the ACT with writing).

Important Dates

October 13--MVAO College Fair
October 14--PSAT for interested juniors

Contact Information

Email: alensch@oabcig.org
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Twitter: @AngelaLensch

ACT Testing Dates and Deadlines

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

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.

Free and Reduced-Price Eligibility For School Meal Accounts

Children need healthy meals to learn. It is the policy of the OA and BCIG Community School Districts to offer a healthy breakfast and lunch to all students registered and attending a district attendance center. The OA and BCIG Food Service Departments are federally funded; therefore, not authorized to extend credit for unpaid school meals. If you are having financial difficulties – We Want to Help You! The OA and BCIG School Districts encourage families to complete an Iowa Eligibility Application for free or reduced-price school meals. One application will cover all of your children attending any of the OA and/or BCIG Community School District buildings. If you qualify, your child(ren) may eat free or reduced-price school meals. Reduced price breakfasts cost \$.30 and reduced price lunches cost \$.40. A la carte items, second entrees, second meals, juice and extra milks are not included in the free or reduced-price school meal offerings and can only be purchased from a school meal account carrying a positive balance or with cash at the point of service.

Foster children, homeless, runaway and migrant children, children who receive food assistance or FIP and children enrolled in Head Start all qualify for free school meals. Your children can get free or reduced-price school meals if your household income is within the free or reduced-price limits on the Federal Income Guidelines when you complete your Iowa Eligibility Application. You or your children do not have to be U.S. citizens to qualify for free or reduced-price school meals.

We cannot approve an application that is not complete and signed, so be sure to complete all required information. One completed Iowa Eligibility Application per family listing all of the people living in the household, related or not, that share income and expenses is required. College students, who still use your home address as their permanent address, are considered a part of the household. You may apply for free or reduced-price school meals any time during the school year, especially if your income goes down, household size increases, you lose your job or you become eligible for Food Assistance, FIP or other

benefits. At Verification time you may be asked to provide written proof of your income information; however, do NOT provide proof at the time you complete your application. If you disagree with the school's decision concerning the eligibility determination of your application, you may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to: **Superintendent Terry Kenealy, 900 John Montgomery Drive, Ida Grove, IA 51445, 712-364-3687 OR 600 S Maple Street, Odebolt, IA 51458, 712-668-2289.**

Not everyone has to complete an Iowa Eligibility Application to receive free school meal benefits for their children. School enrollment records are compared to DHS records to identify children who are members of households receiving Food Assistance or FIP benefits. If ANY of your children are identified during this process ALL of your children will be directly certified to receive free school meal benefits. If you are notified by the school of your children's eligibility, parents need to do nothing further for their children to receive free school meals. Some eligible children may not be identified by this process and those households should receive a letter of direct certification from DHS. Children on these letters will receive free school meal benefits only if parents provide this letter to the school.

Because all preschool children are now offered school meals, there is no Special Milk Program in either district.

If you have any questions relating to free or reduced-price school meals or would like help completing the Iowa Eligibility Application, contact Wanda Schiernbeck at the BCIG Central Office, 900 John Montgomery Drive in Ida Grove or call 712-364-3687 or email wschiernbeck@oabcig.org

In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. OA and BCIG Community School Districts are an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Identifying and Reporting Child Abuse

Series 100 Code No. 105

It is Iowa state law and the policy of the OA & BCIG School (Districts) that any licensed employee, certified para-educator, instructor employed by a community college, or holder of a coaching authorization, who has a reasonable belief that a child under the age of 18 has been abused, as defined by law, by a person responsible for the care of that child, as defined by law, shall report the suspected abuse verbally to the Department of Human Services (DHS) within twenty-four hours, and follow the verbal report with a written report on appropriate forms. In addition, any licensed employee, certified para-educator, instructor employed by a community college, or holder of a coaching authorization, who has a reasonable belief that a child under the age of 12 has been sexually abused by anyone, shall contact the Department of Human Services and report that suspicion as well.

The reporting of suspected abuse by non-licensed employees is encouraged. The failure on the part of an employee who is a mandatory reporter to make a report as required by law may subject the employee to disciplinary sanctions up to and including discharge.

It is also the policy of the OA & BCIG School (Districts) that reports of child abuse remain confidential as required by law.

