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OA-BCIG INSIGHT

THE NEWSLETTER OF
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AND BATTLE CREEK-
IDA GROVE COMMUNITY
SCHOOL DISTRICTS

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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.*

SUPERTINTENDENT'S SCOOP **BY DR. NICK OUELLETTE**

Here we sit almost a full six weeks into the school year and it is astonishing how quickly time flies when you're having fun. I have had the opportunity to see our outstanding district staff working with kids in all capacities and it never ceases to amaze me the dedication and determination our staff has to ensure that every child reaches their fullest potential.

Often it can be difficult to accommodate the wide variety of needs of both our students and our communities, but time and time again I see members of our district working to create the best solutions for kids. Over the next couple of months the districts' facility committees will be meeting to create a long-range facility plan for each district. The goal of this committee is to provide to the board a plan they can adopt to set the direction for facilities to meet the needs of both our kids and our communities. Please look for the facility plans on the website in the spring.

Another major committee that has been established is the Teacher Leadership and Compensation Committee. This committee made up of both staff and some members of the communities will work to draft a plan for the implementation of the new education reform legislation. The committee will meet several times this fall as a joint venture between the OA and BCIG School Districts. The goal is to have the plan complete and ready to submit to the Department of Education by the end of January 2014. Please make sure to visit our district website to view both plans in the spring. www.oabcig.org

As always, should you have any questions about the school districts or what is going on in classes, please feel free to contact me via email nouvellette@oabcig.org or by phone OA 668-2289 or BCIG 364-2255.

RIGHT TO KNOW

NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND REQUIREMENT

PARENTS'/GUARDIANS' RIGHTS NOTIFICATION

Parents/Guardians in the Odebolt-Arthur and the Battle Creek-Ida Grove Community School Districts have the right to learn about the following qualifications of their child's teacher: state licensure requirements for the grade level and content areas taught, the current licensing status of your child's teacher, and baccalaureate/graduate certification/degree. You may also request the qualifications of an instructional paraprofessional who serves your student in a Title I program or if your school operates a school wide Title I program. Parents/Guardians may request this information from the Office of the Superintendent by calling 712-364-2255 or by sending a letter of request to the Office of the Superintendent, 900 John Montgomery Dr., Ida Grove, IA 51445.

The Odebolt-Arthur and Battle Creek-Ida Grove Community School Districts ensures that parents will be notified in writing if their child has been assigned, or has been taught by a teacher for four or more consecutive weeks by a teacher who is not considered highly qualified.

