



# OA-BCIG INSIGHT

**THE NEWSLETTER OF  
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AND BATTLE CREEK-  
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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.*

## **PLEASE CONTACT YOUR LEGISLATOR TO SET SUPPLEMENTAL STATE AID!**

**BY DR. NICK OUELLETTE, SUPERINTENDENT**

As I am writing this we are getting ready to head into a much needed spring break, and by the time the newsletter is sent out we will be in the final stretch of the school year. As the weather continues to improve there are signs everywhere that this long cold winter is about gone. Please work with us as we work with your kids to keep them on track to finish the year strong.

The legislature has been in session for over two months now, and a component that has been getting a great deal of attention is the Supplemental State Aid. Supplemental State Aid is the percentage by which school district are able to increase their budget. School districts do not have the ability to make profits or generate income. We are at the mercy of the legislature every year to provide us with additional money for inflationary costs. Not knowing what the Supplemental State Aid is a year in advance makes it very difficult for school districts to strategically plan for the coming years.

Over the past few years, school districts have been receiving very low increases in Supplemental State Aid. Because of these low increases, even three years ago the increase was 0%, school districts have had to scale back services and look for ways to run more efficiently. I believe with the steps the district has taken over the past couple of months we will be running as efficiently as possible. In essence, there are very few, if any, places left to cut without having a great impact on kids. Please contact your state representative and let them know that we are doing everything we can in rural Iowa to be good stewards of the money we get for education and that we

need increases in Supplemental State Aid to keep up with the inflationary costs of doing business.

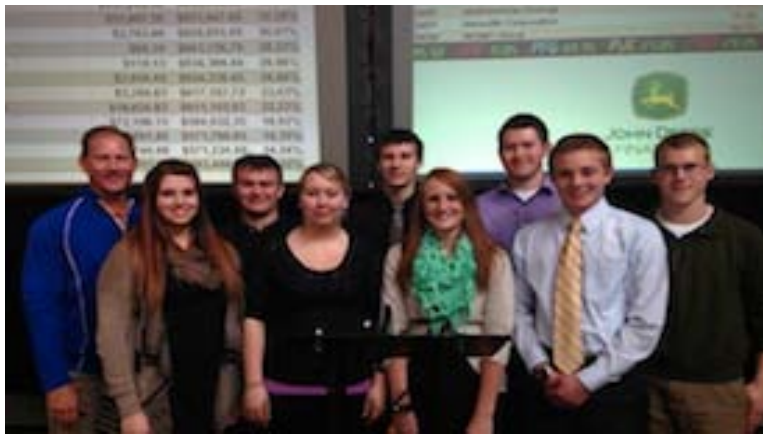
If you should ever have any questions about either of the two districts, please do not hesitate to call or email. I would be more than happy to sit down with anyone in the communities to answer questions. I can be reached in BCIG at (712) 364-2255, in OA at (712) 668-2289, or via email at [nouellette@oabcig.org](mailto:nouellette@oabcig.org).