The OA & BCIG School (Districts) will provide the training for employees as required by law in the identification and reporting of child abuse within six months of initial employment. Within one month of initial employment, the school shall also provide each new employee who is a mandatory reporter with the legal requirements of child abuse reporting.

The OA & BCIG School (Districts) administration and staff will cooperate fully with DHS personnel in conducting a child abuse investigation by providing confidential access to the child named in the report, and to other children alleged to have relevant information, for the purpose of interviews. The OA & BCIG School (Districts) recognizes that it has no obligation to contact the parents or guardians of a child suspected to have been abused.

Healthy Hunger Free Kids Act Impacts School Meal Programs

Information provided by the USDA News Release #0023.12

First Lady Michelle Obama and the U.S. Agriculture Secretary initiated the HHFKA to establish new standards for school meals making them healthier for 32 million kids nationwide. For the first time in fifteen years action is being taken to improve the health and nutrition in school meal programs. Mrs. Obama said, "As parents we try to prepare decent meals, limit junk food and try to ensure that our children follow a balanced diet, the last thing we want is for our hard work to be undone each day in the school cafeteria."

The standards set forth in the HHFKA include:

- Offering students both fruit and vegetables every day of the week
- Substantially increasing offerings for whole grain-rich foods
- Offering only fat free or 1% low fat milk varieties
- Limiting calories based on the age of the children being served to ensure proper portion size
- Reducing the amounts of saturated fat, trans fat, sugar and salt in school meals.

USDA built the new school meal menu rules around recommendations from a panel of experts convened by the Institute of Medicine – a gold standard for evidence based health analysis. The standards were updated with key changes from the 2010 Dietary Guidelines for Americans – the Federal government's benchmark for nutrition aimed to foster healthy meal changes for schools.

In addition to the updated meal standards, other improvements include:

- Foods and beverages sold in vending machines and other venues on school campuses will also contribute to a healthy diet, carbonated beverages and foods of minimum nutritional value will no longer be available during the school day.
- Providing an increase in school meal funding – an additional \$.06 cents per meal served – to schools that meet the new standards and serve the improved meals. This is the first real increase in 30 years in school meal funding.
- Setting pricing standards for schools to ensure that revenues from non-Federal sources keep pace with the Federal commitment to provide healthy school meals.
- Training and technical assistance to monitor compliance with the new school meal standards
- Initiating more physical activity into school days to comply with Mrs. Obama's "Let's Move" campaign.

Healthiest State Walk & Living Week

Mrs. Julie Staley, BCIG Elem. Counselor



BCIG Elementary Healthiest State Walk, Wed., Oct. 7

Students and staff of BCIG Elementary will join thousands across Iowa who will walk a mile or more as part of the Iowa Healthiest State Initiative/Walk at the Whistle. Parents and community members are invited to join the walk on the Ida Grove trail, beginning at 1 p.m., Wednesday, October 7, at the Ida Grove Elementary playground. Individuals may officially join the walk by going on the website <http://www.iowahealthieststate.com/healthiest-state-walk>. Click on "find a group walk" and search for our school. Individuals may also join us without internet registry.

Healthy Living (Red Ribbon) Week Oct. 26-29 at BCIG Elementary

Students will gain knowledge and skills to lead safe, happy, healthy lives during Healthy Living Week, Oct. 26-29, at BCIG Elementary. Dress up days will add to the fun, and on Tuesday, Oct. 27, students will go through the "Bee Well Workshops" during the specials periods to learn from special guests about cyber/social media safety, nutrition, fitness, and more!

Falcon Night Trail Run

Mr. Randy Nieman, HS Wrestling Coach



The OA-BCIG wrestling team will be hosting a first ever night trail run at Moorehead Park on October 3. The 5, 10, and 15K trail run is a fundraiser to help offset wrestling team camp costs.

The run is open to anyone. All entrants who are preregistered will receive a unique race t-shirt. Register online at Active.com or contact Coach Randy Nieman (mieman@oabcig.org or 364-3371) for more information.



Environmental
Science
Tip of the Month

FALCON BOX

Remember the Falcon Box for all your Homecoming spirit wear!
Contact Becky Miller at bmiller@oabcig or 364-4315 to place an order or look at the apparel. All proceeds go to our athletes.

“Buckshot and Blossom”

Mrs. Kariann Jurgenson, Play Director



This year's fall play has been selected and cast. OA-BCIG Drama will present Tim Kelly's "Buckshot and Blossoms" in the high school cafeteria at 7:00 p.m. on **Friday, November 13** and **Saturday, November 14**.

