

February 23, 2024

Stanton Community School

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School Activities

Kindergarten Round Up

Stanton Elementary School will conduct kindergarten assessments on **Friday, March 1st** for any child who will be five years of age on or before September 15, 2024.

On Thursday, February 29th, parents of incoming kindergarten students will meet at 5:30 in the elementary concourse. Our kindergarten teachers, Ms. Frey and Mrs. Smith and our principal, Mrs. Elwood 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 1st, 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 1st. 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 February 29th so that your child can be added to our student list.

*******No School for Kindergarten on March 1st*******

There will be **NO class for Kindergarten students only Friday, March 1st** due to Kindergarten Round Up! Ms. Frey and Mrs. Smith will be screening the incoming kindergarten class for next school year on this date. Class will resume as normally scheduled on Monday, March 4th for the kindergarteners. We appreciate your understanding of this schedule change.

All-School Play

The Stanton All-School Play is hitting the stage on March 11th at 6 PM. The cast and crew welcome all students, teachers, families, and community members to the show. It will be a great evening performance by the talented high school students. There is an earthquake jolt that has freed a poltergeist, and it's creating dangerous mischief! Things are especially at their worst at the Asylum for the Extremely Tense, run by the famous Dr. Horace Roy. If the nasty ghost wasn't trouble enough, the patients have locked up the staff, and nobody can tell who's who! Luckily, Dr. Roy's cousin is visiting, because she knows just who to call...the Ghostchasers, of course! Honcho and his staff of student ghostchasers are loaded with an arsenal of kooky weapons. This comedy will be one to remember!

Individual Speech Contest

The Stanton High School speech students traveled to the East Mills Elementary School (Nishna Valley) for the Corner Conference Speech Contest. The event was held on February 22nd and began at 4 PM. The following students had a chance to compete before the district contest: Emma Sallach (Literary Program and Storytelling), Bella Beam (Prose), AJ Baker (Literary Program and Prose), and Preston Carpenter (Radion News Announcing). On Saturday, February 24th, the students will travel to East Union High School for the Individual District Speech Contest. Please stay posted to the school's Facebook page for their performance times and centers. Best of luck to all the students competing!

Save the date! Elementary musicals are one month away on Tuesday, March 5th at 6:30pm.

It's that time of year when Stanton Elementary students will present their musical productions. The lower elementary musical is entitled "Cookies! The Musical." written by John Jacobson and Walter Jack. K-2nd Graders will be playing the bakers, and the 3rd Graders will have the speaking rolls of various kinds of cookies. This fun musical will also have some intruders... puppies who will be portrayed by the 2nd graders. The 4th-6th graders will then present Disney's Beauty and the Beast - (Junior version) Both musicals will be done with full costuming, sets and scenery. Cost will be \$5.

Yearbook Opportunity

The Stanton High School has added a new feature this year to the yearbook. With the new feature, Yearbook+, you'll be able to find, see, and share more of your favorite pictures that might not have been available in the physical copy of this year's yearbook. If you have any questions about Yearbook+, come and ask one of the yearbook staff! Remember: you can only get Yearbook+ if you purchase a yearbook!

Staff Highlights

Samantha Mass - Paraeducator

Mrs. Mass was born in Omaha, Nebraska and moved to Snohomish, Washington as a young girl where she spent most of her adolescence. She moved back to the Midwest for high school, where she graduated from Abraham Lincoln high school in Council Bluffs in 2010. Mrs. Mass married her high school sweetheart, Tyler, and they have been married 14 years in May. Her husband is a pastor at Citylight SouthWest Iowa, church. They have 5 children, Gracelyn, Jeremiah, Amelia, Benjamin, and Myles who all attend Stanton Community Schools.

She loves reading, watching documentaries, being in the sun, cleaning, and listening to podcasts! One of her favorite things about working at the Stanton Community School District is watching the light bulb click on when a student learns something new, or grasps a new concept! She also loves the staff and families that she gets to work with. She cares about each child as if they were her own. Mrs. Mass said, "The close knit community here in Stanton is one of a kind!"

Charmla Carpenter - MS/HS English-Language Arts Teacher

Mrs. Carpenter had a great start to life, being delivered by nuns! She was born in Corning at the Rosary Hospital and the doctor did not get there in time for her delivery. Her family moved to Stanton in 1975 and she attended first through 12th grade here, graduating with the class of 1987.