## Happy Easter



# Breakfast & Lunch Menus for April 2014

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p><i>In accordance with Federal Law and USDA policy, this institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.</i></p> <p><i>Skim &amp; 1% Milk, Fruit and Juice served daily</i></p> <p><i>All breads are whole grain</i></p> <p><i>*Available only at the high school</i></p>	<p>1 <b>BCIG B:</b> Cereal, Toast <b>BCIG L:</b> Beef Tips, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Buttered Bread, Mandarin Oranges, Apple <b>OA B:</b> Muffin, HB Egg <b>OA L:</b> Mac &amp; Cheese, Peas, Roomaine Lettuce, Ranch, Pears, Apricots</p>	<p>2 <b>BCIG B:</b> Egg Patty, Bacon, Toast <b>BCIG L:</b> Turkey Burger, Bun, Veggie Bar, 3 Bean Salad, Pineapple, Fresh Apple <b>OA B:</b> Long John <b>OA L:</b> Chicken Patty / Bun, Gr. Beans, Cukes, Roma. Lettuce, Banana</p>	<p>3 <b>BCIG B:</b> Cinnamon Coffeecake *Cereal <b>BCIG L:</b> Sauge Pizza, Broc-Bean Salad, Corn, Strawberries &amp; Bananas, Orange <b>OA B:</b> Pop Tart, Cheese <b>OA L:</b> Honey Mustard Wrap, Baked Chips, Broccoli, Red Pepper Strips, Peaches</p>	<p>4 <b>BCIG B:</b> Cheese Omelet, Toast <b>BCIG L:</b> Fish Sticks, Cole-slaw, Sweet Potato Fries, Uncrustable, Pears, Fresh Apple <b>OA B:</b> Pancake, Yogurt <b>OA L:</b> Shrimp Poppers, 4 Bean Salad, Roma. Lettuce, Ranch, Mandarian Orange, SMB</p>
	<p>7 <b>BCIG B:</b> Pancakes, Sausage Link <b>BCIG L:</b> Teriyaki Chicken, Seasoned Rice, Spinach Salad w/ toms, Carrots, MG. Breadstix, Applesauce, Orange <b>OA B:</b> Cookie &amp; Yogurt <b>OA L:</b> Pizza Pocket, Roma. Lettuce, Ranch, Broc. &amp; Cauli. Salad, Cinn. Applesauce</p>	<p>8 <b>BCIG B:</b> Bagel, Cream Cheese, Yogurt <b>BCIG L:</b> Taco Bowl, Lettuce, Tomato, Cheese, Salsa, Corn, Rice Crispy Bar, Mixed Fruit, Apple <b>OA B:</b> French Toast Sticks <b>OA L:</b> Turkey Burger / Bun, Potato Wedges, 4 Bean Salad, Pickles, Onion, Tomato, Chocolate Pudding</p>	<p>9 <b>BCIG B:</b> Scrambled Eggs, Toast <b>BCIG L:</b> Ham &amp; Cheese Sand. Veggie Bar, Peaches, Orange <b>OA B:</b> Cinnamon Rolls <b>OA L:</b> Spaghetti w/ Meat, Roma. Lettuce, Ranch, Cherry Tomato, Garlic Bread, Tropical Fruit</p>	<p>10 <b>BCIG B:</b> B'fast Round *Cereal <b>BCIG L:</b> BBQ Shredded Pork, Bun, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Blueberries, Banana <b>OA B:</b> B'fast Pizza <b>OA L:</b> Pork Patty / Bun, Cooked Carrots, Red Pep Strips, Roma. Lettuce, Ranch, Apple Slice</p>
<p>14 <b>BCIG B:</b> B'fast Pizza <b>BCIG L:</b> Chicken Patty, Bun Cyclone Salad, Broccoli w/ Cheese, Pineapple Orange <b>OA B:</b> Cereal, Yogurt <b>OA L:</b> Popcorn Chicken, Corn, SMB, Strawberries, Rice Krispy Bars</p>	<p>15 <b>BCIG B:</b> Cereal, Toast <b>BCIG L:</b> Ham Slice, Au-gratin Potatoes, Gr. Beans, Oatmeal Cookie. *Cake, Roll, Pears, Apple <b>OA B:</b> Sausage Pancake <b>OA L:</b> French Toast Stix w/ Syrup, Baby Carrots, Yogurt, Clementine, Juice</p>	<p>16 <b>BCIG B:</b> Cheese Omelet, Toast <b>BCIG L:</b> Popcorn Chicken, *Mixed Veggies, Veggie Bar, *PB Sand. Applesauce Cup, Banana <b>OA B:</b> Long John <b>OA L:</b> Chicken Quesadilla, Spanish Rice, Carrots, Cucumbers, Banana</p>	<p>17 <b>BCIG B:</b> Long John, *Cereal <b>BCIG L:</b> Cheese Sticks w/ Marinara, Spinach Salad, Carrots, Apricots, Apple <b>OA B:</b> Blueberry Waffle <b>OA L:</b> Hot Dog / Bun, Baked Beans, Red Pepper Strips, Pears</p>	<p>18 <b>No classes</b></p> 
<p>21 <b>BCIG B:</b> Biscuit &amp; Gravy *Scrambled Eggs <b>BCIG L:</b> Fr. Toast Stix, Sausage, Hash Brown, *Carrots, *Celery, Juice, Blueberries, Orange <b>OA B:</b> Nutri Grain Bar, Yogurt <b>OA L:</b> Teriyaki Chicken, AuGratin Potatoes, Peas, Red Apple, Scotcharoo</p>	<p>22 <b>BCIG B:</b> Cereal Bar, Yogurt <b>BCIG L:</b> Hamburger / Bun, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Mixed Fruit, Apple <b>OA B:</b> Breakfast Pizza <b>OA L:</b> Beef Tips, Mashed Potatoes, Roma. Lettuce, Ranch, Grape Tomatoes, Apricots, SMB</p>	<p>23 <b>BCIG B:</b> Wrap &amp; Salsa <b>BCIG L:</b> Chicken Nuggets, Veggie Bar, Butter Sand. Pineapple, Orange <b>OA B:</b> Cinnamon Roll <b>OA L:</b> Gilled Cheese, Gr. Beans, Carrots, Radishes, Mixed Fruit</p>	<p>24 <b>BCIG B:</b> Blueberry Muffin, Cereal <b>BCIG L:</b> Hawaiian Chicken Wrap, Corn, Baby Carrots, Jello, Applesauce, Grapes <b>OA B:</b> Fr. Toast, Syrup <b>OA L:</b> Hamburger / Bun, Tator Tots, Pickle, Onion, Tomato, Tropical Fruit, Orange</p>	<p>25 <b>BCIG B:</b> Egg Patty, Bacon, Bagel <b>BCIG L:</b> Taco In A Bag, Lettuce, Tomato, Cheese, Salsa, Peas, Animal Crackers, Mandarin Oranges, Apple <b>OA B:</b> Wrap &amp; Salsa <b>OA L:</b> Corn Dog, Baked Chips, Broccoli, Sherbet, Applesauce</p>
<p>28 <b>BCIG B:</b> B'fast Pizza <b>BCIG L:</b> Corn Dog, Italian Pasta Bean Salad, Potato Wedges, Gr. Beans, Peaches, Orange <b>OA B:</b> Poptarts, HB Egg <b>OA L:</b> Pepperoni Pizza, Baby Carrots, Cukes, Peaches, Pudding</p>	<p>29 <b>BCIG B:</b> Cereal, Toast <b>BCIG L:</b> Orange Chicken, Br. Rice, Carrots, Broc-Cauli Salad, Bread &amp; Butter, Apricots, Apple <b>OA B:</b> Muffin, Cheesestix <b>OA L:</b> Orange Chicken, Br. Rice, Roma. Lettuce, Ranch, Apple Slices, SMB</p>	<p>30 <b>BCIG B:</b> Cheese Omelet, Toast <b>BCIG L:</b> Pork Patty / Bun, Veggie Bar, Pears, Fresh Apple <b>OA B:</b> Long John <b>OA L:</b> Chili Crispito, Refried Beans, Salsa, Lettuce, Pineapple, Fruit Juice</p>		



## HIGH SCHOOL HAPPENINGS PATRICK MILLER, PRINCIPAL

As the end of the year approaches one of the many traditions we have at OABCIG High School is Senior Service Day. Each year we ask for new ideas for our seniors. If you have any options for work that day please contact the high school office at 364-3371. Senior Service day, 2014 will be held on May 2nd.