"Buckshot and Blossoms" is a melodramatic comedy that takes place in the Trail Dust Hotel in the Arizona Territory of the 1880s. Cast members of this year's production are 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.

Save the date on your calendar. Put on your best bib and tucker. The cast will make sure everything is in apple pie order and we'll all have a hog-killin' time!

Fourth Grade Field Trips

Mrs. Janet Snyder, BCIG 4th Grade Teacher

Fourth Grade Visits Country School

A return to the days of old for BCIG's 4th Graders was sponsored by the Ida County Historical Society during the month of September. Each of the BCIG's three sections were treated to a day of school at Moorehead Park. Activities included: flag respect, writing on slates, using pens dipped in ink, playing country school games, and pumping water by hand. Students received lessons in singing, reading, ciphering, orthography, penmanship, geography, and art. The highlight of the day was a history hike to the old pioneer homestead at Moorehead Park. Students were given the chance to view many items that the pioneers used along with learning lots of interesting pieces of information. We would like to thank all the country school teachers and the Historical Society for making this day very meaningful and worthwhile to all of us.

4th Grade Experiences Farm Safety Day

The Ag Safety Day was part of the Farm Bureau's Ag in the Classroom Program and was held on Friday, September 11 at the Ida County Fairgrounds. This event lasted from 9:00 am to 2:00 p.m. The 4th graders from BCIG and Ridge View attended this program. This safety program involved farm machinery, ATV safety, electricity, grain bins, gravity wagons, safety around animals and 911 calls. Students were treated to lunch that day and also received a free t-shirt. BCIG 4th grade would like to thank Farm Bureau and all the volunteers that helped to teach us many valuable lessons about being on the farm.



Activity Accounts

Mr. Larry Allen, Activities Director

Fall sport seasons are in full swing as the school year commences. I encourage you all to come out and show your support for our students.

The OA-BCIG Athletic Department will once again be providing the ImPact Concussion Testing system to our students. Beginning in 2013, we tested all athletes involved in football, volleyball, wrestling, basketball, baseball, and softball. This provided a baseline for all of those athletes in case of a concussion. We will be testing the incoming freshmen as well as any student that was not out for one of these sports last season at OA-BCIG. This test is provided to us free of charge by Sports Medicine Northwest, and our athletic trainer, Mike Spetman. This is just one more tool that a doctor may use to help determine whether an athlete is ready to return to competition. Mr. Spetman visits our school on Monday mornings, Thursday afternoons, and Fridays over lunch to answer any questions that student athletes might have regarding an injury. This advice is offered free of charge to the students.

We wish all students that are auditioning for All-State Music great success.

Mark your calendars, as the fall production of "Buckshot & Blossoms" will take place on November 13 & 14 in Ida Grove at 7:00.

I would like to encourage everyone to sign up for the Rschool activity update service. After signing up, you can receive emails or text messages of all changes pertaining to the activities you registered for. Please go to www.westernvalleyconference.org and select OA-BCIG. At the top of the page, select Notify Me, and follow the directions to get signed up.

We are looking forward to a great school year, and are striving for great success in all academic, activity and athletic competitions.

Library Listings

Mrs. Mary Rohlk, K-12 Librarian

The BCIG Elementary will once again be hosting a fall book fair in conjunction with parent teacher conferences. Watch for more information to arrive home with your child the latter part of October.



The new movement in library programs is to provide a time and the materials for children to use their imagination and creativity. This concept is called makerspace. In order to offer this, we need materials. Hence, the OA and the BCIG Elementary library programs are seeking craft related items. We are not asking anyone to go out and purchase but rather help us "upcycle" your unused or no longer needed craft supplies. Examples of things that we could use are scrapbooking paper, yarn, popsicle sticks, stickers, buttons, magazines with animal or scenic pictures, the possibilities are endless. We could also use old child sized scissors and partial bottles of glue. Items may be dropped off at either office but please let office know that your donation is for the library. Thanks in advance!



Thursday, October 8th

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

Friday, October 9th

- 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>.

Businesses and organizations are encouraged to have entries in the homecoming parade. Junior class members will bring entry forms to prior entrants, or you may download a form from the school website. Completed forms should be returned to the high school to Donna Rasmussen by October 6 if possible. If you have questions or need a form delivered, contact Donna Rasmussen at drasmussen@oabcig.org or 364-3371.