GO FALCONS

Breakfast & Lunch Menus for October 2013

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>1 BCIG B: Cereal Bar, Yogurt BCIG L: Tavern, WG Bun, Green Beans, Marinated Veggie Salad, Blueberry Applesauce, Orange OA B: Cereal Bar, Yogurt OA L: French Toast Sticks, Sausage Patty, Fresh Pears, OJ</p>	<p>2 BCIG B: Cheese Omelet, WG Toast BCIG L: Popcorn Chicken, Fresh Veggie Bar, *PB Sandwich, Pineapple, Apple OA B: WG Cinn Roll OA L: Mac & Cheese, Green Beans, Roamine Salad, Banana, M. Fruit</p>	<p>3 BCIG B: Cinnamon Bun, * Cereal BCIG L: Taco Bowl, Refried Beans, Lettuce, Salsa, Cheese, Crackers, Pears, Banana OA B: Breakfast Pizza OA L: WG Corn Dog, Baked Chips, Broccoli, Cinn Applesauce Sherbet</p>	<p>4 BCIG B: Egg Patty, Sausage, WG Toast BCIG L: BBQ Pork Rib/WG Bun, Sweet Potato Fries, Corn, Apricots, Apple OA B: Cherry Frudel OA L: Chicken Nuggets, Green Beans, Baby Carrots, Apple Slices WG S.M.B.</p>
<p>7 BCIG B: Breakfast Pizza BCIG L: Chicken Patty, WG Bun, *Broc-Cauli Salad, Peas, Baby Carrots, Mixed Melon, Orange OA B: Chocchip Muffin OA L: Chicken Quesadilla, Spanish Rice, Cucumbers, Carrots, Fruit</p>	<p>8 BCIG B: Assorted Cereal, WG Toast BCIG L: Cavatini, Spinach Salad, Breadstick, Peaches, Apple OA B: Rasp Nutri Bar OA L: Turkey Burgers, WG Bun, Tomato, Onion, Radish, Peppers, Peaches, Butterscotch Pudding</p>	<p>9 BCIG B: Scrambled Eggs, WG Toast BCIG L: Turkey & Cheese Sandwich, Fresh Veggie Bar, Mandarin Oranges, Apple OA B: Poptarts OA L: Pork Patty on WG Bun, Cooked Carrots, Strawberry Cup</p>	<p>10 BCIG B: Breakfast Round, * Cereal BCIG L: WG Saus Piz-za, Broc. Salad, Corn, Applesauce, Grapes OA B: Straw. Pancake OA L: Mandarin Orange Chicken, Br. Rice, Broccoli, Rom. Salad, Pineapple, Apricots</p>	<p>11 BCIG B: Breakfast Wrap, Salsa BCIG L: Turkey Burger, WG Bun, BAKed Beans, Potato Salad, Mixed Fruit, Apple OA B: Eggs, Toast OA L: Grilled Cheese, Mari. Veg Salad, Cucumbers, Corn, Strawberry</p>
<p>14 BCIG B: Pancakes, Sausage Links BCIG L: Fish Sandwich, Potato Wedges, GarbBean Salad, *Green Beans, Pineapple, Orange OA B: Saus/Pancake OA L: Soft Taco, Refried Beans, Lettuce, Cheese, Tomato, Applecrisp</p>	<p>15 BCIG B: WG Bagel w/ Cream Cheese BCIG L: Chicken Rice Bowl, Cooked Carrots, Steamed Broccoli, Animal Crackers, Pears, Apple OA B: Nurti Grain Bar OA L: Cheese Breadstick, Marina Sauce, Baby Carrots, Rom. Lettuce, Pears</p>	<p>16 BCIG B: Cheese Omelet, WG Toast BCIG L: CB Macaroni, Fresh Veggie Bar, Kidney Beans, *PB Sand, Applesauce, Orange OA B: Banana Muffins OA L: Pop. Chicken, Cooked Carrots, Pepper Strips, Banana, Bun</p>	<p>17 BCIG B: Cinnamon Coffeecake, *Cereal BCIG L: French Toast Saus. Patty, Hash Browns, Baby Carrots, Strawberries, Banana OA B: Breakfast Pizza OA L: Hot Dog, Bun, Baked Beans, Rom. Salad, Applesauce</p>	<p>18 <i>No School</i></p> 
<p>21 BCIG B: Breakfast Pizza BCIG L: Hamburger, WG Bun, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Apricots, Apple OA B: Cereal Bar, Yogurt OA L: Chicken Sand, WG Bun, Gr. Beans, Cubers, Rom. Lettuce, Ranch, Watermelon</p>	<p>22 BCIG B: Assorted Cereal, WG Toast BCIG L: Beef Tips, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Butter Sandwich, Mixed Fruit, Orange OA B: Sausage Bagel OA L: Hamburger, WG Bun, Pickles, Onion, Tomato, Corn, M Fruit, Juice</p>	<p>23 BCIG B: Breakfast Wrap, Salsa BCIG L: Chicken Nuggets, Fresh Veggie Bar, *1/2 PB Sandwich, Peaches, Apple OA B: WG Cinn. Roll OA L: Honey Mustard Wrap, Peas, Brocc. Red Peppers, Rice Kris Bar</p>	<p>24 BCIG B: Cinnamon Bun, *Cereal BCIG L: Pepperoni Pizza, Marinated Fresh Veggie Salad, Peas, Mandarin Oranges, Banana OA B: French Toast OA L: Chick Fajita, Rom. Salad, Cheese, Salsa, Trop Fruit, Vanilla Pudding</p>	<p>25 BCIG B: Egg Patty, Bacon, WG Toast BCIG L: Teriyaki Chicken, Seasoned Rice, Spinach Salad, Cooked Carrots, Pineapple, Orange OA B: B'fast Burrito OA L: Pizza Pocket, Rom Salad, Mari Salad, Cauliflower, Carrots, Peaches</p>
<p>28 BCIG B: Sausage & Pancake Wrap BCIG L: Spicy Chicken, WG Bun, Smiley Fries, Green Beans, Pears, Apple OA B: Breakfast Wrap OA L: Maidrites, Romaine Salad, Cooked Carrots, Oranges, Apricots, Animal Crackers</p>	<p>29 BCIG B: WG Pop Tart, Assorted Cereal BCIG L: Chili, Cin Roll, Celery, Carrot Sticks, Crackers, *Cucumbers, Applesauce, Orange OA B: Maple Waffle OA L: Bean & Cheese Burrito, Broccoli, Corn, Radishes, Pineapple</p>	<p>30 BCIG B: Cheese Omelet, WG Toast BCIG L: Chicken Tettazzini, Fresh Veggie Bar, * Mixed Veggies, Mixed Fruit, Apple OA B: Blueberry Muffin OA L: BBQ Chicken, WG Bun, Peas, Green Pepper Strips, Romaine Salad, Apple</p>	<p>31 BCIG B: WG Choc. Chip Muffin, Yogurt BCIG L: Hot Dog, WG Bun, Sweet Potato Fries, Peas, Apricots, Grapes OA B: Broken Fingers OA L: Phantom Pizza, Boonanas, Tombstone Sticks, Missing Fingers, Haunted Green Trees</p>	<p><i>Skim & 1% Milk, Juice and Fresh Fruit served daily for breakfast!</i> <i>Skim, White & Chocolate or 1% milk served daily for lunch!</i> <i>*Available at high school only</i> <i>S.M.B. = School Made Buns</i></p>

**HEALTHY HUNGER FREE KIDS ACT
IMPACTS SCHOOL MEAL PROGRAMS**

Information provided by the USDA News Release # 0023.12

First Lady Michelle Obama and Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack 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.