This summer will mark some new ventures for OABCIG High School including opportunities in Instrumental Music and Spanish. Look for more information in the following sections.

### DRIVERS EDUCATION:

The first session of drivers education was held in March. There will be another session offered that is scheduled to start in June. The cost of the class is \$350.00. If your student has their permit, and you would like them to take the June session, pick up enrollment form at either the HS or the MS office. To register for the class, return the enrollment form from the driving academy, a copy of the student's permit and a deposit of any amount. **MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO OA-BCIG.** The total of the fee must be paid no later than May 12th, 2014.

### CLASS OF 2011:

Your cum folders will be shredded this summer. If you would like to keep this folder, call the HS before June 2nd, 2014 and ask for it to be saved. You can then pick up your folder anytime between June 2 thru June 27th.

### SENIOR INFORMATION – 2014

Song: We Run This Town by Luke Bryan

Flower: Purple Amaryllis

Motto: "A journey of 1000 miles begins with a single step.  
Ours begins today."

Colors: Black, Purple, Silver

**FRIDAY, MAY 2:** Senior Service Day

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 14:**

Seniors will check out of ALL classes. Non-teaching signatures are to be obtained during study halls. Seniors will turn in completed sheets to their 8th hour teacher. Please note, checking out includes making sure all academic and financial obligations are taken care of. **All senior grades must be completed and turned in to teachers when you check out of that class – no exceptions!**

## HIGH SCHOOL PROM APRIL 26

**THEME:** Cancun, Cabo, & the Caribbean

An elegant evening beach theme, under the stars to include palm trees, surf, and seashells: using turquoise and shades of blue along with floor-length black linens & chair covers.

**OPEN HOUSE:** Skate Palace 3-5PM

**GRAND MARCH:** 5PM – 6:15PM Community Building

**APPETIZERS/RECEPTION:** 6PM to 7PM

**CLASS PICTURES:** 7PM

**DINNER:** 7:15PM

**DANCE:** 9-12 Midnight

**AFTERPROM:** OABCIG High School

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 14:

Senior Supper/Video and Senior Awards Night in the HS cafeteria. Dinner will begin at 5:30 p.m. with the senior video to be shown after dinner. Senior Awards will be presented in the gymnasium following the video. Please bring your cap (tassel of the left) and gown or you will not be allowed to participate in ceremonies. Seniors will march in as practiced. Award recipients are to meet in the back of the gym after the ceremony for newspaper pictures except those receiving the BCIG Foundation Scholarships, Harold and Leone Godbersen Family Foundation, and First State Bank, who are to meet on the risers for a picture immediately following the presentation. **ANYONE WHO IS PLANNING TO PRESENT AN AWARD/SCHOLARSHIP ON SENIOR NIGHT SHOULD CONTACT TASHA AT THE HS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE (364-3371)**

### THURSDAY, MAY 15:

Seniors last day! Breakfast at 8:30 a.m. Practice for commencement beginning at 9:00 a.m. – meet in the cafeteria and be ready to go. When practice has been satisfactorily completed, seniors will be dismissed.

### SUNDAY, MAY 18:

Graduation is at 2:00 p.m. Be in cap, gown and honor cords by 1:30. Be lined up and ready to march in by 1:50. Gowns may be turned in after graduation ceremonies in the choir room or they must be brought to the H.S. office by noon on Monday, May 19th. You will receive your diploma when your gown is returned. Please remember this ceremony is for you, your family and friends – give it the respect it is due.

Commencement will include the following awards **INSTEAD** of on awards night: Present Valedictorian and Salutatorian, Presentation of gold and silver honor cords and academic letters.

### SENIOR DINNER AND AWARDS

Every May, the OA-BCIG Student Council honors the graduating seniors by hosting a dinner. This year, the 2014 Senior Class Dinner is set for Wednesday, May 14th in the high school cafeteria. Serving will begin at 5:45 pm. with Staley's of Charter Oak catering.

Each senior may request up to 3 tickets total due to limited space in the cafeteria. The senior's ticket is paid for, however, the additional tickets will cost \$10 per ticket to purchase. The meal this year will consist of Staley's fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, tossed lettuce salad, macaroni salad, fruit salad and an ice cream cup.

Following the dinner, the senior video will be shown at 6:30pm with the awards ceremony immediately following in the gym. The awards program should begin at approximately 6:45pm. Please feel free to invite additional family and friends to the awards ceremony.

Letters concerning the dinner will be sent to senior parents the last week in April. Please return the RSVP by the date requested in the letter.

