

OA-BCIG INSIGHTS

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



From the Superintendent Mr. Terry Kenealy, Superintendent

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

BCIG Elementary School Building Project:

As we began the school year, a project to add space to the Battle Creek-Ida Grove Elementary School Building was approved by the BCIG Board of Directors. That project will add four full-sized classrooms, add a smaller specialty classroom space, the project includes adding a new gymnasium with locker rooms and a concessions area. In addition the project will finish off the process of converting the entire building to a more energy efficient geothermal heating and cooling system along with new cabinets in the old classroom areas.

The district issued revenue bonds against the Sales Tax Fund in the amount of \$4.3 million dollars to fund the majority of the project and will use cash reserves in the Physical Plant and Equipment Fund and the Sales Tax Fund to pay for the remainder of the project which is currently estimated to be approximately \$4.5 million for the entire cost of the project. The principal and interest payments on the new revenue bonds will be paid for out of the Sales Tax Fund revenues that are received by the district from the Iowa Department of Revenue each year.

School Board Election on Tuesday, September 8:

On Tuesday, September 8, the district patrons will be asked to select who will fill the positions up for election on the BCIG Board of Directors and the OA Board of Directors. The following is a summary on the status of the upcoming election:

Battle Creek-Ida Grove: Four Positions Up for Selection

(The following individuals have filed for election)

- At-Large: Tony Bennett
- District 1: No one has filed for this position
- District 2: Stephanie Konradi (incumbent) and Laura Stangl

District 3: Ryan Goodman and Sarah Lundy

Odebolt-Arthur: Three Positions Up for Selection - All are At-Large

(The following individuals have filed for election)

- Pat Hoefling (incumbent)
- Paul Neumann (incumbent)
- Brad Lundell
- Stacy Raasch

What Happens If No One Files Papers?

Space must be provided on election ballots for write-in candidates and a write-in is a possible way to fill an open position. A write-in candidate does not need to file a nomination petition however a write-in candidate must be willing and eligible to serve. An eligible write-in candidate must be eligible to register to vote and they must live in that director district.

In the case of Director District 1 for BCIG, since no one has filed to run for the position, a write-in candidate could be voted into the position if they are eligible to register to vote and live within the boundaries of Director District 1. For an at-large position on a school board the same rules apply, however for an at-large position a write-in candidate must live within the boundaries of the school district. In any case, such as what will most likely happen with District 1, someone who receives the most write-in votes must be willing to serve and they do have the option to decline the position.

If there is a group of write-in candidates, if they choose to be a write-in or if they are written in by the voters without their consent, the write-in who receives the highest number of votes will be named the winner by the County Canvassing Board following the election. At that time, if the write-in winner declines to serve, the Board would be required to declare that position on the Board vacant and then appoint someone to fill the vacancy within thirty (30) days from the time the position is declared vacant.

If someone is appointed to the position, they would serve until the next school election of any type at which time the position would be placed on the ballot again. Following that election the person selected by the voters would finish out the term. Please let me know if you have questions or need additional information in regards to the upcoming school board election.

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

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

Go Falcons!

High School Happenings

Mr. Patrick Miller, Principal

New Staff

OA-BCIG High School would like to welcome Taylor Clark, Benjamin Mauritz and Jacob Pedersen to our teaching staff. Mrs. Clark will be teaching agriculture, Mr. Mauritz will take over the instrumental music position and Mr. Pedersen will be guiding vocal music.

AP Scores

We have received our Advanced Placement scores for the 2014-15 school year. Kudos to Mrs. Maass and Mrs. Sadler as 63% of OA-BCIG students who took the test scored at 3 or above on a 5-point scale. We encourage students to challenge themselves academically and AP classes are one way that students can do so.

Falcon Core

A large group of students spent considerable time last year developing core beliefs that we hope all students, staff, and fans will embody as members of the OA-BCIG Districts. The students believe that all Falcons should demonstrate the qualities of Leadership, Integrity, and Pride. The Core Group will continue to meet during the 2015-16 school year to create what those qualities should look like in our students, our staff and coaches, and our fans. Look for more information in the coming months.