“Improving the quality of school meals is a critical step in building a healthy future for our kids” said Vilsack. 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 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 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.

STUDENT ATHLETES HEALTH AND 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 grade 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 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.

MILITARY RECRUITER OPT OUT FORM

The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (section 9528) requires that high schools must provide military recruiters access to student names, addresses and telephone listings.

Parents and/or students may request that this information not be provided to military recruiters and districts must comply with all such requests.

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



**OA-BCIG COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICTS
MILITARY RECRUITER OPT OUT FORM**
(To Prevent Release of Student’s Personal Information to Military Recruiters)

Date: _____

Student Name: _____

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

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

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

Signature of parent/guardian: _____

OR

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

Signature of Student: _____



FALCON PRIDE-CATCH IT!

HIGH SCHOOL HAPPENINGS PATRICK MILLER, PRINCIPAL

Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on October 24th and 29th. We encourage you to attend. Conferences are a great time to learn more about your child's teacher, what is going on in the classroom, and what you can do to ensure that your child will be successful. As both a parent and educator I have had the chance to sit in on conferences in one form or another for the past 27 years. In my parent role I typically ask; "Is my son behaving? Is he working hard? Is he completing his work on time?" Usually in that order. I recently did a little reading on questions that should be asked, and answered, at conferences that would do far more to inform you on the progress of your child, and the supports available. Below are some questions I found at various websites to promote a positive learning environment for all.

- Is my child working to the best of his ability? How is progress measured?
 - How do you evaluate students? Do tests, attendance and homework all count towards grades?
 - How can I support your teaching program at home? How can I monitor my child's completion of assignments on a daily basis?
 - Are there any support programs to help kids who need a little extra attention? When are you available if my child needs extra help?
 - What is your preferred method of communication with parents (email, telephone, notes home, Web site, etc.)?
 - How is my child doing socially?
- Reminder, the goal of Parent Teacher conferences is to help your child succeed, to improve. Please go in with that thought in mind.

Chromebooks have been distributed and are being used regularly in classes. Our hope as a high school is to continue to learn how to best utilize the technology to improve not only how we teach, but also to improve student learning.

Each year we are required to compile data on our Career and Technical Programs. Below is data from the 2011-12 school year, our most recent data.

- 90.16% of OABCIG students achieved a proficient score on Iowa Assessments in Math as opposed to 82.25% for the Consortium as a whole.
- 80.33% of OABCIG students achieved a proficient score on Iowa Assessments in Reading as opposed to 76.92% for the Consortium as a whole.
- The consortium consists of 5 school districts in our area.

SPORTSMANSHIP

Last fall, in collaboration with AD Larry Allen, we spoke to the IAHSAA about what positive sportsmanship looks like to the official who rate our boys athletes, coaches and fans. Sportsmanship is ALWAYS an area we need to be aware of, and model, for our students. You as fans have an active role in the perception of our district. Please do your part to make that perception positive.

Officials from around the state expressed the following as things they look for in fans when they complete their ratings.

- Cheer FOR your team, not AGAINST the other
- Accept official calls the VAST majority of the time.
- Acknowledge, in a positive manner, the opposing team as they are being introduced. For example, three claps for each opposing player introduced.
- Keep your focus on the efforts of the players, not the officials.

Just a reminder from a retired coach, officials will not make the correct call every time, they cannot be expected to. Coaches will never call a perfect game, they cannot be expected to. Players will never play a perfect game, they cannot be expected to. You as a fan will never see the call from the same angle as an official. What you see might be very different than what they official saw. Everyone's job is to do the very best they can, improve daily, and be respectful of all involved in the game.

Our crowd sportsmanship rating was very good last year for football. OABCIG received a 1.2, with 1 being excellent, the best score possible. The state average was 1.34. Our athletes, and coaches, also scored above the state average. We are very proud of all scores, and hope to improve on both this year. Please be a positive representative of our district.

CTE REPORT

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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 18th.

Willsie Cap and Gown Co. will be coming to school October 16 during the lunch periods to measure seniors for their cap and gown. In order to be measured for a cap and gown, seniors need to pay their class dues of \$5. Additionally, if seniors would like a decorative tassel featuring the school colors, those will be available on a cash and carry only basis on October 16. The cost for the decorative tassel is \$7.00 and cannot be ordered at any other time through the company. They will only be available on October 16, and Willsie Cap and Gown will only accept cash for the purchase of those tassels. Students who are NOT available on October 16 to be measured for their cap and gown need to see Mrs. Spetman as soon as possible on another date that is convenient for them to be measured. Senior students that are not measured will not get a cap and gown for graduation. We do NOT order extra, so if you intend to graduate, please be sure to get measured on October 16, 2013 in the high school cafeteria during your lunch period!