Questions concerning the dinner may be directed to Cindy Wilcke at the high school 364-3371 or email [cwilcke@oabcig.org](mailto:cwilcke@oabcig.org)

### **IMPORTANT SENIOR VIDEO INFORMATION**

Have some good group candid photos of the seniors from when they were in elementary and middle school and even from high school? If so, Mrs. Beck would like to use them for the senior video that will be shown at awards night. Each senior will also receive a copy of the video. Please get the photos to Mrs. Beck by no later than April 17th. They can be emailed to [hbeck@oabcig.org](mailto:hbeck@oabcig.org) or given to her on a CD/flash drive or she can scan them and return them to you. Please make sure you have your name on them and approximately what grade the students were in at the time of the photo. Thanks for your help!

### **YEARBOOK SALES ENDING SOON**

Time is running out to order your 2013-2014 OABCIG yearbook! Yearbooks feature school portraits of all students in the district from preschool-seniors, faculty, extracurricular groups/teams, and high school events/activities throughout the school year. Books can be ordered through April 15th and the cost is \$50.

Order online and pay using a credit card by going to [www.jostensyearbooks.com](http://www.jostensyearbooks.com) or click the link on the school website [www.oabcig.org](http://www.oabcig.org). To purchase using cash or check, send payment to the high school attention Heidi Beck. Questions . . . call 364-3371 or email [hbeck@oabcig.org](mailto:hbeck@oabcig.org).

The OABCIG yearbook staff would like to thank Ida Drug for helping support/advertise in our 2013-2014 student publication.

If any other business would like to help sponsor or run an advertisement in the yearbook, please contact Heidi Beck at the high school (364-3371) or email her ([hbeck@oabcig.org](mailto:hbeck@oabcig.org)). Thank you once again to all of our sponsors!



### **MODERN LANGUAGE LEARNING AT OA-BCIG BY MAESTRA VANWERT**

The Spanish language learning program at OA-BCIG is happy to report some exciting opportunities for Spanish language students!

This summer, Kim Van Wert, Spanish I instructor, will be taking several students and parents on a trip to Puerto Rico. The trip is from June 2-6. Amongst other activities, the trip features a tour of historical sightseeing, a visit to “El Yunque”, the U.S.’ only National Rainforest, and kayaking in one of the world’s only bioluminescent bays. Students will be able to practice the Spanish language and enjoy the culture of “La isla del encanto.” (The island of enchantment)

OA-BCIG Trip participants include the following: Brittanie Albrecht, Courtney McCullough, Tammie Quail Faith Brotherson, Patricia Brotherson, Sierra Brotherson, Jeanette Snyder, Riley Snyder, Amanda Gunderson, Kim Van Wert, Jessica Gunderson, Shawna Webb, Taylor Young, Mary Gunderson, and Jordan Matthies.

Also this summer, instructors Kim Van Wert and Erik Eisele plan to offer students the opportunity to keep up with their Spanish during the break. Students will be invited to participate in activities that use the target language and allow them to practice what they have learned this year in Spanish class. Additional information will be provided to the students before the school year ends, so be sure to keep an eye out!

For more information about the Modern Language Department or Spanish language learning at OA-BCIG, please contact: Kim Van Wert at [kvanwert@oabcig.org](mailto:kvanwert@oabcig.org) or Erik Eisele at [eeisele@oabcig.org](mailto:eeisele@oabcig.org)

### **A NEW SOUND BY ERIC WELLS, INSTRUCTOR**

The Marching Band will explore more performance opportunities with a concentration on a more intense experience for both performers and their audience.

Students will meet this summer to get a head start a more rigorous and entertaining show concept. The band will be connecting with a new format called “Soundsport” - events showcasing instrumental ensembles of any instrumentation and any skill level year-round, spotlighting their unique talents and creativity.



## MUSIC BOOSTERS

The OABCIG Music Boosters would like to invite parents of OABCIG children, grades 5th - 11th, to become a Music Booster. Music Booster's is an organization that provides funds or music related items to students & teachers above and beyond what most school districts can do.

We raise money through various fundraisers throughout the school year. Most recently Las Vegas Night.

This year many of our members will be retiring, as their children are graduating or have already graduated. We are looking for new members to begin with our April & May Music Booster meetings. These are held the 1st Wednesday of every month at 5:30pm in the HS cafetorium in Ida Grove.

This is a minimal commitment. We typically meet for an hour or so to discuss upcoming music related items such as: concerts, contests, upcoming fundraisers, etc.

If your child is into music, choir, or band, this is a great opportunity to help support them in their endeavors and also support the school district's music programs. Please consider attending our meetings to learn more about the Music Boosters.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact your students' music teacher, Teri Olson in Odebolt, or Stephanie Konradi in Ida Grove.



## FFA NEWS BY: RACHEL STOBERL, ADVISOR

The FFA has been staying plenty busy as we head into March. During National FFA Week in late February, FFA members grilled for the entire high school! A big thank you to June Knop and Heidi with CPS for their donation of the burgers, they were delicious. We couldn't have done it with out some outstanding grillers: Trevor S., Wes S., Kent K., Payton K., and Tyler W.

February and March are busy times in the FFA with Subdistrict and District contests! February 28th we loaded up a van with Paige W., Kent K., Autumn R., Hunter Lindgren, and Skylar R. Paige competed in Public Speaking, preparing a 6-8 minute speech on GMO's, we are so happy that she made it through both Subdistricts and Districts and will be competing at State in April! Kent K. also advanced to Districts in Job Interview. At Districts he received a silver, good job Kent! Autumn Rohlk took the Greenhand Quiz at both Subdistricts and Districts, receiving a bronze both times. Skylar R. competed in Creed Speaking, walking away from subdistricts with a silver! Hunter Lindgren walked away from Subdistricts with a bronze in Ag Sales. OA-BCIG FFA also took their scrapbook to Districts, where it did verywell, thanks to a job well done by Erin H., Kristina L., Karlie M., and Savannah L.