Seniors

A reminder that **all seniors will be staying for our Success period this year.** This allows students to be able to meet with any staff member to receive homework help. Thank you for your cooperation.

OA Elementary & OA-BCIG Middle School Happenings

Mr. Doug Mogensen, Principal

It's great to get back into the routines of school. My hope for you is that your child has some good routines for the return of school. These routines should include a consistent bedtime, morning time, and homework time. I know family lives are chaotic, and with a little work toward routines, the chaos can be diminished. The website www.healthyliving.org provides the following information about the importance of routines.

Weekday Mornings

To make the household function well in the morning, everyone needs to know what has to be done to get ready for the day. Try the following:

- Put as many things in order as possible the night before.
- Keep wake-up routines cheerful and positive.
- Be sure your child eats breakfast, even if she is not hungry in the morning, have her get some food in her system to start the day.
- Finally, round out each morning by saying goodbye to your youngster. A simple hug and a wave as she heads out the front door or slides out of the car are extremely important. They will give her a positive feeling with which to begin the day's activities.

After School

During middle childhood, children need adult supervision. While some parents have their children return each afternoon to an empty home, these "latchkey" kids are more susceptible to misbehavior, risk-taking, and anxiety. For this age group, the American Academy of

Pediatrics recommends that a child come home to a parent, other adult, or a responsible adolescent.

Evenings

Dinner should be an important time for your family. As often as possible, all family members should eat together at the dinner table, without the distraction of television or radio. During dinner the family can share the day's activities and participate in enjoyable conversation. Everyone should be encouraged to take part, and negative comments and criticism should be discouraged.

Bedtime

On school nights, children need a regular time to go to sleep. Lights can go out at different times for different children in the family, depending on how much sleep each youngster needs. Nighttime rituals can help ease a youngster to sleep. These rituals can include storytelling, reading aloud, conversation, and songs. Try to avoid exciting play and activities before bedtime.

The elementary students have welcomed by our new physical education teacher, Mr. Charles Hugo. Mr. Hugo grew up in Mason City and received his teaching degree from the University of Northern Iowa.

The Parent-Teacher-Community Partnership (PTCP) will be taking over the box top and soup label fundraising this year. Parents, students, and community members can turn these items into the office. The school will collect the box tops and soup labels for the PTCP. Every box top and label turned in helps fill a need at school.

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

A couple reminders from the handbook for parents and students.

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

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



BCIG Elementary Happenings

Mr. Alan Henderson, Principal

The first two weeks were great. It is exciting to see the excitement in the building as the school year gets underway. We are all getting adjusted to the new classrooms and schedules. We are excited to work with your child. Any questions please feel free to ask. We cannot do it without you.

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

Our school is listed on the SINA list for math. This comes from not meeting the next proficiency level set for the state of Iowa. We will be focusing on our curriculum, approaches to math during lessons, and putting interventions in place to make sure that we meet student needs in this area. If you have any questions please call me at 712-364-2360.

I am so thankful I am apart of this community and the support that it gives to our school. We will be having a fundraiser for the elementary this year. We have not done a fundraiser for 4 years. This money will be spent on extra materials to support our math, and reading and science programs that we cannot get from just the regular budget.

We look forward to having a great 2015-2016 school year. We will do our best to help your child grow to their full potential.

FFA News

Mrs. Taylor Clark, FFA Adviser

Hello all! My name is Mrs. Clark and I am the new Agriculture Teacher and FFA Adviser here at OA-BCIG. I am looking forward to a great school year and am appreciative of all the support and help already offered to the FFA Chapter and Ag. program as I (and the students) begin to transition into the school year. I was able to attend the Ida County Fair and was fortunate to have Mrs. Stoberl introduce me to some of the students I will have in class this upcoming year. I would like to provide a quick update of what has been going on the past month, as well as a few plans for this fall!