GUIDANCE NOTES LIZ DENT, COUNSELOR

PSAT TEST

Juniors who signed up to take the PSAT test will be doing so on October 16. Each student is responsible for a \$14 test fee, which must be paid to Mrs. Dent 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 complete. 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.

COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVE VISITS

The following colleges will be sending a representative to visit with our interested students:

- Morningside College: October 1 at 10:00
- NICC- October 28 at 12:30
- University of Iowa: October 29 at 9:00

Please see announcements for any additions to this list.

ACT TESTING DATES AND DEADLINES

<u>TEST DATES</u>	<u>REGULAR DEADLINE</u>
October 26, 2013	Sept. 27, 2013
December 14, 2013	November 8, 2013
February 8, 2014	January 10, 2014
April 12, 2014	March 7, 2014
June 14, 2014	May 9, 2014

ACT Code: 162-129

Testing site is Denison Community High School, Mapleton High School or Storm Lake High School. OA-BCIG is now offering a personalized ACT prep course online through PrepMe. Please see Mrs. Dent for individual login information.

IMPORTANT DATES

- October 15: College Fair for Juniors in Mapleton
- October 16: PSAT for Juniors who signed up last year
- October 17: End of 1st quarter
- October 24 & 29: Conferences 4:00-7:30
- October 28: Financial Aid Night 7:45-8:45 in high school cafeteria

SENIOR SCHOLARSHIPS

All scholarship information is available for students on the Google drive, and is also posted on the school website at www.oabcig.org.

MENTORING PROGRAM

Our mentoring partnership with BCIG Elementary is continuing this year. Twenty-four high school mentors and several alternates have been selected and are being matched with BCIG Elementary students. This program is facilitated by New Opportunities, which is based out of Sac County.



CURRICULUM CLIPS ALICIA NELSON, DIRECTOR

OA-BCIG PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

With schools today facing an multitude of complex challenges such as integrating new technology in the classroom, meeting rigorous academic standards and goals, and appealing for active engagement within the classroom, we continue to stress the need for teachers to be able to enhance and build on their instructional knowledge.

Classroom curriculum delivery in alignment with the Iowa Core Curriculum, literacy, data-driven decision making, differentiated instruction and improving teacher quality and learning are among the key points of OA-BCIG's professional development over the past few years.

With those practices on board, we continue to forge ahead focusing on the areas of technology integration and professional learning communities (also known as PLC's or PLN's [personal learning networks]). Both PLC's and technology integration will begin to weave their way into the learning culture of our schools through a series of trainings and hands-on activities, many of which are facilitated through the Area Education Agencies or trained professionals within our own buildings. PLC's will enable our staff to continue working toward student achievement, assessment improvement, and building positive school climate in a productive and cohesive, systemic manner.

Ongoing learning opportunities are available to teachers through district-wide and building level professional development. Effective professional development is often seen as a contributor to school success and teacher satisfaction, which is why we are focusing on the needs of teachers and their students as we move toward full integration of the new technology and professional learning communities.

Some of the professional development in place for 2013-2014 includes:

- Hapara training
- Google Drive and Documents
- Google Forms and Assessments
- PLC training and collaboration time
- STEM/STEAM instruction
- Go Math training
- Technology tools for active learning, and
- Data Analysis

2013-2014 OABCIG YEARBOOKS

The 2013-2014 OABCIG yearbook is now for 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-OCTOBER 31ST \$45
REGULAR PRICE: NOVEMBER 1-APRIL 15 \$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 card. To pay by cash/check, send money to the high school. Questions?? Contact Heidi Beck at 364-3371 or hbeck@oabcig.org.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR SENIORS

Have you had your senior photos taken yet? If not, you need to get them scheduled soon. The yearbook needs one 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, 2014.

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.

Anyone that has candid photos of the seniors from elementary/middle school/high school that they would like to share for possible use in the senior video that will be shown at senior awards night, can email them to Mrs. Beck. If you do not have them in a digital format, you can bring them to her to be scanned and returned. Photos can be brought in at any time. Deadline is April 11, 2014.

ROBOTICS BY SUSAN MAASS, INSTRUCTOR

Robotics kicked-off the second week in September. Almost 30 students attended the initial informational meeting during the second week of school to sign up. Mrs. Maass applied for a Rookie Grant from Rockwell-Collins that covers the team's registration and initial robot kit. Because of the large response, Mrs. Maass obtained a second Rookie Grant from Rockwell-Collins to create another team. Teams consist of seniors, juniors and sophomores that will meet during later part of the day (success period) as well as several Saturdays and days after school.

The two teams will design robots to compete in the FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC). FTC is designed for students in grades 7-12 to compete head to head, using a sports model. Teams are responsible for designing, building, and programming their robots to compete in an alliance format against other teams. The robot kit is reusable from year-to-year and is programmed using a variety of languages. Teams, including coaches, mentors and volunteers, are required to develop strategy and build robots based on sound engineering principles. Awards are given for the competition as for well as for community outreach, design, and other real-world accomplishments. The game is revealed September 7th, 2013 and the first competitions will begin in November.