Mrs. Carpenter earned her BSEd in English/journalism from Northwest Missouri State University, and returned to Stanton to raise her boys Mykel Thoren and Bryton Thoren. In 2001, she married Scott Carpenter and five years later they had Preston, who is a senior in Stanton. She has taught in high school before, as well as being a roving news and sports reporter for local papers. She owned/operated a state certified daycare for over 15 years before coming back to the place she loves: the English classroom!!

She likes to read, write, take photos, garden, bike, and fish from the shore. She knew many of the kids before teaching here, but she has really gotten to know so many more. Mrs. Carpenter said, "I honestly love the help from other teachers (I ask a lot of questions!), the camaraderie of the entire staff, and most importantly, the best students in Iowa!"

SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Student of the Week



SADIE PAFFORD

"Sadie has been working extra hard on her reading and math!"

Student of the Week



KIELA FRANZEN

"Kiela is a leader in the classroom and in activities. She works well with others, and is a positive role model for younger students."

From the Desk of Our Principal

Upcoming Events:

- The end of the 3rd Quarter is Friday, March 8th.

Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress

Our 6th-11th grade students will be taking the Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress March 12th - 15th. Our 3rd-5th grade students will be taking the assessment March 19th - 22nd.

The Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress is aligned with the Iowa Core standards, providing a clear and accurate assessment of student learning outcomes. Just as in the everyday school activities, you can help your child do their best by seeing that he/she is fully rested. Breakfast will be served to students on testing days. While seniors do not take the statewide assessment, they will be taking CPR training during this time. Please note that CPR training is a requirement for graduation. More information will be sent to seniors and their parents regarding training dates and times. Please contact Mrs. Elwood or Mrs. McDonald if you have any questions regarding these statewide assessments or the CPR requirement.

Teammates Mentoring of Stanton is looking for additional mentors. If you would like to apply to become a mentor, you can find application information at www.teammates.org. If you have any questions regarding mentoring, please contact either Jody Druivenga or Katie Elwood at 712-829-2171.

The district has the following job openings:

- Paraeducator
- Assistant HS Track Coach
- JH Boys Track Coach
- Assistant Principal/Middle School Teacher
- K-12 Art Teacher
- MS/HS Family & Consumer Sciences Teacher
- MS/HS Science Teacher
- Spring/Summer Mowing and Grounds Maintenance

Please submit application materials to Katie Elwood, K-12 Principal, at kelwood@stantonschools.com or you may mail application materials to 605 Elliott Street, Stanton, IA 51573. More information may also be found online at www.iowaworks.gov.

Student Health Requirements:

K: Physical exam/health history, blood lead test/screening, dental and vision exams

3rd: Vision exam

7th: Tdap & 1st meningococcal vaccine

9th: Dental exam

12th: 2nd meningococcal vaccine

New and transfer students are expected to meet these requirements upon entry. Any medical concerns which may require attention during the school day require additional documentation including medication administration, diet modification forms and emergency plans for asthma, allergies, seizures, etc. Here is a link to the state requirements: <https://educate.iowa.gov/pk-12/student-services/specialized-support/health/requirements>

Sat, Feb 23rd

Mon, Feb 26th

Tues., Feb 27th

Wed., Feb 28th

Thurs., Feb 29th

Fri., March 1st

Upcoming Events

District Individual Speech

Boys Substate BB

No activities scheduled

No activities scheduled

1:05/1:15 Early Dismissal

All Iowa Dance Team

All Iowa Dance Team

Lunch and Breakfast Menu

Mon., Feb 26 th	Breakfast: Cereal, Muffin, Juice, Milk Lunch: Crispito/Hot Dog, Corn, Lettuce, Raisins, Mandarin Oranges, Teddy Grahams, Milk
Tues, Feb 27 th	Breakfast: French Toast, Muffin, Fruit Juice, Milk Lunch: Breakfast Pizza, Hashbrown, Juice, Pears, Tropical Fruit Milk
Wed. Feb 28 th	Breakfast: Bacon & Egg Pizza, Muffin, Juice, Milk Lunch: Sloppy Joes, Baked Beans, Potato Wedges, Pineapple, Mixed Fruit, Milk
Thurs, Feb 29 th	Breakfast: Strawberry Boili, Muffin, Fruit Juice, Milk Lunch: Mashed Potato Bowl, Corn, Mandarin Oranges, Peaches, Roll, Milk
Fri. March 1 st	Breakfast: Omelet/Toast, Muffin Fruit Juice, Milk Lunch: Grilled Cheese, Tomato Soup, Tri-Tater, Applesauce, Strawberries, Milk

