

Stanton Community School

STOP

Friday, February 21st

Individual Speech Contest

The high school students are actively preparing for the upcoming individual speech season! The Corner Conference Speech Contest will be on Wednesday, February 26th. We are traveling to Essex High School and performances will start at 4 PM. Then on Saturday, March 1st, the students will travel to Thomas Jefferson High School in Council Bluffs for the District Individual Speech Contest. Gabe Kingery will be performing in storytelling and radio news, Emma Sallach in storytelling and literary program, Corinne Hopf in literary program, and Zach Haley in literary program. Best of luck at contest!

Battle of the Books

Stanton Middle School Battle of the Books teams are preparing for the qualifying tests in March! This year we have 3 teams competing to make the top 20. The 20 qualifying teams will advance to the Ultimate Battle on April 16, 2025, held at the Viking Center in Stanton. All teams, of up to 6 students, read 20, pre-selected, books between the team members and then take a comprehension test and an author test over all the books in March.

Elementary Musicals are coming up on Friday March 7th!

Mark your calendars for the upcoming Elementary Musicals! The lower elementary (K-3rd graders) will be doing a musical called "**Squirm!**" - This fun-filled musical will feature the Itsy Bitsy Spider and Little Miss Muffet along with snakes, worms, bats, and spiders and more things that make us squirm.

The upper elementary (4-6th graders) will be doing **Willy Wonka JR.** This classic musical features Willy Wonka who is the Candy Man! He is looking for his replacement because he is retiring. We have Oopma Loompas, Candy Kids and Squirrels along with the classic hilarious characters who will relive the classic story based on the book "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl. Admission will be \$5. The musicals start at 6:30pm in the High School Gym.

All-School Play

The All-School Play at Stanton High School will be on March 10th. This year the students are performing *Help! I'm Trapped in a High School!* by Tim Kelly. Three 'Valley Girl' types and a male friend find themselves transferred to a special high school because of a 'computer mistake.' The school is Public School Maximum Security, commonly referred to as 'Last Chance High.' Students assigned here are incorrigible, tough and dangerous. (Last year's Prom Queen wore brass knuckles!) Naturally, the pampered Valley types are horrified and attempt to transfer out. Unhappily (for them) the principal is an egomaniac who runs the place like a penitentiary. No visitors, harsh dress code, no leaving the premises — ever! The staff is 'el weirdo.' The dietician serves nothing but spaghetti loaf and licorice Jell-O. The janitors are London charwomen. The school psychiatrist, Sigmunda Fraud, is victimized by flying insects. No wonder the new student teachers are frantic. Eventually, there's a riot, breakout and a madcap finale. There's a great parade of fun personalities! Join us for a great evening!

March Pops Concert - March 18

Come and enjoy the March Pops concert on Tuesday, March 18th at 6:30pm. The concert will feature the bands, 5th, 6th, JH and HS bands along with the JH and HS and Varsity Choir. Come and support our Stanton students as they perform a variety of music. Admission will be a free-will donation.

Art Minute

It is so great to have a kiln available for ceramics. I am excited to share that after the next firing, all of the elementary (with the exception of Kindergarten) and above level art classes, will have been able to make something with clay and glaze it. It is great for young artists to get to learn the different techniques that go along with the different materials they use.

Paint Shirts! The art room can be a messy place. Be sure to send a paint shirt with your child. Many of the upper elementary students do not have paint shirts from home and we do not have enough available in the art room. An oversized shirt works perfectly!

From Our Principal, Mrs. Elwood

The end of the 3rd quarter will be Friday, March 14th.

The district has the following job openings:

Current Openings:

- Paraeducators
- Van Route Driver
- Strength and Conditioning Coach
- Dishwasher/Kitchen Assistant
- .5 FTE K-12 Art Teacher
- .5 FTE Elementary Teacher
- MS/HS Science Teacher
- Part-Time ESL Instructor

2025-2026:

- Head Coach - HS Volleyball
- MS/HS Social Studies Teacher
- Head Coach - HS Girls Basketball
- Assistant Coach - HS Girls Basketball
- Student Council Sponsor

Interested applicants may apply online at www.iowaworks.gov or submit their letter of application, resume, and references to Mrs. Katie Elwood at kelwood@stantonschools.com.

Teammates Mentoring of Stanton is looking for additional mentors to join our program. If you would like to make a difference and apply to become a mentor, you can find application information at www.teammates.org. If you have any questions regarding mentoring, please contact either Ashley McDonald or Katie Elwood at 712-829-2162.



IOWA STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT
of STUDENT PROGRESS

Our 3rd-11th grade students will be taking the Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress (ISASP) in March. Please note the testing dates below, and the importance of student attendance on those days.

- 3rd - 5th Grade - March 25th - March 28th, 2025
- 6th - 11th Grade - April 1st - April 4th, 2025

BUY YOUR YEARBOOK

Prices for a yearbook have increased to \$65. It's still not too late to buy one! Look for a coupon in next week's bulletin! Remember, this year we are offering not only a yearbook, but digital photos that we didn't have room to place in the yearbook for all who purchase one!

