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December 22, 2023

Stanton Community School

***School Activities***

**Dance Team Fundraiser**

Stanton dance team is selling purple/white/black Puravida bracelets to raise money for nationals in February. $10 each Stanton colors! These would make excellent Christmas gifts! Please contact Jana McCunn or any dance team member to purchase!

**Fifth Grade Thank You**

 5th graders would like to thank everyone for their food pantry donations. It was a fun and friendly competition this year with A LOT of donations all for a good cause.

**Pink Out Thank You**

Stanton's FCCLA wants to thank everyone who participated and supported the Pink Out event.  We are still working on the total money raised.  A big thanks goes to The Rustic Blonde, Heart & Soul Beauty Salon, Fika House, Red Oak Greenhouse, and Lacey Stephens for their generous donations.  Also thank you to Mr. Grebin's class who made the pink out t-shirts and for all who purchased the t-shirts.

**Science Department**

Mrs. Zaiger reports that The High School Biology class and Physical Science classes have been doing great things with their projects and presentations and are learning a lot of cell and plant biology and chemistry including periodic table elements, properties and identities.

**Stanton FFA**

The Stanton FFA Chapter would like to thank Mr. Mickey Anderson and Red Oak Chrysler for the $1000 Chapter grant sponsored by the Ram Trucks FFA Chapter Financial Assistance Program through the National FFA Foundation. These funds will be used to cover the cost of convention and other leadership conferences and activities.

Mickey Anderson and Red Oak Chrysler together with Ram Trucks participated in the Ram Trucks Chapter Financial Assistance program through the National FFA Foundation. As part of this program, Red Oak Chrysler recognized and supported the Stanton FFA Chapter.

Ram Trucks challenged its dealers to contribute funds to the National FFA Foundation, which were supplemented by Ram Trucks, to provide $1,000 in funds for local FFA chapters. These funds are to be used for community service events, agricultural education needs, conferences or conventions and career development opportunities. The Stanton FFA Chapter used these funds to help with the travel costs and career tours at the National FFA Convention, in addition, funds were used to send 13 students to the Ignite and Amplify Leadership Conferences held at the Iowa FFA Enrichment Center in Ankeny, Iowa this November.

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**From the Desk of Our Principal**

The end of the second quarter and first semester will be Friday, December 22nd. Stanton Community School District will have a 1:05/1:15 pm early dismissal on December 22nd for the holiday break. We will resume classes on Thursday, January 4th. We want to wish all of our students, families, staff, and community a Happy Holiday!

The Stanton Community School District has the following job openings:

* Kitchen Assistant/Paraeducator (January 2024)
* K-12 Art Teacher
* JH Boys Track Coach (Spring 2024)
* Potential Preschool Paraeducator
* Additional 1st Grade Teacher (2024-25 school year)

Please contact Katie Elwood at [kelwood@stantonschools.com](mailto:kelwood@stantonschools.com) or 712-829-2162 with any questions. Interested applicants may apply online at [www.iowaworks.gov](http://www.iowaworks.gov).

**Staff Highlights**

**Jake Ashley - Head Custodian**

Mr. Ashley's hometown is Stanton, and he graduated from Stanton High School. His family includes his wife Alex, daughter Andee, and son Oden. Both Andee and Oden go to Stanton Community Schools. Jake's parents are Judd and Linda Ashley of Stanton. His sister is Amber Sellers and brother-in-law Dustin Sellers of Stanton. Jake's brother Judd Ashley, Jr. lives in Albion, Nebraska and his mother-in-law is Kim Madsen from Lincoln, Nebraska.

Mr Ashley's hobbies include anything he and Alex can do with the kids all together. They enjoy fishing, yard work, weather, and he particularly loves the snow.

Mr. Ashley's favorite thing is building relationships and the opportunity to be a leader and represent Stanton Community Schools every day. Seeing kids coming to school with a smile, and the genuine care and thoughtfulness the teachers and staff have for all students from top to bottom here is commendable.

**Mindy Strough - Head of Food Service**

Mrs. Strough grew up in Villisca, and attended and graduated from Villisca Community Schools. She lives in Villisca with her husband Carey. She has 3 kids David, Stormy and Marissa, and a step son Tre.

Her hobbies are camping and spending time with family. Her favorite thing about working here is she gets to see almost every student every day. She has really enjoyed watching them grow from kindergarten to young adults.

**New Yearbook Option**

Yearbook has a new digital experience for all those who purchase a 2024 yearbook! Check with any yearbook member or Mrs. Charm to learn more about it!

**Spotlight on Students of the Week**

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**Lunch and Breakfast Menu**

Thurs, Jan. 4th *Breakfast: Cereal Bar, Muffin, Fruit Juice, Milk*

*Lunch: Pork Chopette/Bun, Baked Beans, Ranch Potatoes, Peaches, Mixed Fruit & Milk*

Fri., Jan. 5th *Breakfast: Breakfast Bar, Muffin, Fruit Juice, Milk*

*Lunch: Corn Dog, Cheesy Broccoli, Sweet Potatoe Fries, Macaroni Salad, Pineapple, Applesaue & Milk*

Mon., Jan. 8th *Breakfast: Pop Tart, Muffin, Juice,Milk*

*Lunch: Crispito/Hot Dog, Corn/Lettuce, Mandarin Oranges, Raisins, Goldfish & Milk*

Tues, Jan 9th *Breakfast: Strawberry Boli, Muffin, Fruit Juice, Milk*

Lunch: Chicken Nuggets, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Pineapple/Oranges, Banana Muffin & Milk

Wed. Jan 10th *Breakfast: Pancake/Sausage on a Stick, Muffin, Juice, Milk*

*Lunch: Turkey & Cheese Sandwich, Peas, Green Beans, Peaches, Tropical Fruit, Rice & Milk*

Thurs, Jan 11th *Breakfast: Donut Holes, Muffin, Fruit Juice, Milk*

*Lunch: Italian Pasta, Lettuce, Carrots, Pears/Applesauce, Breadstick & Milk*

Fri. Jan 12th *Breakfast: Breakfast Sandwich, Muffin, Fruit Juice, Milk*

*Lunch: Chicken Wrap, Mixed Veggies, Cooked Carrots, Mixed Fruit/Mango & Milk*

**Upcoming Events**

**Wed. Jan 3rd Teacher Inservice**

**Thurs. Jan 4th 3rd Quarter/2nd Sem begins**

**Fri. Jan 5th 4:00 JH G BB with Hamburg**

**5:00 JH B BB with Hamburg**

**6:00 V G BB with Hamburg**

**7:30 V B BB with Hamburg**

**Tues. Jan 9th 4:00 JH B BB with Sidney**

**5:00 JV B BB with Sidney**

**6:00 V G BB with Sidney**

**7:30 V B BB with Sidney**

**Wed. Jan 10th 1:05/1:15 Early Dismissal**

**Thurs., Jan 11th Large Group Picture Day**

**7:30am FFA Meeting**

**4:00 JV JV BB @ SWV**

**6:00 V G BB @ SWV**

**7:30 V B BB @ SWV**

**Fri., Jan 12th 4:00 JV B BB w Griswold**

**6:00 V G BB w Griswold**

**7:30 V B BB w Griswold**

**Booster Club Meal**