VOCAL MUSIC BY LINDA JOHNSON, INSTRUCTOR

OABCIG High School Choir has a website! It is www.oabcig-hs-choir.weebly.com Check it out!

ALL-STATE PREP & AUDITIONS

We still have eight students getting ready to participate in the all-state auditions this fall! They have attended an intense two and a half-day summer camp at BVU this summer and more recently, participated in a pre-All-State rehearsal. This event is sponsored by the NW Iowa Choral Director's Association and was located in Sioux Center, Iowa. Students have the opportunity to rehearse the music they have been preparing. The summer camp gives them a head start on this music but it is all being sight-read. The pre All-State rehearsal gives them a view of where they are in the music compared to their peers in the district. They work with an accomplished director who can spend more time on the little details.

These students are working hard before school, during lessons, after school and on their own to perfect these songs and to be prepared for anything the audition might throw at them. The auditions are held in Storm Lake on Saturday, October 26th. They will not find out until that morning, exactly what their audition will be! They know that it will be 7 minutes and will be comprised of parts of the songs they have been preparing.

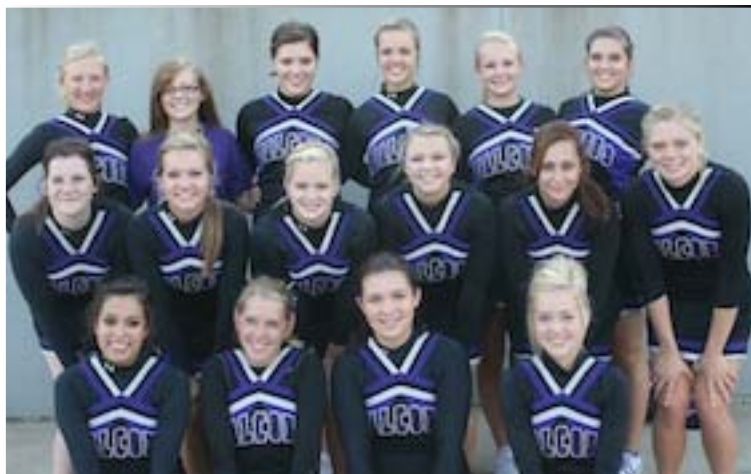
Most of the audition "cuts" will start in the middle of a song and end about 20 measures later. As you can see, they need to be prepared enough to sing almost anything from the songs they have practiced.

Although the All-State process is a difficult one, the rewards are numerous! The students become remarkable musicians and leaders in their own choir. If they have a successful audition and awarded that opportunity to sing in one of the country's greatest state choirs, it will be a memory they will never forget. Just ask a former All-Stater!

Olivia Freese, Taylor Marshall, Elle McCormick, Anna Dewey, Carrie Miller, Courtney Peters, Darian Ernst and Eliot Clough will represent OABCIG with pride!

JAZZ CHOIR

The OABCIG jazz choir rehearsals are under way! This is an auditioned group who will perform at the Fall Vocal Concert in October. This group is open to all students currently registered for either purple choir or black choir. We practice at 7:15 a.m. on Tuesday and Friday mornings! The first rehearsals have been exciting and we look forward to singing for the public soon!



ART CLUB BY KATE BEYKE, INSTRUCTOR

Art Club is off and rolling this year! 2013-2014 Art Club consists of 28 diverse artists who are wanting to connect with members of the school and the community through their art. This year we will be involved in a variety of projects and fundraisers, including t-shirt sales, driveway paintings and murals around the school.

Our first endeavor will be selling Falcon Spirit shirts for this year's Homecoming. Students will be putting their artistic skills to work by creating these one of kind shirts. Sales will start Monday, September 16, before school and will run until Friday, September 20; we will be located in the cafeteria. Show your school pride and buy a shirt to wear to the Homecoming football game!

Art Club will also be selling Falcon driveway paintings for \$10 throughout the year. Art Club students will come to your home and paint the school mascot on your driveway in your color of choice, purple or black. What a great way to show your school spirit from home with the Falcon mascot! We will be available at upcoming home football and volleyball games with a sign-up sheet, look for us when you come to support the Falcons!

Keep your eye out for the Art Club this year as we continue to grow as individuals and as artists through school and community projects.

FALL BLOOD DRIVE BY CINDY WILCKE

OACBCIG Student Council will once again be sponsoring the upcoming fall blood drive. On Monday, November 11th Lifeserve Blood Center from Sioux City will be coming to the high school gymnasium to collect blood units. Students can donate whole blood, doubles or platelets.

The public is also invited to donate. Please call Cindy at 364-3371 or email cwilcke@oabcig.org if you are interested in being part of this lifesaving process.

FALL PLAY BY KARIANN JURGENSON

On Friday, November 15 and Saturday, November 16 at 7:30 pm, the OACBCIG Drama Department will present Neil Simon's comedy, *The Good Doctor* on the stage at OACBCIG High School. Ticket prices are \$3.00 for students and \$5.00 for adults.