OA-BCIG was well represented at the Ida County Fair as nine students showed livestock that they have been working hard to prepare. Showing livestock at the county fair were Bree Henningsen, Erin Burk, Baylee Knop, Elliott Bengford, Katie Knudsen, Kyle Knudsen, Derrick Wessel, Keller Wunschel, and Anna VanDusen. Elliott Bengford also showed at the Sac County Fair; Paige Whitney showed sheep at the Iowa State Fair and Katlyn Cowlham exhibited a restored tractor at the Iowa State Fair.

There was also a great turn out for the livestock judging competition at the Ida County Fair with competitors from the OA-BCIG FFA Chapter, East Sac FFA Chapter, MOC-Floyd Valley FFA Chapter and several other fair goers from the area.

A few FFA Chapter members helped out at Hultgren Implement's Combine Clinic on August 12. We are always appreciative of the support and contribution we get from the community! It is my hopes that we can get the fall started strong by putting together District Soil and Livestock Judging teams!



Library Listings

Mrs. Mary Rohlk, K-12 Librarian



Box Tops Update

The Box Tops Brigade gathered in July to sort, clip, count, and package box tops for the Odebolt Arthur elementary. They processed 7650 box tops which should bring \$765 to the school. The school will receive their next check in December.

The BCIG box tops total for the 2014-15 year was 23,124. This translated to \$2312, down slightly from the previous year. PTP volunteers assisted with the sorting, counting, and cutting.

Please clip those box tops and help each school beat their totals during the 2015-16 school year! Remember, box tops may be sent to school with your child or dropped off at any building office.

Help Our Students Help Others

The high school student council has collected pop tabs for Ronald McDonald Houses for many years as part of class competitions. Students started bringing tabs to the BCIG

Elementary and all pop tabs were delivered in the name of OA-BCIG. Last year, 65 pounds of pop tabs were delivered to the Ronald McDonald House in Sioux City. Only eight pounds came from the high school.

This year, instead of a class competition at the high school, we are going to hold a challenge between the buildings. Let's see which building can bring in the most pop tabs during the 15-16 school year!

Pop tab facts:

1. The Sioux City Ronald McDonald House earns about \$4000 a year from these donations.
2. You can save any can tabs. These include those from soup cans and pet food cans.

Pop tabs may be sent to any of the school libraries.

School Notification System Changes Planned for 2015-2016 School Year

We will be transitioning to a new Student, Parent and Community Notification system during the upcoming school year. Our new system is integrated with our JMC Student Information System. This integration will allow us to keep a more accurate listing of contact information for parents and students for school alerts and notifications. You will still be able to select to receive an email, text, or phone call of our notifications.

If you are a community member and would like to continue receiving school alerts and notifications, 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.

Guidance Notes

Mrs. Angela Lensch, High School Counselor

Hello Falcons! We've gotten off to a wonderful start this school year. The following points are important dates and information that you will need from the counseling department as we begin the school year.

Juniors PSATs

Any junior who wants to take the PSAT test needs to see me ASAP we will be doing so early this fall. Each student is responsible for a \$14 test fee, which must be paid to Mrs. Lensch before the test.

The PSAT exam:

- measures reading, math, and writing skills needed for college and career.
- gives students a chance to see how their skill compared with those of other students who will apply for college.
- is the first step, for juniors, in entering the National Merit Scholarship Corporation competitions for scholarships and recognition.
- provides practice for possible SAT exams and similar ACT.

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 check-list, 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.

Senior Scholarships

If you have a scholarship application you would like distributed to seniors, please contact me at alensch@oabcig.org or at 712-364-3371 or 712-830-3366. Students are given monthly lists of available scholarships as well.