Junior Prom Fundraiser

Mrs. Donna Rasmussen, Junior Class Sponsor

SpiritCups & SpiritTravelCups Program

The OA-BCIG Junior class will be selling BRAX products as a fundraiser for prom this year. These products will be on sale during October and delivered in time for Christmas. Contact a junior class member or the high school to place your order.

Products

- SpiritCups and SpiritTravelCups are officially licensed in all 32 National Football League (NFL), 30 Major League Baseball (MLB) and over 100 top college teams, plus all five branches of the U.S. Military.
- All cups feature exclusive 3D designs, are dishwasher safe, BPA-free and made in the USA.

- Products are configured in four different ways at three different price points:

- * 4-pack of SpiritCups of the same design for \$18.00
- * 2-pack of SpiritTravelCups of the same design for \$18.00
- * 1 SpiritTravelCup for \$10.00
- * FanPacks containing one, 4-pack of SpiritCups of the same design and one, 2-pack of SpiritTravelCups of the same design (of the same team, NFL only) for \$30.00



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 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, 2016**.

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.



WELCOME TO OABCIG MUSIC BOOSTERS!

*How am I a Music Booster?

A Music Booster is any parent who has a student participating in an instrumental or vocal program in the OABCIG Middle School or High School.

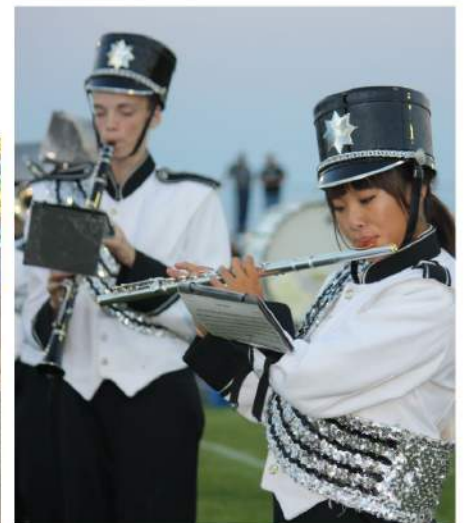
*What do Music Boosters do?

The objective of this organization is to support the music programs at OABCIG, and to give moral support to unify the programs throughout the district.

*How can I get more involved?

OABCIG Music Boosters hold regular meetings on the last Monday of each month, Aug-May, at 5:15pm. Location: Even numbered months meet at the high school, odd numbered months meet at the middle school.

For more information, please contact Tammie Dausel at tdausel@hotmail.com or Wendy Ullrich at wendyullrich22@gmail.com



OA-BCIG High School
Fall Vocal Kick-Off Concert
Tuesday, October 13
7:00 @ the HS Gym

BCIG Elementary
1st-2nd Grade
Pajama Party Musical Concert
Thursday, October 29
7:00 @ the HS Gym