Also on the calendar for March is officer elections, Legislative Day, and our Awards Banquet. At our March meeting we will be electing officers for the 2014-2015 school year! On March 26th, Joleene Riessen will be taking several FFA Members to Des Moines with Pioneer for a Legislative Day. Be sure to mark the calendars for our Awards Banquet, Thursday, March 27th! In April we will also be having our Annual Drive your Tractor to School Day on Wednesday, April 9th. Be sure to keep up with our events on Twitter or Facebook!



## HOME SCHOOL ACTIVITIES BY: FAITH JOHNSON

There are currently fifteen families with twenty-nine total students in the OA-BCIG Home School program. Twenty-three of these students are elementary level and six students are in the high school level. A wide variety of curriculums are used. Supervising teachers meet with parents at monthly meetings eight times during the school year.

The home school program plans various field trips and activities. In August a potluck was held to begin the school year. At the end of August the students met in Odebolt and toured the Peterson Pioneer Home, Rural School Museum, and the Odebolt Museum. In September a skating party was held. The home schoolers toured Shrimp 59 and the Meyer's Petting Zoo in November. At Christmas the moms enjoyed a Christmas luncheon. Tickets have been ordered to see the Shrine Circus in April. Iowa Assessments will be taken the first week of April. A variety show is scheduled for this spring where youth participate and share a variety of skills: piano, guitar, vocal solos, wrestling, poetry recitation, judo, and drama. A trip to the Henry Doorly Zoo will be held in May or June.

Supervising teachers for the Home School program are Susan Goodenow and Faith Johnson.





**GUIDANCE NOTES  
LIZ DENT  
HS COUNSELOR**

**SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION**

If you have a scholarship application you would like distributed to seniors, please contact Mrs. Dent at [ldent@oabcig.org](mailto:ldent@oabcig.org) or at 712-364-3371. Students are given monthly lists of available scholarships, and we want to be sure all are included!

**ACT TESTING**

The ACT is offered throughout the 2013-2014 school year. There is one test date with registration still available for the 2013-2014 school year.

<u>TEST DATES</u>	<u>REGULAR DEADLINE</u>
June 14, 2014	May 9, 2014
ACT Code: 162-129	

**MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSES &  
OA ELEMENTARY EDICTS  
DOUG MOGENSEN  
PRINCIPAL**



As the spring activities and sports begin, it is good to reflect on the success of the winter activities. The middle school solo/ensemble event was successful. Mr. Anders said that it went great, pretty much all good ratings. The judges were impressed by our kids. Our middle students did a very nice job at the Pops Concert held February 27, and our wrestlers did much to make us proud during the wrestling season. Track begins soon with the first track meet April 22. Thanks parents for supporting your child as they participate in extracurricular activities.

The elementary students raised \$5,700 for the Jump Rope for Heart campaign. The Read Across America OA celebration took place during the week of March 3. Activities which supported reading took place on March 6. Students took part in readers theater, listening to guest readers from the OA firefighters and the Sac County Sheriffs Department, and activities in PE related to Dr. Seuss stories. The day ended with a school celebration listening to the OA-BCIG high school readers theater group and dancing and singing led by Mr. Anders, Mr. Miller, Mr. Wilding, Mr. Benson, and Mr. Mogensen. I offer a special thanks to the parents who came to help and assist during our Read Across day and to the guest readers, our firefighters and county deputy, who took the afternoon to read to the students.-- THANK YOU!

The new media center is up and running and housed the Scholastic Book Fair during conferences. Students and teachers are excited about this new learning space.

The Preschool Roundup parent meeting will be Monday, April 21 at 6:00 in the new media center. Preschool Roundup will be Wednesday, May 7 from 9:00 - 10:00. Information will be posted on the website and in the local newspaper.



**TAKE FIVE MINUTES TO TALK TO YOUR KIDS ABOUT DRUGS, AND IT COULD SAVE A LIFE.**

A five-minute conversation now can make a huge difference toward keeping your kids away from drugs. So, Take Five and start talking with your kids today.

The DrugFreeIowa.org website suggests the following conversation starters for parents.

**FOR 5-8 YEAR OLD CHILDREN**

- Now is the time to begin explaining what alcohol, tobacco and drugs are.
- Discuss how anything you put in your body that is not food can be harmful.
- Explain the idea of addiction, that drug use can become a bad habit that's hard to stop.
- Praise your children for taking good care of their bodies and avoiding things that might harm them.

**FOR 9-11 YEAR OLD CHILDREN**

- Children this age can handle more sophisticated discussion; use their curiosity about traumatic events (such as car accidents or divorces) to discuss how drugs could cause these events.
- Friends become extremely important at this time, and older children may expose your child to alcohol, tobacco or drugs. Rehearse scenarios in which friends offer drugs.
- "Upsetting my parents" is one of the top reasons pre-teens give for why they won't use marijuana; give them permission to use you as an excuse, such as, "My mom will kill me if I drink a beer!"

**FOR 12-14 YEAR OLD CHILDREN**

- Adolescence is often a confusing and stressful time as teens try to figure out who they are and how to fit in. Nearly nine out of ten teens agree that "it seems like marijuana is everywhere these days."
- Take advantage of a teen's concerns about social image and appearance to point out immediate, distasteful consequences of tobacco and marijuana use: bad breath, stained teeth, smelly hair and clothes. Point out that drug use is not only dangerous, but can also lead to broken friendships, even prison.
- Also point out long-term consequences, such as brain damage, cancer, and the potential for accidents, coma or death.

