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January 12, 2024

Stanton Community School

***School Activities***

**Little Vikings Cheer/Dance**

Stanton Little Dance/Cheer team will NOT be performing Friday night due to a conflict, please stay tuned for the new date!

**Dance Team Fundraiser**

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

**Stanton FFA**

The Stanton Agricultural Education program was selected to receive a $2400 Curriculum in Agricultural Science Education (CASE) Implementation Grant sponsored by Corteva Agriscience for the purchase of CASE classroom materials! In addition, the program was also awarded a $1500 CASE Scholarship sponsored by the Association of Equipment Manufacturers for the agricultural education instructor to attend the CASE Agricultural Power and Technology (APT) course at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, OK, this June where certification to teach the course will be obtained.

*The Agricultural Power and Technology* class is a foundation-level course designed to prepare students for the wide array of career opportunities in agricultural engineering.

Throughout the course, students apply technical skill while becoming competent in the process used to operate, repair, engineer, and design agricultural tools and equipment. CASE provides extensive preparation for the teacher to be proficient and confident in their ability to provide proper instruction of mechanical skills and concepts.

Being awarded these scholarship and grant funds allows the agriculture education program to be certified to provide this course to students in Stanton. Students participating in the APT course will have experiences in various mechanical and engineering concepts with exciting hands-on activities, projects, and problems. Student’s experiences will involve the study of energy, tool operation and safety, material properties, machine operation, and structural components. Students will acquire the basic skills to operate, repair, engineer, and design agricultural tools and equipment. Throughout the course, students will apply engineering principles to the construction of machines and structures.  Students will explore projects and problems similar to those that a tradesperson, technician, or engineer may face in their respective careers. In addition, students will understand specific connections between science, math, and technical skills applied to Supervised Agricultural Experiences and FFA components that play an important role in developing an informed agricultural education student. Students will investigate, experiment, and learn about documenting a project, solving problems, and communicating their solutions to their peers and members of the professional community.

**Staff Highlights**

**Mrs. Spencer – Vocational Agriculture**

Mrs. Spencer grew up on a purebred Jersey dairy farm in northern Iowa. She attended K-12 in the Algona Community School District other than her junior year when she attended the Bensheim Berufschule (Vocational School) in Bensheim, Germany, while on a one-year German/US exchange program sponsored through the National FFA Organization and the German Bundestag. She graduated from Algona High School. Mrs. Spencer attended Iowa State University and received her Bachelor of Science degrees in agronomy, entomology, and integrated pest management. After working in the hybrid seed industry, she became the director of the State Science & Technology Fair of Iowa first through the ISU Provost’s Office and later with ISU Extension and Outreach. During this time, she received her Master of Science degree in agricultural education from Iowa State University with certification to teach completing her student teaching at Roland-Story High School.

Mrs. Spencer currently lives near Stanton with her husband Alan and their three children: Clark, Grant, and Addie. Mrs. Spencer loves working outdoors – gardening, growing flowers, raising goats and chickens, and playing with barn cats. She loves baking with her family. The family bakes for fun and competitively for the Iowa State Fair, but if everyone is in the kitchen having fun together, it is a special time. Traveling with the family whether to hear a musical performance, see them in a sporting event or be with them at an FFA event is a wonderful part of family life right now.

Her favorite part about working at Stanton Schools is the students and their drive to gain new experiences. Since day one, the students have been so excited to be involved, to try new things, to go new places. They take opportunities extended to them and ask what is next.

**Mrs. Moeller- Middle School**

Mrs. Moeller's hometown is Red Oak, IA during the school year and Northeast Iowa during the summer. She graduated from Oelwein High School and received her BA in Elementary Education from Upper Iowa University.

Mrs. Moeller and her husband Craig have four children- Mason (fiancé Kaylee), Maura (husband Brad), Mycah (Leslie), and Merek (Camryn). Her hobbies include reading, cooking, traveling, spending as much time as possible in our pool, and being with family and friends.

Her favorite thing about working at the Stanton Community School District is that Stanton has always held a special place in her heart. Her mom grew up in this area and when visiting her grandparents, Milt and Jeanette Lindell, their family would come to Stanton for church, family reunions, or to visit their friends. Mrs. Moeller enjoys the relationships she has made with students and staff at Stanton Community Schools. "It feels like home here and that isn't something you can find everywhere."

**5th Quarter Donations**

Our 5th Quarter fund is getting low. We have been fortunate to have a great turn out at our 5th Quarters this year. We had almost 80 students at our last one in December. The average cost of a 5th quarter is about $225. Donations can be dropped off directly at Great Western Bank in the account named 5th Quarter or you can give it to Leanne Johnson or Stephanie Burke. Thank you to everyone who has supported 5th quarter!

**Upcoming Events**

**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**

**Mon, Jan 15th NO SCHOOL**

**CC G BB Tourn at Stanton**

**6:00 Essex v Griswold**

**7:30 Stanton V Hamburg**

**Tues, Jan 16th 4:00 JH G BBw East Mills**

**CC B BB Tourn at Stanton**

**6:00 Griswold v FM**

**7:30 Stanton v Hamburg**

**Wed, Jan 17th 1:05/1:15 Early Dismissal**

**CC G BB at Fremont Mills**

**Thur, Jan 18th CC B BB at East Mills**

**Fri., Jan 19th CC G BB at Fremont Mills**

**Sat, Jan 20th CC B BB at East Mills**

**District Large Group Speech**

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**From the Desk of Our Principal**

**Reminder - No School on Monday, January 15th**

The Stanton Community School District has the following job openings:

* Kitchen Assistant/Paraeducator
* 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).

**Lunch and Breakfast Menu**

Mon., Jan. 15th *NO SCHOOL*

Tues, Jan 16th *Breakfast: Cereal, Muffin, Fruit Juice, Milk*

Lunch: Stuffed Crust Pizza, Lettuce, Celery Applesauce, Pears, Milk

Wed. Jan 17th *Breakfast: Oatmeal Bar,, Muffin, Juice, Milk*

*Lunch: Sloppy Joe, Baked Beans, Tri-Tater, Pineapple, Mixed Fruit & Milk*

Thurs, Jan 18th *Breakfast: Strawberry Donut, Muffin, Fruit Juice, Milk*

*Lunch: Chili, Carrots, Pears, Applesauce, Cinnamon Roll & Milk*

Fri. Jan 19th *Breakfast: French Toast, Muffin, Fruit Juice, Milk*

*Lunch: Fish Sandwich, Baked Beans, Potatoe Smiles, Peaches, Cantaloupe & Milk*

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