Students participating in this year's production are Garrett Rohlk, Connor Christiansen, Gable Sohm, Rachelle Duff, Bethany Stangl, Angela Veit, Grace Lozier, Connor Musel, Jacob Henderson, Leah Lierman, Blake Netherton, Paige Whitney, Levi Nunemaker, Dallas Hare, Anna Dewey, Dalton Claussen, Seth Wheeler, Kaylea Killian, Stephen Stangl, and Olivia Freese.

CLASS DUES

Students are reminded that they need to pay their class dues for this school year as soon as possible. The dues are used for a variety of reasons including building

materials for homecoming floats, flower arrangements for funerals, prom, afterprom and graduation fees.

Freshmen are asked to pay \$2 to Mrs. Christiansen. Sophomores need to pay \$5 to Mrs. Jurgenson. Junior class dues are \$10 and should be paid to Mrs. Rasmussen. Senior dues are \$5 and need to be given to Mrs. Sadler.



MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSES DOUG MOGENSEN, PRINCIPAL

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. Additional plans are in the works for teachers to meet in Professional Learning Groups with the emphasis on their own learning as they work to help students achieve. When I enter classrooms, I see students engaged in the learning and teachers working with students to help them learn. This year we will continue to focus on raising our reading scores, improving our overall technological knowledge levels, and helping all students in the middle school feel safe.

On September 18, students will learn from Around the World Yo-Yo group the importance of respecting others, standing up to bullies, and making good decisions. The school will use yo-yos as a part of a reward system for students who continue to make good choices.

RED RIBBON WEEK

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.

IMPORTANT DATES

Oct. 24 and Oct. 29 - 2:30 dismissal both days-

Parent-Teacher Conferences 4:00 - 7:30.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Students are off to a great start. The smiles on the students' faces as students enter their classrooms in the morning reflect the trust and respect they have for their teachers and the learning that is taking place. Teachers have established the routines in which they deliver the curriculum to the students. I have observed in the elementary classrooms students who are excited to share and learn, and teachers who enjoy teaching.

Many parents may have noticed new math sheets coming home. Our Go Math series is new to both

teachers and students. Both like the hands-on approach to learning with its many manipulative learning pieces. Because the series is aligned with the Common Core Standards, the math series is a good fit for schools. Teachers will continually work to learn to provide the best instruction for students using Go Math.

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GUIDANCE NOTES
JULIE STALEY, ELEM. COUNSELOR

“A Healthy Me is Drug Free” will be the theme of the 2013 Red Ribbon Week observance at OA and BCIG Elementary Schools, Oct 21-25. Students will be encouraged to start/continue healthy habits and avoid harmful substances including tobacco, alcohol, and other drugs that can endanger their health. There will be dress-up days and take-home items to serve as reminders to be healthy and drug free. Students will receive notes with details of the week as it draws nearer.

BCIG Elementary will be participating in the governor’s Healthiest State Initiative and Fall Fitness Day on Wednesday, October 9. The students and staff will enjoy a 30 minute walk beginning at 10 a.m. at the elementary school. Parents and other community members are invited to join the walk by signing up on the Healthiest State website: <http://www.iowahealthieststate.com>. Click on Join A Group Walk and search for the BCIG Elementary Fall Fitness Day Walk in Ida Grove. The walk will begin and end at the elementary building in Ida Grove and will use the community walking trail for part of the walk. Parents who would like to help monitor street crossings please call the school or email Mrs. Staley at jstaley@oabcig.org.



GO FALCONS!



LIBRARY LISTINGS
MARY ROHLK, HEAD LIBRARIAN

The BCIG Elementary Library will be hosting their annual Scholastic Book Fair during parent teacher conferences. Elementary students will be bringing home more information as the time draws near. Come and visit our new library and do some early Christmas shopping! This is just one way that we earn funds to put new books in our library.

Did you know that our library catalogs are available online? Parents and students can see what titles are available. Start at our school homepage and go to the library systems link. You will find a link for the BCIG elementary library, the OA Elementary/OA-BCIG MS Library, and the OA-BCIG HS Library. You may search by author, title, or subject. For those looking for Accelerated Reader books, click on the search tab and then study programs. You may then search by book levels and points. The library catalog home page will also contain messages for students and parents alike. Take a minute and check this out.

The OA elementary and the OA-BCIG MS libraries are circulating books using the online self checkout/check-in feature. This feature is new. Elementary students have already learned how to scan their books to check them in and also to check them out. If you have an elementary student, ask them what they think of this new process. One student even told us that they felt so grown-up! The middle school students are learning the self check-out process, too. This feature should speed up the circulation process allowing the staff more time to assist students in the book selection process.



**ELEMENTARY EDICTS
ALAN HENDERSON, PRINCIPAL**

What a great first month of school we have had. Students and staff are getting into the groove of things and are getting down to work. We have kicked off our Respect, Responsible and Ready vision to improve our behavior. We recognize those students that have been noticed throughout the week by any adult in the building and announce their names on Fridays.