Contact Information

If you ever need anything I can be reached by email 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. You will also be able to find Mrs. Lensch's OA-BCIG Counseling Page information on Facebook (https://www.facebook.com/MrsLenschOABCIGCounseling?ref_type=bookmark) or follow me on Twitter @AngelaLensch. Finally, information will also be posted in the school and in a Google Drive folder for students to access. Thank you for sharing your student with me!

ACT Testing Dates and Deadlines

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

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.



OA-BCIG High School
• Tuesday, September 1

BCIG Elementary
• Wednesday, September 2

OA Elem./OA-BCIG Middle School
• Thursday, September 3

Bullying and Harassment

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

Series 100 Code No. 104

ANTI-BULLYING/ HARASSMENT POLICY

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

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

This policy is in effect while students or employees

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(Bullying and Harassment continued....)

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

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

handling all complaints by employees alleging harassment.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Immunization Laws in Schools

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

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

Student Health and Immunization Certificates

Series 500 Code 507.1

Students desiring to participate in athletic activities in the school district will have a physical examination by a licensed physician and provide proof of such an examination to the school district.

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

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

Student Athletes Health & Safety

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

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

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

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

School Fee Waivers

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

STATEMENT FOR WAIVER OF CONFIDENTIALITY TO REDUCE SCHOOL FEES 2015-2016

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

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

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

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

Student Lockers

Series 500 Code No. 502.5

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

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



FALL BLOOD DRIVE

Wednesday, September 23

8:30-2:00

OA-BCIG High School Gym

public is welcome to attend

4th Grade Country School Dates

Sept. 11 - OA 4th Grade
 Sept. 15 - Mrs. Snyder (BCIG)
 Sept. 17 - Ms. Steil (BCIG)
 Sept. 18 - Mrs. Nettles (BCIG)

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

Activity Accounts

Mr. Larry Allen, Activities Director

The OA-BCIG Athletic Department will once again be providing the ImPact Concussion Testing system to our students. Beginning in 2013, we started testing all athletes involved in football, volleyball, wrestling, basketball, baseball & 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, Wednesday afternoons, and Friday over lunch to answer any questions that student athletes might have regarding an injury. This advice is offered free of charge to the students.

Fall sports calendars will be available shortly at the school offices, and at the admission gates for the early season games.

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.westernvalleyconf.org and select OA-BCIG. At the top of the page, select "Notify Me", and follow the directions to get signed up.



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 Fundraisers

Mrs. Donna Rasmussen, Junior Class Sponsor

This year the junior class **will not be selling magazines** as a fundraiser for prom. Many have told us there is little interest in buying magazines anymore, so we have not renewed the contract with the company. There will not be a way to renew current subscriptions through the school.

Instead the junior class is partnering with the Schlessman Seed company research station in Ida Grove which provides the breeding and hybrid testing for their popcorn program. This fall the Junior class will help hand harvest around 1500 samples that will be shelled, conditioned, and then popped for examination. **Each junior will be expected to participate in the work days to assist in this fundraiser.** More details will be communicated to junior class members as the harvest work days draw nearer.

In addition to the work days, juniors will again participate in another fundraiser in October, selling BRAX cups to the public. We tried this fundraiser last year with great success. BRAX cups are glasses, travel mugs and popcorn bowls that feature NFL, NCAA, MLB, NHL and Military logos that will arrive in time to be great holiday gifts for the family! As always if you are interested in making a purchase and a junior member does not contact you, please contact the high school and we will have a student or prom sponsor contact you. Thank you in advance!

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.



Upgrades to HS Weight Room Mr. Jeff Miesner, HS Physical Education Teacher

The school year is finally upon us! As with every year, I'm excited to get to work with all the students again. Over the years I've noticed a trend that budgets are usually tight for most Physical Education and Strength training programs, but I'm excited to announce that through the help of some donations we are finally able to update and upgrade some of our equipment in the high school weight room!