Activity Calendar for October 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Senior Class Photo Picture Re-takes 4:00 7th FB vs. LB @ Odebolt 6:00 JVR FB @ Alta-Aurelia (Alta)	2 7:00 FB @ IKM-Manning (Manning)	3 IHSRA @ Waterloo Carroll Band Day Parade 7:30 Falcon Night Trail Run @ Moorehead Park
4 IHSRA @ Waterloo	5 Dance Team butterbraid sales begin 4:00 MS VB @ Schleswig 6:00 JV FB @ MVAO 6:00 JVR/JV VB @ Denison	6 FFA Greenhand Fire-Up @ MOC-FV 4:00 MS FB vs. WM @ Odebolt 4:00 7th VB @ Denison 4:30 XC @ So Cal (Lake City) 6:00 VB vs. Siouxland Christian - Senior Recognition Night	7 2:00 Dismissal	8 6:00 Homecoming Parade in IG 7:00 Coronation @ HS 8:00 Super Class Night @ HS	9 7:00 FB vs. Mo Valley-Homecoming 	10 IHSMA State Marching Contest 3rd-4th VB tourney @ HS 8:30 9-10th VB @ MVAO tourney
Fire Prevention Week						
11 	12 4:00 MS FB vs. East Sac @ Odebolt 4:00 MS VB @ East Sac (Sac City) 4:30 XC @ OABCIG Invite 6:00 VB @ WM 6:00 JV FB vs. Alta-Aurelia 6:30 School Board Mtg. @ IG	13 7:00 HS Vocal Concert 	14 HS Frozen Food Sales End 2:00 Dismissal	15 4:00 MS FB @ Kuemper 4:00 MS VB vs. AOMV @ Odebolt VB Pink Out Night 6:00 VB vs. Westwood	16 Senior Cap & Gown measurements during lunch 7:00 FB @ Underwood	17 HS Marching Band Festival @ Vermillion MS NWIBA Honor Band Auditions @ Storm Lake 8:30 JV VB @ MVAO tourney 9:00 XC Conference Meet @ Onawa
18 	19 4:00 JVR VB @ Cherokee tourney 6:00 JV FB @ Storm Lake	20 2A Regional VB Tourney @ TBD	21 2:00 Dismissal	22 XC State Qualifying Meet @ TBD	23 7:00 FB vs. Treynor- Senior Night	24 ACT Testing All-State Music Festival Auditions @ Storm Lake 5th-6th VB tourney @ HS
	26 5:15 Music Boosters meeting @ IG	27 2A Regional VB 2nd Round @ TBD	28 FB Playoffs	29 1st Quarter Ends 6:00 Men & Women in Song @ SC 7:00 BCIG 1st-2nd Music Concert @ HS	30 NO SCHOOL-Teacher Work Day 7:00 MS Dance	31 Dance State Solo Contest XC State Meet
Red Ribbon Week				BCIG Elem. Book Fair Oct. 29- Nov. 5		
FFA National Convention - Louisville, KY						

