

# Stanton Community School

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## School Activities

### The Elementary Musical is 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.

### Individual Speech Contest

The Stanton High School students traveled to East Union High School on Saturday, February 24th, for individual district speech contest. Bella Beam received a division one rating in prose. AJ Baker received a division one rating in prose and a division one rating in original oratory. Emma Sallach received a division one rating in storytelling and a division one rating in literary program. Preston Carpenter received a division two rating in radio news. All students receiving a division one rating will advance to individual state speech contest at ADM High School on Saturday, March 9th. We want to thank the fantastic family support at the contest! Best of luck to all the students at the state speech contest!

### All-School Play

The Stanton All-School Play is hitting the stage on March 11th at 6 PM. The performance will be in the high school gym. 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!

### FCCLA Upcoming Blood Drive

Scholarship Blood Drive sponsored by FCCLA will take place on Wednesday, March 27th from 9:30-3:30 at the Viking Center. By donating blood, not only are you helping save lives, you are helping the school earn scholarships for graduating seniors. To schedule an appointment, either call the office at 829-2162 or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter Vikings.

### JH and HS Corner Conference Honor Band

Stanton students will be participating in the upcoming Corner Conference Honor Band on Tuesday, March 12 at Fremont Mills. Students will be practicing together starting at 1pm and then give a concert at 6:30pm. Cost for admission will be \$5. Congratulations to those who will be representing Stanton! JH - Gabe Kingery, Janae Schwery, Josiah Shipp, Jayden Snow, Lilly Focht, Dylan McCullum, Olivia McQueen, and Deacon Bruce. Representing the HS will be Nick Herrick, Adrian Haynie, Will Roberts and Rylan Grebin and Corinne Hopf.

### Save the date for the upcoming Pops Concert!

Our annual Pops Concert is scheduled for Thursday, March 14th starting at 6:30pm in the HS gym. The concert will feature the 5th and 6th Grade Band, JH and HS band along with community band members. Following the bands will be the JH Choir followed by the HS Choir. There will be soloists and even a duet. Admission will be a free will donation for the music department. Please come and hear all the Stanton musical talent!

## Stanton FFA

### Congratulations Clark!

Good luck to Clark Spencer at the SW District FFA Convention this Saturday in Clarinda. Clark will be competing in the Extemporeous Speaking contest.

### Stanton FFA Banquet

The Stanton FFA Banquet will be held Thursday, March 7th beginning at 6:00 pm in the School Gym. The banquet will include a meal, student and community award recognition, and Degree raising ceremonies. The Chapter will also install the 2024-25 Officer Team. The banquet will include roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn and cake. Free will donations will be asked to help cover the cost of food. All funds raised will be used for banquet costs and other Stanton FFA activities.

## Athletics

### Junior High Track

The junior high track team will begin practice on Monday, March 4th. We have 28 athletes participating this year! We will practice 8<sup>th</sup> hour only for the first two weeks and then will extend our practice time to 4:15 every day except on Wednesday (2:00). A schedule was sent home with students this week. Our fist track meet is scheduled for Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at Griswold.

### 6th grade Softball Girls & Parents:

High School softball will be doing some hitting practices before the season officially starts (1st official practice is 4/29/24). The dates/times of these hitting open gyms are listed below but I would like to invite any 6th grade girl that will be going out for softball this summer to join us for any or all of these open gyms prior to the season starting. **If your daughter is interested in joining us please have her text me at 712-370-7801 so I can have some kind of idea how many we will have at each open gym.** (Location will be at the VC as of now but that could change)

*March 15th, 18th, 19th, 21st, 22nd, 25th, 26th -- 6pm-7:30pm*

*March 20th & 27th -- 5pm-6:15pm (Wednesdays)*  
Also, if any of the girls are pitchers and/or catchers we would love to have them start joining us on Sunday evenings at 6pm for pitching/catching open gym (location is usually the HS gym). Each pitcher needs to provide their own catcher (if possible) but if a pitcher wants to come to open gym and they don't have anyone to catch for them we will figure something out and make it work so they can come and practice regardless. Catchers, if a student, also will need a minimum of a helmet/catcher's helmet. **If they will be coming to pitching/catching open gym please have them text me so if there is a location change or we end up having to cancel for some reason, I can text out that information.**

Any questions please email Brandie @ [bmcfarland@stantonschools.com](mailto:bmcfarland@stantonschools.com) or call/text 712-370-7801

## SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



### 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](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.iowaworks.gov).

### I-Smile Thank You

Thank you to Angela Pettit, RDH and the I-Smile Dental Program for providing 24 dental screenings, 24 fluoride treatments and 117 sealants to students who had parental consent in 2nd, 3rd and 4th grades. Estimated services totalled \$4,145.49. Thank you, also to the teachers and staff for collecting paperwork and being flexible with scheduling during the screening times.

**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!

#### Upcoming Events

**Fri., March 1<sup>st</sup>** All Iowa Dance Team  
**Sat., March 2<sup>nd</sup>** SW District FFA Convention  
**Mon., March 4<sup>th</sup>** No activities planned  
**Tues., March 5<sup>th</sup>** 6:30 Elementary Musical  
**Wed., March 6<sup>th</sup>** 1:05.1:15 Early Dismissal  
 1:30 CC Quiz Bowl @ Griswold  
**Thurs., March 7<sup>th</sup>** 7:30 am FFA Meeting  
 6:00 FFA Chapter Banquet  
**Fri, March 8<sup>th</sup>** ACT Registration  
 End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter  
**Sat., March 9<sup>th</sup>** State Individual Speech Contest

#### Lunch and Breakfast Menu

**Mon., Mar 4th** Breakfast: Cereal Bar, Muffin, Juice, Milk  
 Lunch: Rib/Hot Dog, Baked Beans, Tri Tater, Mandarin Oranges, Pineapple, Milk

**Tues, Mar 5th** Breakfast: Mini Donuts, Muffin, Fruit Juice, Milk  
 Lunch: Chicken Alfredo, California Vegetables, Lettuce, Pears, Applesauce, Roll, Milk

**Wed. Mar 6th** Breakfast: Cini Mini, Muffin, Juice, Milk  
 Lunch: Chicken Pattie/Bun, Cheesy Broccoli, Mixed Veggies, Mixed Fruit, Fruit Medley, Milk

**Thurs, Mar 7th** Breakfast: Strawberry Donut, Muffin, Fruit Juice, Milk  
 Lunch: Chili, Carrots, Pears, Applesauce, Cinnamon Roll, Milk

**Fri. Mar 8th** Breakfast: Cookie, Muffin Fruit Juice, Milk  
 Lunch: Fish Sandwich, Baked Beans, Potato Smiles, Peaches, Cantaloupe, Milk