Safety is always a big concern when it comes to strength training. This fall many of our coaches attended a clinic to review and refresh proper lifting technique. Along with technique, equipment must also be up to date and safe. Some of the new equipment the OA-BCIG High School received include two new lifting platforms, two half racks with two new adjustable benches, full sets of bumper plates with new storage racks (for platforms), new dumbbells, new barbells and new training barbells as well.

This equipment should allow for better efficiency in the weight room. None of this would be possible without the help of groups in the community. I would like to give a big THANKS to

State Farm, Athletic Boosters, Coed Athletics, and Greater Iowa Credit Union. Without the help of these groups this much needed facelift would not be possible.



Little Falcon Cheer Clinic

Friday, September 18

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

Grades 1st - 5th

Performance that night @ 6:30
before the football game in Ida Grove vs. AHSTW

Cost \$5.00/student

Notes will go home the week prior to the clinic.

We will not be ordering shirts.



Activity Calendar for September 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 IHSRA @ Merville All Iowa Dance Tryouts	31	September 1 HS School Pictures 6:00 VB @ Lawton Bronson	2 2:00 Early Dismissal BCIG Elem. School Pictures	3 OA Elem/OA- BCIG MS School Pictures 5:00 XC @ Okoboji 6:00 JVR FB vs. MVAO	4 7:00 FB vs. Lawton Bronson	5 VB @ Ridge View Tourney "Just Feed One" @ High School
6 IHSRA @ Larchwood	7 LABOR DAY *No School IHSRA @ Larchwood	8 6:00 JV FB @ Ridge View 6:00 VB @ Woodbury Central 7:00 5th Grade MidBell Display Night	9	10 6:00 VB @ Storm Lake	11 OA 4th Grade Country School @ Moorehead Park BCIG 4th Grade Ag Safety Day @ Fairgrounds 7:00 FB @ West Monona	12 ACT Testing @ Denison 9:00 JV VB @ Westwood Tourney 9:00 VB @ West Monona Invite 9:00 XC @ Ridge View FFA Trapshoot @ Manson
13	14 4:00 MS VB 7th/8th vs. East Sac @ Odebolt 4:00 MS FB vs. Woodbury Central @ Odebolt 6:00 JVFB @ Woodbury Central 6:30 School Board Mtg. @ Odebolt	15 BCIG 4th Grade Country School (Mrs. Snyder) @ Moorehead Park 4:00 MS VB 7th @ Schaller 4:00 MS VB 8th vs. Ridge View @ Odebolt 4:00 MS FB 8th @ Lawton Bronson 5:30 VB Triangular @ IG	16 2:00 Early Dismissal 	17 BCIG 4th Grade Country School (Ms. Steil) @ Moorehead Park 6:00 JVR FB vs. Kuemper 6:00 VB vs. Kingsley-Pierson	18 BCIG 4th Grade Country School (Mrs. Nettles) @ Moorehead Park 3:30-5:00 Little Falcon Cheer Clinic (BCIG Elem. & OA Elem. Grades 1-5) 6:30 Little Cheer performance 7:00 FB vs. AHSTW	19 FFA District Livestock Judging @ Clay Cty Fair ICDA Pre All-State Rehearsal @ Sioux Center IHSRA @ Lamoni 9:00 XC @ Carroll Kuemper 9:00 JV VB @ Denison Tourney 9:00 VB OA-BCIG Invite
20 IHSRA @ Lamoni	21 3:45 MS VB 7th vs. ArWeVa @ Odebolt 6:00 JV FB @ Westwood	22 4:00 MS FB @ Early 4:00 MS VB 8th @ Storm Lake 4:00 MS VB 7th vs. Storm Lake @ Odebolt 6:00 VB @ MVAO	23 2:00 Early Dismissal Yearbook Ad Sales 9:00 FFA Subdistrict Soil Judging @ Manson 8:30-2:00 HS StuCo Blood Drive	24 4:00 MS VB 7th @ Sgt. Bluff 4:00 MS VB 8th vs. Sgt. Bluff @ Odebolt 6:00 JVR FB @ East Sac (Wall Lake)	25 7:00 FB @ Ridge View	26 VB @ WVC Tourney IHSRA @ Ft. Madison
27 IHSRA @ Ft. Madison	28 6:00 JV FB vs. East Sac 6:00 VB WVC Finals @ Onawa	29 FFA District Soil Judging @ Morningside College 4:00 MS VB 7th vs. Ridge View @ Odebolt 4:00 MS VB 8th @ Schaller 4:00 MS FB vs. AO-MV @ Odebolt 4:30 XC @ Hull	30 2:00 Early Dismissal HS Frozen Food Sales Begin	October 1 6:00 JVR FB @ Alta	2 7:00 FB @ Manning	3 HS Band @ Carroll Band Days IHSRA @ Waterloo