If you have any questions, call the High School office and leave a message for Charmla Carpenter.

Athletic Department News

Junior High Girls Track

The junior high girls track team will begin practice on Monday, March 17th. We will practice 8th hour only for the first two weeks and then will extend our practice time to 4:00 every day except on Wednesday (2:00). The girls will meet after school on Wednesday, March 5th for a quick pre-season informational meeting. A schedule will be sent home with the girls at that time. Our first track meet is scheduled for Tuesday, April 15th at Griswold.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

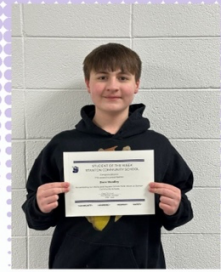


GREYSON WHIGHAM

"Greyson shows leadership in responsibility, self-control and respect."



STUDENT OF THE WEEK



DREW HANDLEY

"Drew shows responsibility, kindness, and respect towards others."



What's Cookin'?

Monday, Feb 24: Breakfast: Pop-Tart, Fruit, Juice, Milk. Lunch: Crispito/Hot Dog, Corn, Lettuce, Raisins, Fruit Medley, Animal Crackers, Milk.

Tuesday, Feb 25: Breakfast: Breakfast Bar, Fruit, Juice, Milk. Lunch: Chicken Nuggets, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Pineapple/Oranges, Banana Muffin, Milk

Wednesday, Feb 26: Breakfast: Pancake/Sausage on a Stick, Fruit, Juice, Milk. Lunch: Turkey & Cheese Sandwich, Peas, Green Beans, Peaches, Mandarin Oranges, Rice, Milk

Thursday, Feb 27: Breakfast: Bagel Bites, Fruit, Juice, Milk. Lunch: Beef Sticks, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Cooked Carrots, Peaches, Mixed Fruit, Roll, Milk.

Friday, Feb 28: Breakfast: Donut Holes, Fruit, Juice, Milk. Lunch: Chicken Wrap, Lettuce, Cheese, Mixed Veggies, Cooked Carrots, Cantaloupe, Pineapple, Milk.

Upcoming Events

Monday, Feb 24

State Bowling at Waterloo

Tuesday, Feb 25

Boys District BB

Wednesday, Feb 26

1:05/1:15 Early Dismissal

Girls Regional BB

Thursday, Feb 27

Corner Conference Speech at Essex

Friday, Feb 28

No scheduled activities

Softball Fundraiser

The HS Softball Team is doing a fundraiser with Dirt Road Candle Co out of Lewis, IA. The candles are 8 oz and come in a variety of scents. Candles are \$24.95 each. Contact any 8th-12th grade softball girl if you are interested. Cash, check or Venmo accepted. Must pay at time of order. Any questions, contact Coach Brandie at 712-370-7801. Thank you for supporting the softball team!

Kindergarten Round Up

Stanton Elementary School will conduct kindergarten assessments on **Friday, March 28th** for any child who will be five years of age on or before September 15, 2025.

On Thursday, March 27th, parents of incoming kindergarten students will meet at 5:30 in the elementary concourse. Our kindergarten teacher, Ms. Frey, our principal, Mrs. Elwood and our school nurse, Stacy Hart will present information about the kindergarten curriculum, school policies, etc. Health requirements and paperwork needed for incoming kindergarten students will be discussed. At this time, parents will sign up for a time to return on Friday, March 28th with their child for the kindergarten screening. The screening process and follow-up with parents should take approximately 20-25 minutes on this date. Registration forms will be sent home with pre-school students the week before the assessment date. We require all paperwork in the packets be returned on the screening date of March 28th. We will also require that a current record of immunizations and a copy of the student's birth certificate be provided before we are able to screen the student.

If your child will begin kindergarten in the fall and does not currently attend the local pre-school, we ask that you call Jody at 712-829-2171 prior to March 24th so that your child can be added to our student list.

*******No School for Kindergarten on March 28th*******

There will be **NO class for Kindergarten students only Friday, March 28th** due to Kindergarten Round Up! Ms. Frey will be screening the incoming kindergarten class for next school year on this date. Class will resume as normally scheduled on Monday, March 31st for the kindergarteners. We appreciate your understanding of this schedule change.

STANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL PATRON NOTIFICATION OF OPEN ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS

Parents/guardians considering the use of the open enrollment option to enroll their child/ren in another public school district in the state of Iowa should be aware of the following dates:

March 1, 2025—Last date for regular open enrollment requests for the 2025-2026 school year for students in grades 1-12.

September 1, 2025—Last date for open enrollment requests for entering kindergarten students and those students falling under the "good cause" definition for the 2025-2026 school year.

Parents should be aware that open enrollment may result in the loss of athletic eligibility.

For further details, contact the elementary office at 829-2171 or the high school office at 829-2162.

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