We have looked at some data to help us with instruction as we look to provide the best ways to meet individual student needs. If you at all interested in working with the school by volunteering please contact us, and we will see what we can do to get you in. It takes a community effort to provide the best education we can. I am looking forward to working with the Parent Teacher Partnership (PTP) in supporting what we do at school.

Junior Achievement is getting ready to begin. This is a program out of Des Moines that helps our students get exposed to entrepreneurship and business. This program is taught by our local business owners and parents from our community. This is a simple program laid out by Junior Achievement with specific lessons goals to be covered in class. If you would be interested in learning more about how to be apart of this, please give me a call.

One thing you can do, as a parent to be involved with your child's learning is to spend some time reading with them. This could be listing to them read. It could be them listening to you read and asking them questions about the story. It could be you taking turns reading a page at a time and having discussions about what is read. This time spent with your child can really help them improve their reading scores at school. It is quality time with your child that they will never forget with you. Take some time and open up a whole new world to them through a good book. Some of my favorites were the boxcar children, Pink and Say, Randall's wall, and Lion Witch and the Wardrobe. Take a book you remember from your childhood and share it with your child this next month. You won't regret it.

Here are a few reminders to continue to make our school year go well. Please if your child is to do something different after school than they normally do ALWAYS send a note to let us know. If it changes during the day please call as soon as you can, it is hard to make the change in the last ½ hour of school. As it gets colder please send proper clothing to be outside for recess. If you are having trouble getting some clothing you need please give us a call, we may be able to help out. Attendance at school is very important. We want you to be at school as many days as you can be. Please don't send them to school with fevers, but do make sure they are sick before you decide to not send them.

Once again we would love to have you come and volunteer if you can, come eat lunch with your child, or visit a classroom. Come see why I believe this school truly represents our motto Where the Best Begin...

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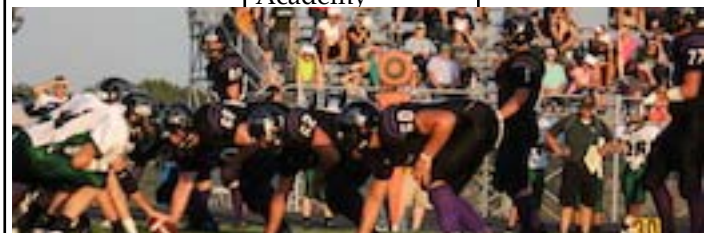







OA-BCIG 2013-2014 ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

S - Oct. 5	IHSRA Fall Rodeo in Waterloo	M - Feb. 17	District Jazz Festival
S - Oct. 12	NWIA MS Honor Band Auditions	Th - Feb. 20	High School Vocal Pops Concert, 7:00
T - Oct. 15	High School Fall Concert, 7:00 P.M.	S - Feb. 22	BVU Honor Band HS/MS @ BVU
W - Oct. 16	PSAT Testing for Juniors	Th - Feb 27	Middle School Pops Concert, 7:00
S - Oct. 19	Middle School Honor Band Auditions	S - March 1	District Individual Events Speech Contest
Th - Oct. 24 -W-31	BCIG Elementary Book Fair	M - March 3	WVC JH/HS Choir Festival @ Lawton
Th - Oct. 24	Parent-Teacher Conferences 4:00 – 7:30 P.M.	T - March 4	NW ICDA MS Clinic @ Haywarden
S - Oct. 26	All-State Music Auditions, Storm Lake BVU	W - March 5	ASVAB Test for Juniors
M - Oct. 28	Junior College Planning Night, 6:30	Th - March 6	LasVegas Night
M - Oct. 28	Senior Financial Aid Night, 7:45	M - March 10 -13	OA Elementary Book Fair
T - Oct. 29	Parent-Teacher Conferences 4:00 – 7:30 P.M.	T - March 11	Parent-Teacher Conferences 4:00–7:30pm
W - Oct. 30-Nov. 2	National FFA Convention & Expo	Th - March 13	Parent-Teacher Conferences 4:00–7:30pm
T - Nov. 5	NWIDCA Junior Honor Choir @ LeMars	March 17 - 21	Spring Break
T - Nov. 5	WVC Speech Festival @ Morningside College	F - March 14	Spring Dance Show
M - Nov. 11	Student Council Blood Drive	S - March 15	State Individual Events Contest
T - Nov. 12	Middle School Fall Concert, 7:00 PM	M - March 17	WVC High School Quiz Bowl
F - Nov. 15	High School Fall Play, 7:00	F - March 21	Morningside Jazz Band Clinic
S - Nov. 16	High School Fall Play, 7:00	M - March 24	WVC JH/HS Band Festival @ C'ville
Th - Nov. 21	OPUS Honor Music Festival	T - March 25	Hoagie Assembly
Th - Nov. 21-23rd	All-State Music Festival @ Ames	Th - March 27	WVC Art Show @ Merville
Th - Dec. 5	BCIG Elementary Winter Concert, 7:00	S - Apr 5	HS Solo/Small Ensemble Music Contest
S - Dec. 7	NW High School Honor Band Concert	T - Apr 8	OA Elementary Spring Concert
M - Dec. 16	High School Winter Concert, 7:00	F - Apr 25	High School Music Banquet
Th - Dec. 19	OA Elementary Winter Concert, 7:00	S - Apr 26	MS Large Group Band Contest
Dec 19 / 20	High School Semester Tests	Su-Apr 27 -29th	Iowa FFA Leadership Conference
S - Jan. 11	High School Honor Band Concert	Th - May 8	High School Fine Arts Concert, 7:00
M - Jan. 20	NWIDCA Honor Choir	S - May 10	State Music Large Group Contest
S - Jan. 25	District Large Group Speech Contest	May 11-12	Jr/High School Rodeo @ Marshalltown
Th - Feb. 6	FASFA Fill-Out Night, 5:00 - 7:30 PM	T - May 13	Middle School Concert, 7:00
S - Feb. 8	State Large Group Speech Contest	W - May 14	Senior Banquet & Awards Night
S - Feb. 8	Future Stars Intramural Basketball Tourney	S - May 18	Graduation, 2:00
W - Feb. 12	NW ICDA Middle School Clinic	May 25-26	Jr. High State Rodeo Finals @ Winterset
Feb. 16 - 23	National FFA Week		