If you need EMERGENCY help now, dial 911. If you need immediate non-emergency assistance 24/7, call the Iowa Substance Abuse Information Center at 866-242-4111.



### READING BUDDIES

The 8th graders in Ms. Boerhave's 6th period reading class and Mrs. Christensen's 2nd graders at OA-BCIG, have been working together on their reading skills. Every other week the 8th and 2nd graders go to each other's classrooms to read a few books to each other. Each 8th grader is partnered up with a 2nd grader and they spend time reading each other stories they are working on. This is a great way for students to interact with each other, as well as practice reading aloud to another person. For the past few weeks the reading buddies have been working on writing their own stories on their chrome books using the website storybird.com. The students did a great job coming up with creative and well-written stories that they are excited to share with each other.

### WINTER OLYMPICS

The OABCIG Middle School recently hosted the Winter Olympics. Students participated in various activities including studying Russia, creating a curling ring to scale, and researching various Olympic themes and giving presentations. Congratulations to Jatelyn Jessen, 8th grade, for winning the gold medal for her presentation. Students then had the opportunity to win gold in the following activities: biathlon, curling, bobsled, speed skating, Olympic Quest for Knowledge, and NOK hockey.

### LINES FROM THE LIBRARY MARY ROHLK, HEAD LIBRARIAN



A good time was had by all at the OA Scholastic Book Fair. Elementary families donated \$196 for All for Books. This money went towards books for the new library. Book Fair profit was \$2212. All money goes towards books for the OA libraries.



### NURSES NOTES ANGIE KASTNER, BSN, RN

As the weather is getting warmer and the days are getting longer, everyone is excited to get out and enjoy the outdoors. Here are some quick tips to keep the kids safe this spring.

**Bicycle Safety:** Always check your bicycle before riding to make sure all parts are secure and working properly. Make sure your tires are properly inflated and your brakes work. Always wear a properly fitting helmet, it will protect your brain and save your life.

**Playground safety:** Supervise your children, adult supervision can reduce the risk of playground injuries. Make sure your child plays on an age appropriate playground, and follow the rules of the playground: no pushing, no shoving, no hitting, no fighting etc.

**Sun safety:** be sure to wear a hat, seek shade between 10am and 4 pm, wear sunglasses, use sunscreen, and reapply frequently. Sunburns are not only painful but can cause skin damage for a lifetime.

I hope everyone is able to welcome and enjoy the spring weather.



### ODEBOLT ARTHUR PRESCHOOL PARENT MEETING:

**WHO:** Parents of children who will be 4 years old by September 15, 2014 interested in attending pre-school next year

**WHEN:** Monday, April 21st at 6:00

**WHERE:** OA Elementary school in the new media center

**WHAT TO BRING:** Birth certificate and immunization card



**ROUND UP:** Wednesday, May 7 from 9:00 to 10:00

**WHERE:** Odebolt Arthur Preschool room

**\*\*\*NO TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED\*\*\***



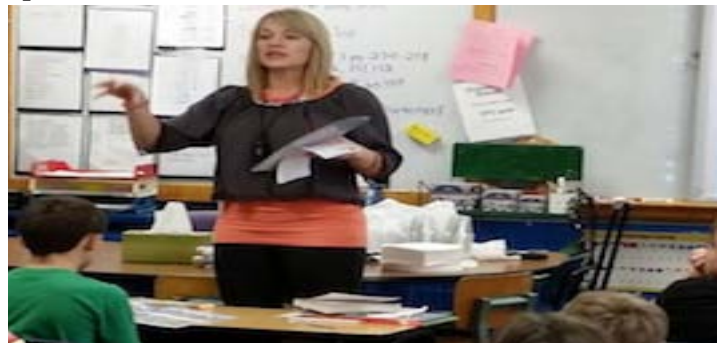
BCIG fourth grade students tried their hand at computer coding on the light-bot website. <http://light-bot.com/hocflash.html> Some students quickly caught on to moving the robot and turning on the light. Others found this quite a challenge. They quickly learned that if they had a problem, a classmate could quickly help them out.



Third grade students learned how to access the ebooks available to them through Mackin Via. They must use the school username and password to access the ebooks. Please contact a school library for this information.

## UPCOMING EVENTS FOR APRIL

- April 4th 1st Grade Cookie Bake
- April 9th 1:00 Dismissal Professional Development
- April 11th Kindergarten to the Circus in Sioux City
- April 16th Opera Iowa in OA at 1:30
- April 30th Dare Graduation 2:00 HS



## 4TH GRADE JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT BY JANET SNYDER

Our 4th Grade BCIG classrooms have been enjoying our Junior Achievement lessons taught by Becky Veltri. Mrs. Veltri has come to our Social Studies classroom every Tuesday for five weeks. She has been teaching Mrs. Nettles' and Mrs. Snyder's students about being entrepreneurs, various concepts of our economy, and running a business to name a few!!

We would like to thank Becky for all her time in planning our class each Tuesday and volunteering to be in our classroom. We also need to thank her for the awesome treats she brought and shared with us each week.