Breakfast & Lunch Menus for September 2015

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>31 BCIG B: breakfast pizza BCIG L: tavern w/WG bun, sweet potato tots, peas, pineapple, orange OA B: WG donut OA L: bean & cheese burrito, corn, radishes, broccoli, apple, romaine lettuce, lt. ranch</p>	<p>1 BCIG B: asst. cereal, WG toast BCIG L: chicken drummies, green beans, coleslaw, butter sandwich, mandarin oranges, apple OA B: pancake stick OA L: chicken patty w/WG bun, green beans, mandarin oranges, cucumbers, lettuce, lt. ranch</p>	<p>2 BCIG B: cheese omelet, WG toast BCIG L: meatball sub, spinach salad, calico beans, applesauce, orange OA B: WG cinn. roll OA L: taco-in-a-bag, tomato, onion, salsa, carrots, pears, lettuce, lt. ranch, dinner roll</p>	<p>3 BCIG B: blueberry muffin, asst. cereal BCIG L: sausage pizza, marinated fresh veggie salad, corn, strawberries & bananas, apple OA B: WG cream cheese bagel OA L: egg omelet, blueberry muffin, orange juice, yogurt, banana</p>	<p>4 BCIG B: egg patty, bacon, WG toast BCIG L: hot ham & cheese, smiley fries, carrots, M&M cookie, pears, orange OA B: egg patty, toast OA L: BBQ pork, bun, peas, mixed fruit, broccoli, lettuce, ranch</p>
<p>7 LABOR DAY No School</p> 	<p>8 BCIG B: cereal bar, yogurt BCIG L: mandarin orange chicken, brown rice, animal crackers, cooked carrots, broc-cauli salad, mixed fruit, apple OA B: Nutrigrain bar, cereal OA L: crispsitos, cucumbers, red peppers, diced pears, dinner roll, lettuce, ranch</p>	<p>9 BCIG B: egg & cheese burrito, salsa BCIG L: chicken strips, elem-mixed green salad, peas, *fresh veggie bar, PB sandwich, applesauce cup, orange OA B: cinn. roll OA L: chicken nuggets, cooked carrots, peaches, rice crispy bar, lettuce, ranch, dinner roll</p>	<p>10 BCIG B: long john, *asst. cereal BCIG L: BBQ shredded pork w/WG bun, baked beans, potato salad, fresh melon, orange OA B: blueberry muffin OA L: chicken fried steak, bun, corn, watermelon, cucumbers, lettuce, ranch</p>	<p>11 BCIG B: sausage breakfast bagel, *Nutrigrain bar BCIG L: spaghetti, green beans, carrots, garlic toast, peaches, apple OA B: breakfast pizza OA L: breaded fish patty, bun, peas, coleslaw, apple, lettuce, ranch</p>
<p>14 BCIG B: sausage pancake wrap BCIG L: turkey burger w/WG bun, potato wedges, corn, mandarin oranges, apple OA B: WG donut OA L: popcorn chicken, pineapple, cucumbers, radishes, celery, lettuce, ranch, dinner roll</p>	<p>15 BCIG B: asst. cereal, WG toast BCIG L: taco-in-a-bag, lettuce, tomato, cheese, salsa, black bean salad, rice crispy bar, pineapple, orange OA B: pop tarts, cereal OA L: beef tips over mashed potatoes, peas, pears, broccoli, lettuce, ranch</p>	<p>16 BCIG B: cheese omelet, WG toast BCIG L: pork patty w/WG bun, elem-fresh veggies w/ranch, sweet potato tots, *fresh veggie bar, pears, apple OA B: cinn. roll OA L: cheese filled