

January 19, 2024

Stanton Community School

**Staff Highlights**

**Mr. Lantz- K-12 Music Teacher**

  Mr. Lantz grew up in Stanton on the Lantz family farm 3 miles south of town where his great grandparents, Albert and Carolina Lantz settled after they emigrated from Sweden in the early 1880's.  He graduated in 1980 from Stanton and pursued a teaching degree in vocal and instrumental music from NWMSU in Maryville, MO.  Mr. Lantz married his wife, Marcia, on August 10, 1985 at Mamrelund and received his first teaching job in Griswold where he taught vocal music grades 7-12 from 1985-90.

 He and his wife have two children Emilie and Jonathan during these years.  He attended graduate classes for four summers and earned a Masters in Choral Conducting from University of Missouri, Kansas City, and then moved to Springfield, Missouri where he taught vocal music for another 3 years.    The family moved to St. Paul, Minnesota while he attended Luther Seminary for the next 4 years.  In 1997, Mr. Lantz received a Masters of Divinity degree and a call to serve as a pastor at Lutheran Church of the Cross in Laguna Woods, California where he served for 25 years.  He and Marcia returned to Stanton in July of 2022 to live in the house his grandparents and parents both retired in.

 This is his second year teaching music K-12 in Stanton.  Marcia and Leland both love being back in Stanton.  Marcia loves directing and teaching at Good Shepherd Christian Preschool.  Their daughter, Emilie, will be getting married in Stanton at the OLY in March.  They have a grandson, Thomas, who is 8 years old.  Their son, Jonathan, recently moved back from California and is a truck driver for Coca-Cola out of Atlantic, Iowa.  His hobbies are woodworking and painting.  His favorite thing is teaching students music where he first learned to love music right here in Stanton. Mr. Lantz says that it is a real privilege to give back to the school and community that he was raised in.  He hopes to instill that same love of music to all the students!

**Mrs. Rachelle Focht – First Grade**

Mrs. Focht's hometown is Stanton. She graduated from Stanton High School and Midland Lutheran College in Fremont, Nebraska. Her hobbies include making memories with her 4 kids and husband, hanging out with friends, exercising, and going on vacations.

Mrs. Focht's favorite thing about teaching at Stanton is being able to teach her own kids in her classroom and working with an amazing staff.

***School Activities***

**District Large Group Speech Contest**

The Stanton High School students will travel to Shenandoah High School this Saturday, January 20th. We will compete in short film this year and the students are very excited to try this category! The first performance will be in Center 6 Room 310 at 8:10 AM. The group competing is Axel King, Preston Carpenter, Bree Mitchell, Emma Sallach, Corinne Hopf, and Clark Spencer. The second performance will be in Center 6 Room 310 at 8:40 AM. The group competing is Riley Burke, Kyla Hart, Kiela Franzen, Lauren Johnson, Hannah Olson, Britney Silva, Addy Gettler, Nolan Grebin, and Brody Gibbs. If you are coming to watch, please arrive thirty minutes before the scheduled time. The center could run ahead of schedule. Best of luck to the students at the district large group speech contest!

**Stanton Teammates**

The Stanton Teammates chapter will hold a fundraiser on Thursday, January 25th between basketball games with CAM. A volleyball and a book signed by Nebraska coach, John Cook, will be auctioned.

January is Teammates Month!

**Thank You to our Mentors**

TeamMates Mentoring Program’s coordinators and staff are saying thank you to mentors for simply being there for students in Stanton. January 1 marks the start of National Mentoring Month. Nationwide, programs are honoring mentors for their service and the impact they’re making on youth.

 The Stanton Chapter has 9 active matches at this time. Our mentors and mentees enjoyed a trip to the Henry Doorly Zoo last spring and we look forward to another group activity before the end of the schools year!

 “We are grateful for every TeamMates mentor,” TeamMates Chief Executive Officer DeMoine Adams explained. “Every TeamMates mentor I speak with talks about how mentoring has been an incredibly positive experience for them. I hope more caring adults will join us so they too can experience the positive impact of mentoring.”

 The mission of the TeamMates Mentoring Program is to impact the world by inspiring students to reach their full potential through mentoring. TeamMates serves more than 10,000 youth in 180+ communities across Nebraska, Wyoming, Kansas, South Dakota, and Iowa. Mentors meet with their mentees one-on-one in school, once a week, during the academic year.

 If you have an interest in becoming a Teammates mentor, please contact Jody Druivenga at jdruivenga@stantonschools.com or Shelia Mainquist at smainquist@stantonschools.com.

**Stanton FFA**

The Stanton FFA Chapter is hosting the 13th Annual FFA Toy Show on Saturday, January 27th at the White 4H Exhibit Building on the Montgomery County Fairgrounds in Red Oak. The event will be open from 9 am - 2 pm. The cost for entry is $5.00, children 10 and under are free. There will be food available to purchase throughout the day. We have vendors coming from across Iowa and Nebraska this year with over 50 tables of farm toys and other toy items to buy, sell and trade. All funds raised through this event go to support Stanton FFA Chapter activities.

**Teammates Popcorn Fundraiser**Teammates is partnering with Almost Famous Popcorn again this year! Help support the Stanton Teammates program by purchasing popcorn online January 22 through February 5th. The process is easy. Select the state, followed by the chapter from the dropdown menu, make you selection and Enjoy! The popcorn will be shipped directly to you. Thank you for your support of the Stanton Teammates Program! To order: <https://form.jotform.com/AlmostFamousPopcorn/teammates-fundraiser-2024>

**Spotlight on Students of the Week**

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**From the Desk of Our Principal**

The MS/HS Midterm grade check will be Friday, February 2nd.

The Stanton Community School District has the following job openings:

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

Please contact Katie Elwood at 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. 22nd *Breakfast: Cereal, Muffin, Fruit Juice, Milk*

 *Lunch: Rib/Hot Dog, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Mandarin Oranges, Pineapple, Milk*

Tues, Jan 16th *Breakfast: Omelet/Toastl, Muffin, Fruit Juice, Milk*

Lunch: Chicken Alfredo, California Veggies, Lettuce, Pears, Applesauce, Breadstick, Milk

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

*Lunch: Chicken Pattie/Bun, Cheesy Broccoli, Cooked Carrots, Mixed Fruit, Ice Cream, Milk*

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

*Lunch: Pork Pattie, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Mixed Veggies, Peaches, Pineapple, Roll, Milk*

Fri. Jan 19th *Breakfast: Cinni Mini, Muffin, Fruit Juice, Milk*

*Lunch: Cheesy Pull-Aparts, Lettuce, Broccoli, Tropical Fruit, Applesauce, Milk*

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