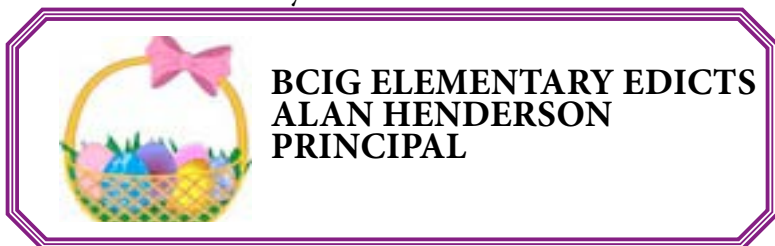
## CAR OLYMPICS BY STACI ROHLK

Mrs. Rohlk's 5th grade science classes will be holding their Annual Car Olympics in the OABCIG High School gym on Wednesday, April 30, 2014, following the DARE graduation. The 5th grade participants will display their creations of straws and paper and race them to see who developed cars that will travel the farthest.

To prepare for this event, the students are learning the concepts behind simple machines, motion, inclined planes and balloon power. They are employed by "Rohlk Motors" and in the next few weeks, the students will be working on and test-driving their automobiles to perfect their design, construction, and motion.

## QUILTS BY JENNIFER GLAWE

The BCIG third grade classes, under the leadership of Laurie Jones, of the Ida County Conservation Foundation, designed and constructed quilt blocks. The colorful blocks will be made into a quilt that will be displayed in the new conservation center at Moorehead Park. The classes made the quilt during their study of symmetry and fractions. It will be a gift from the children of the community. The students will take the finished quilt to the park on Earth Week in April.



It is hard to believe we are to this time of the year already. Glad to see it getting warmer. We have had more inside recesses this year than recent years. Hopefully, no more snow like last year on May 1st.

I want to say thank you to the Parent Teacher Partnership for all they have done this year. In March we had conferences and the parents provided supper to the teachers. It is obvious how they support our teachers in what they do. I thank you all for signing up and helping the parent teacher partnership in all they do to make our school the best it can be.

There are a lot of field trips that go on this time of year. I think it is great we can get your child to see so many different things and expose them to a big new world. Another way that you can continue to open up new places for your child is to read with them on a regular basis. I am a strong believer that all students no matter the age love to have a book read to them. So many good discussions between a parent and a child can come from a good book. Thank you for being active parents!



Would you like to feel more confident as a parent?  
 Would you like to have more fun parenting?  
 Would you like to feel more relaxed at the end of the day?

If you answered yes to any or all of these questions, you won't want to miss this class!

Love and Logic is a series of 6 **FREE** classes that is designed to help give parents the tools to have positive interactions with their children and create an empowering environment for them!

**WHO:** Anyone who is interested in learning the techniques necessary to become a Love and Logic Parent!

**WHEN:** Classes are: April 7; April 14th; April 21st; April 28th; May 5th; May 12th

**TIME:** 6:30-8:00 p.m. A healthy snack will be provided.

**WHERE:** Odebolt School Building library. Odebolt, IA.

**WHAT:** A commitment from you to attend the classes and practice positive parenting techniques!

**Childcare:** We will provide free childcare services!

Call Jayne or Joleen to register for class by April 1st!

\*\*This class brought to you from a Prevent Child Abuse Iowa Grant

# 20TH ANNUAL WHITEY THOMPSON HIKE-BIKE-A-THON

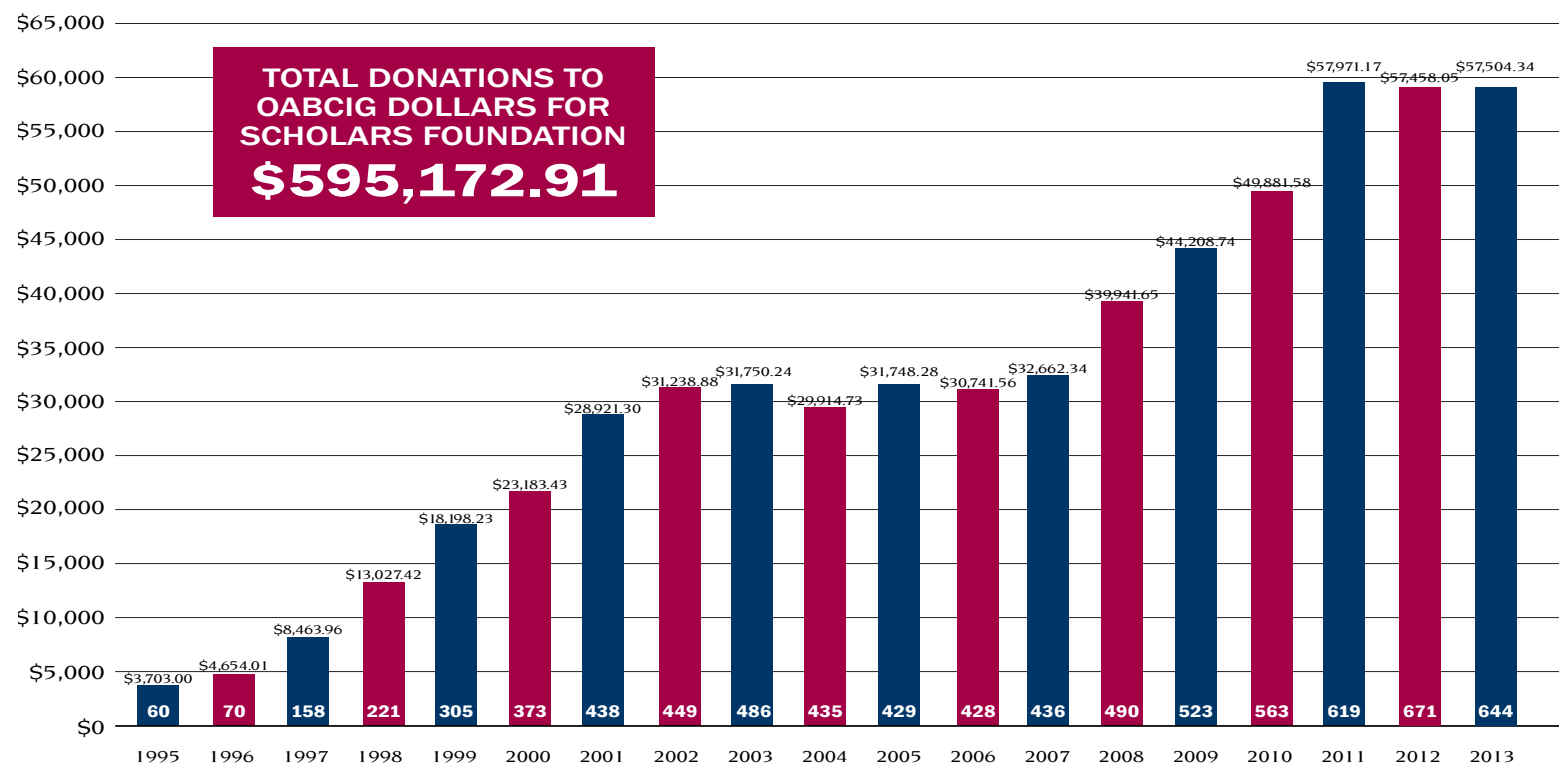
**WHEN:** Wednesday, May 7, 2014  
**WHERE:** Starts/ends at the Skate Palace in Ida Grove  
**PRIZES:** Chance to win:  
 \*A bike  
 \*Nike shoes  
 \*Chamber Bucks  
**SAFETY:** UBI employees and volunteers stationed along the route  
**REFRESHMENTS:** After event at the Skate Palace  
**TRANSPORTATION:** Bikes/kids will be picked up in Odebolt and transported to Ida Grove