For a complete listing of activities and events, please check the school website at www.oabcig.org

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Activity Calendar for October 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 *4:00 pm MS FB vs. AOMV @ Odebolt *4:00 pm MS VB 7th vs Ridge View @ Odebolt 8th @ Shcaller *4:30 pm XC @ Hull *6:00 pm VB JVR/JV/V vs Ridge View @ IG	2 <i>Junior Magazine Sales End</i> 5:30 pm Music Boosters in the HS Cafeteria	3 4:00 pm JVR FB @ Alta 	4 7:00 pm FB @ Clarinda Academy	5 IHSRA @ Waterloo
6 IHSRA @ Waterloo	7 4:00 pm MS VB 8th @ Schleswig 6:00 pm JV FB vs MVAO @ Ida Grove	8 *4:00 pm MS FB vs. West Monona @ Odebolt *4:00 pm MS VB 7th/8th vs Lawton-Bronson @ Odebolt *4:30 pm XC vs SCC @ Lake City *6:00 pm VB vs Ridge View @ Schaller	9 <i>1:00 Dismissal Professional Development Day</i> <i>*Music Food Sales Ends</i> *6:00 pm Athletic Boosters in library	10 4:00 pm MS VB 7th @ Sgt. Bluff 8th @ Odebolt 6:00 pm VB vs Woodbury Central @ Merville	11 7:00 pm FB vs Kuemper Catholic @ Carroll	12 NWIA MS Honor Band Auditions @ Buena Vista University, Storm Lake 8:30 am VB 9th/10th MVAO Tourney @ Mapleton
13 	14 *4:00 pm MS FB vs East Sac Co. @ Odebolt *4:00 pm MS VB 7th vs East Sac @ Odebolt, 8th @ Sac City *4:30 pm XC OA-BCIG Invite @ Ida Grove *6:00 pm JV FB vs A-A @ Alta *6:00 pm VB vs Whiting @ IG	15 7:00 pm HS Fall Vocal Concert 	16 PSAT Test for Juniors	17 <i>End of 1st Quarter</i> *4:00 pm MS FB vs Kuemper Catholic @ Carroll *4:00 pm MS VB 7th vs AOMV @ Odebolt 8th @ Anthon *6:00 pm HS VB vs Kingsley-Pier-son@ Kingsley	18 <i>No Classes Teacher Workday</i> 7:00 pm FB vs Ridge View @ Ida Grove	19 MS Honor Band Auditions 8:30 am JV VB @ MVAO Tourney 9:00 am WVC XC Meet @ Holstein
20 	21 4:00 pm JVR VB @ Cherokee Tourney	22 	23	24 <i>2:30 pm Dismissal</i> BCIG Elementary Book Fair *Cross Country District Meet TBD *4:00 - 7:30 pm Parent-Teacher Conferences	25 BCIG Elementary Book Fair 7:00 pm FB vs Green County @ Ida Grove <i>Senior Night</i>	26 ACT Testing All-State Music Auditions @ Storm Lake BCIG Elementary Book Fair
27 	28 BCIG Elementary Book Fair *6:30 pm Junior College Planning Night @ HS Cafeteria *7:45 pm Senior Financial Aid Night @ HS Cafeteria 7:00 pm VB Regionals TBD	29 BCIG Elementary Book Fair 4:00 - 7:30 pm Parent - Teacher Conferences	30 BCIG Elem. Book Fair National FFA Convention @ Louisville, KY	31 *Men/Women in Song Honor Choir @ Sioux City *National FFA Convention @ Louisville, KY 		

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