Breakfast & Lunch Menus for October 2015

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p><i>In accordance with Federal Law and USDA policy, this institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.</i></p> <p><i>Milk choice, fruit and juice served daily.</i></p> <p><i>All breads are whole grain.</i></p> <p><i>*Available only at the high school.</i></p>				
<p>5 BCIG B: sausage breakfast bagel, *Nutrigrain bar BCIG L: hot ham & cheese, peas, sweet potato tots, fresh melon, orange OA B: long john OA L: popcorn chicken, peas, pears, broccoli, lettuce, ranch, dinner roll</p>	<p>6 BCIG B: asst. cereal, WG toast BCIG L: crispito, lettuce, tomato, cheese, salsa, taco fiesta beans, Spanish rice, peaches, pear OA B: ultimate breakfast round OA L: turkey patty, WG bun, tomato, onion, French fries, mixed fruit, lettuce</p>	<p>7 BCIG B: cereal bar, yogurt BCIG L: popcorn chicken, Elem-fresh veggies w/ranch, green beans, *fresh veggie bar, animal crackers, mixed fruit, apple OA B: cinnamon roll OA L: egg-sausage bun, mandarin oranges, carrots, cucumbers, lettuce</p>	<p>8 BCIG B: WG glazed donut, *asst. cereal BCIG L: spaghetti, spinach salad, corn, garlic bread, applesauce, banana OA B: cereal bar OA L: pepper oni pizza, broccoli, lettuce, banana, red peppers</p>	<p>9 BCIG B: egg patty, bacon, WG toast BCIG L: teriyaki chicken, WG bun, broccoli w/cheese sauce, cole slaw, mandarin oranges, apple OA B: cereal & toast OA L: honey mustard wrap, baked chips, pineapple, carrots, cucumbers, lettuce</p>
<p>12 BCIG B: French toast sticks w/syrup BCIG L: hamburger, WG bun, baked beans, potato salad, pears, oranges OA B: donut OA L: cheese filled breadstick, marinara sauce, broccoli, applesauce, lettuce</p>	<p>13 BCIG B: asst. cereal, WG toast BCIG L: mandarin orange chicken, brown rice, cooked carrots, broc-caulif salad, pineapple, apple OA B: waggles OA L: BBQ pork sandwich, corn, cucumbers, pears, red peppers, lettuce</p>	<p>14 BCIG B: cheese omelet, WG toast BCIG L: pork patty, WG bun, Elem-mixed green salad, peas, *fresh veggie bar, applesauce cup, orange OA B: cinnamon roll OA L: super nachos, tomatoes, carrots, peaches, lettuce, 3 bean salad</p>	<p>15 BCIG B: blueberry muffin, asst. cereal BCIG L: sausage pizza, corn, carrots, SW pasta salad, apricots, grapes OA B: pop tarts OA L: chicken nuggets, green beans, apple cucumbers, lettuce, dinner roll</p>	<p>16 BCIG B: pop tart, asst. cereal BCIG L: corn dog, tator tots, green beans, jello, peaches, apple OA B: egg & toast OA L: hot dog, WG bun, potato wedges, broccoli, tropical fruit, lettuce</p>
<p>19 BCIG B: breakfast pizza BCIG L: chicken patty, WG bun, steamed broccoli & cauliflower, celery-PB cup, sidekicks, orange OA B: long john OA L: teriyaki chicken, WG bun, cooked carrots, applesauce, broccoli, lettuce</p>	<p>20 BCIG B: asst. cereal, WG toast BCIG L: taco-in-a-bag, lettuce, tomato, cheese, salsa, black bean salad, applesauce, pear OA B: apple frudel OA L: hamburger, WG bun, tomatoes, onion, tator tots, carrots, strawberries, lettuce</p>	<p>21 BCIG B: mini strawberry bagels, yogurt BCIG L: turkey & cheese sandwich, Elem-mixed green salad, cooked carrots, *fresh veggie bar, mixed fruit, apple OA B: cinnamon roll OA L: grilled cheese, corn, pears, cucumbers, lettuce</p>	<p>22 BCIG B: WG long john, *asst. cereal BCIG L: French toast sticks, sausage, hash brown, carrots, cucumber sticks, strawberries & bananas, orange OA B: breakfast pizza OA L: softshell taco, refried beans, tomato, cheese, salsa, pineapple cup, lettuce</p>	<p>23 BCIG B: egg patty, bacon, WG toast BCIG L: meatball sub, spinach salad, corn, mandarin oranges, apple OA B: blueberry muffin OA L: chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, tropical fruit, lettuce, dinner roll</p>
<p>26 BCIG B: pancakes w/syrup, *sausage BCIG L: BBQ shredded pork, WG bun, baked beans, sweet potato tots, pears, orange OA B: donut OA L: corn dog, baked beans, carrots, applesauce, red peppers, lettuce</p>	<p>27 BCIG B: asst. cereal, WG toast BCIG L: beef tips, mashed potatoes, green beans, bread-butter, pineapple, apple OA B: pancakes OA L: Mr. Rib, WG bun, green beans, pineapple, cucumbers, lettuce</p>	<p>28 BCIG B: breakfast wrap, salsa BCIG L: chicken nuggets, Elem-mixed green salad, peas, *fresh veggie bar, applesauce cup, orange OA B: cinnamon roll OA L: scalloped potatoes & ham, corn, pears, lettuce, dinner roll</p>	<p>29 BCIG B: ultimate breakfast round, *asst. cereal BCIG L: cheese pizza, corn, marinated fresh veggie salad, peaches, apple OA B: broken fingers OA L: witches stew, eye balls, missing fingers, haunted green trees, tombstone sticks, dinner roll</p>	<p>30 NO SCHOOL</p> 

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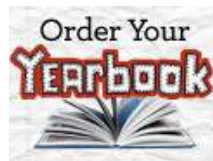
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We will do everything possible to ensure everyone in the BCIG Community becomes the best that he or she can be!

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



2016 Yearbook On Sale Now

The 2015-2016 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 4 \$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 2016 yearbook will be delivered in late August/early September 2016. Questions?? Contact Heidi Beck at 364-3371 or hbeck@oabcig.org.

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SENIOR GRADUATION INFORMATION

Graduation will be here before we know it! The senior students will be receiving a letter concerning their high school diploma. Please have your student print their name as they want it to appear on their diploma. Both the parent/guardian and the student will need to sign this form and **return** it to the high school office **by Friday, October 16.**

It is the policy of the Odebolt-Arthur and the Battle Creek-Ida Grove Community School Districts not to illegally discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, religion, creed, age, (for employment), marital status (for programs), sexual orientation, gender identity and socioeconomic status (for programs) in its educational programs and its employment practices. There is a grievance procedure for processing complaints of discrimination. If you have questions or a grievance related to this policy, please contact the districts' Equity Coordinator, Alan Henderson, BCIG Elementary Principal, 403 Barnes Street, Ida Grove, Iowa 51445, phone number: 712-364-2360 and email address: ahenderson@oabcig.org.