breadstick, marinara sauce, carrots, lettuce, ranch, clementine, cauliflower</p>	<p>17 BCIG B: ultimate breakfast round, *asst. cereal BCIG L: pepperoni pizza, strawberry romaine salad, green beans, jello, *PB sandwich, apricots, grapes OA B: French toast sticks OA L: egg, Am. cheese, bun, OJ, mandarin oranges, lettuce, cucumbers, red peppers, ranch</p>	<p>18 BCIG B: egg patty, bacon, WG toast BCIG L: chicken alfredo, steamed broccoli, cooked carrots, butter sandwich, sidekicks, orange OA B: egg, toast OA L: hamburger, bun, tomato, onion, pickles, peaches, pretzels, rice crispy bar, lettuce, ranch</p>
<p>21 BCIG B: breakfast pizza BCIG L: hot dog w/WG bun, baked beans, potato salad, *PB sandwich, fresh melon, apple OA B: long john OA L: hot dog, bun, baked beans, peaches, red peppers, lettuce, ranch</p>	<p>22 BCIG B: asst. cereal, pop tart BCIG L: teriyaki chicken, seasoned rice, corn, spinach salad, dinner roll, applesauce, orange OA B: apple frudel OA L: teriyaki chicken, bun, corn, clementine, lettuce, ranch</p>	<p>23 BCIG B: breakfast wrap, salsa BCIG L: mostaccioli, elem-mixed green salad, cooked carrots, *fresh veggie bar, butter sandwich, mixed fruit, apple OA B: cinn. roll OA L: orange chicken, br. rice, broccoli, pineapple, lettuce, ranch, dinner roll</p>	<p>24 BCIG B: mini strawberry bagels, yogurt BCIG L: French toast sticks, sausage, hash brown, carrots, celery, strawberry cup, banana OA B: breakfast burrito OA L: ham & cheese sandwich, baked chips, cucumbers, red peppers, lettuce, ranch, mixed fruit</p>	<p>25 BCIG B: egg patty, bacon, WG toast BCIG L: fish patty or BBQ chicken w/WG bun, cole slaw, green beans, cottage cheese, peaches, orange OA B: breakfast wrap OA L: pepperoni pizza, pears, carrots, cucumbers, broccoli, lettuce, ranch</p>
<p>28 BCIG B: pancakes w/syrup, *sausage BCIG L: chicken patty w/WG bun, corn, French fries, M&M cookie, pears, apple OA B: donut OA L: pork chop patty, mashed potatoes, corn, apple, lettuce, ranch, dinner roll</p>	<p>29 BCIG B: asst. cereal, WG toast BCIG L: beef tips, mashed potatoes, peas, butter sandwich, mandarin oranges, apple OA B: pancakes OA L: grilled cheese, cucumbers, carrots, peas, mixed fruit, lettuce, ranch</p>	<p>30 BCIG B: cheese omelet, WG toast BCIG L: chicken nuggets, elem-fresh veggies w/ranch, *fresh veggie bar, PB sandwich, applesauce cup, orange OA B: long john OA L: corn dog, baked chips, pineapple, broccoli, radishes, lettuce, ranch, dinner roll</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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Row 2: Holly Nuetzman (BCIG Special Ed), Jacob Pedersen (High School Choir), Benjamin Mauritz (High School Band), Charles Hugo (OA Elem/OA-BCIG MS Physical Education), Ashley Wittrock (OA 4th Grade), Taylor Clark (High School Agriculture/FFA)

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