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## WHITEY THOMPSON HIKE-BIKE-A-THON RESULTS

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**TOTAL DONATIONS TO  
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Numbers displayed in bars denote participants that year. Odebolt-Arthur students began participating in 2008.



# Activity Calendar for April 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			2 5:30pm Music Boosters meeting	3 10:00am National Honor Society Induction @ HS gym	4 4:30pm Track Ridge View Co-ed Relays @ Holstein	5 HS Solo/Small Ensemble Music Contest <i>TBD</i>
6	7 4:00pm Golf WVC Boys @ Ida Grove  4:00pm Golf WVC Girls @ Mapleton	8 MS Music Frozen Food Sales End *4:30pm Boys Track @ Mapleton *5:00pm Girls Track @ LeMars *7:00pm OA Elementary Spring Concert @ Odebolt	9 <b>1:00 Dismissal</b> <i>Professional Development</i>  FFA Drive Your Tractor To School Day	10 5:00pm Boys Track @ Cherokee	11 4:00pm JV/V Golf @ Dumlap  4:30pm Sioux City Frosh Relays  5:00pm Girls Track @ Cherokee	12 ACT Testing *8:00am Sioux City Relays *8:30am Boys Golf Tourney @ Manning *7:00pm HS Spring Play @ Odebolt
13 	14 *4:00pm Boys WVC Golf @ Holstein *4:00pm Girls WVC Golf @ Kingsley *6:30pm School Board Meeting	15 *4:00pm JV/V Golf @ Mapleton *4:30pm Boys Track @ Harlan *4:30pm Girls Track @ Onawa *4:30pm Sioux City North Fr/JV Co-Ed Relays @ Olsen Stadium	16 1:30pm Opera Iowa @ Odebolt  6:00pm Athletic Boosters Meeting	17 3:30pm JV/V Boys Golf @ Cherokee  3:30pm JV/V Girls Golf @ Holstein	18 <b>No Classes</b> 	19
20 	21 6:00pm Odebolt PreK Parent Meeting @ Odebolt Elementary  7:00pm Music Banquet @ HS	22 NWIDCA Jr. High Honor Choir @ LeMars *4:00pm Boys WVC Golf @ Correctionville *4:00pm Girls WVC Golf @ Onawa *4:00pm MS TR @ Kingsley *4:00pm Boys Track @ IdaGrove	23 End of the Year Mentoring Party	24 Drake Relays @ DesMoines  4:30pm OA-BCIG Co-ed Track @ Ida Grove  	25 Drake Relays @ DesMoines  4:00pm MS Track @ Early	26 Drake Relays *HS Rodeo @ Sidney *MS Large Group Band Contest @ Anthon *3:00 - 5:00pm Open House @ Skate Palace *5:00 - 6:15pm Grand March @ IG Comm Center *7:00pm Prom
27 Iowa FFA Leadership Conference @ Ames  HS Rodeo @ Sidney	28 Iowa FFA Conference *4:00pm Boys WVC Golf @ Sloan *4:00pm Girls WVC Golf @ Moville *4:00pm MS TR @ Sac City *4:30pm SC West Frosh/JV Meet @ Olsen Stadium	29 Iowa FFA Leadership Conference  4:30pm OA-BCIG Girls Track @ Ida Grove	30 2:00pm BCIG 5th Grade Car Olympics @ HS Gym			

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