

March 15, 2024

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School Activities

Notification of Student Absences

Parents must call the high school office (829-2162) or elementary office (829-2171) to report any student absences or to notify the office if a student needs to leave early or arrive late due to an appointment, trip, etc. This allows us to provide homework or anything the student might miss in advance of the absence. It is the parent's responsibility to notify the school in a timely manner. All student absences with no notification are unexcused absences on the student's attendance record. Parents can also email Mrs. Elwood at celwood@stantonschools.com in the high school office or Mrs. Druivenga at jdruivenga@stantonschools.com in the elementary office to report the above.

Stanton Community School Medication Policy Reminder

As per our student handbook: All medications need to be taken to the office and be in their original bottle and original label with written and dated request signed by the parents. **Students should not keep their medications on their persons.** We ask that all parents/guardians follow the guidelines set forth in the school handbook.

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, but you are also 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.

State Individual Speech Contest

The Stanton High School students traveled to ADM High School on Saturday, March 9th. It was a nice day of competition, and we had great support from our families! AJ Baker received an overall division 2 rating in prose and a 1, 2, 2, with an overall division 2 in original oratory. Izabella Beam received an overall division 2 rating in prose. Emma Sallach received a 1, 2, 2 with an overall division 2 rating in storytelling and a 1, 1, 1 with an overall division 1 rating in literary program. Congratulations to all speech performers at the state contest in Adel! Thank you for the great speech season!

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!

March Mayhem

March Mayhem Plans for Saturday, March 23!!

For over 20 years, our 3 on 3 basketball has been a lot of fun for players from Iowa, Nebraska, Wisconsin, Colorado, and beyond! There are 6 divisions including a Mens' division for the guys over 30! Slam Dunk and 3-point shooting contests will run between round robin and tournament play. Last, but certainly not least, Iowa's Largest Dodgeball tournament! Even if you don't play, you'll find plenty of entertainment. Visit our website www.stantonmarchmayhem.com

March Mayhem's Paddle Battle!! Friday, March 22!!

It is time to sign up your teams for Stanton's Annual March Mayhem! Friday night is the "Paddle Battle"! We'll be hosting Pickleball and Ping Pong! We have JH, HS, and adult divisions. Come join us for some exciting games and fun! Visit www.stantonmarchmayhem.com to sign yourself up or your teams. If you have any questions, Call/Text 712.621.6954.

In search of Ping Pong Tables.

Friday, March 22, we'll be hosting fun Ping Pong tournaments for all ages. We need a few tables, nets, and paddles. If you have a table, you are willing to loan us next week, we'd really appreciate it! Please contact Jeff Grebin if you have a table. We are willing to pick it up and return it. Call/Text 712.621.6954

Athletics

Softball

Softball Batting practice 3/15/24-3/27/24

There will be no batting practice on Friday 3/22/24 due to March Mayhem. Updated schedule is as follows:

Friday 3/15/24 6pm-7:30pm
Monday 3/18/24 6pm-7:30pm
Tuesday 3/19/24 6pm-7:30pm
Wednesday 3/20/24 5pm-6:15pm
Thursday 3/21/24 6pm-7:30pm
Friday 3/22/24 - No practice
Monday 3/25/24 6pm-7:30pm
Tuesday 3/26/24 6pm-7:30pm
Wednesday 3/27/24 5pm-6:15pm

Staff Highlights

Ann Zaiger - MS/HS Science Teacher

Mrs. Zaiger's hometown is Lewis, Iowa. She graduated from Griswold High School, She attended college at Colorado State University (Animal Science, Biology, Journalism); the University of Iowa, Iowa State University, the University of Northern Iowa (Teaching License), and the University of Phoenix (ELA Endorsement).

Mrs. Zaiger and her husband Jason have two sons: Elijah and Joseph (wife Claire), and two daughters: Elizabeth and Abigail. Her hobbies include traveling, working with her farm animals, and reading good books. She enjoys writing articles and lessons. Her favorite things about working at Stanton Community Schools are the wonderful and caring staff, and energetic students.

Kaitlin Allen - 5th Grade Teacher

Mrs. Allen's hometown is Shenandoah, IA. She attended Shenandoah High School and graduated from Buena Vista University. Mrs. Allen and her husband Bryce have two daughters: Mairin and Teagan.

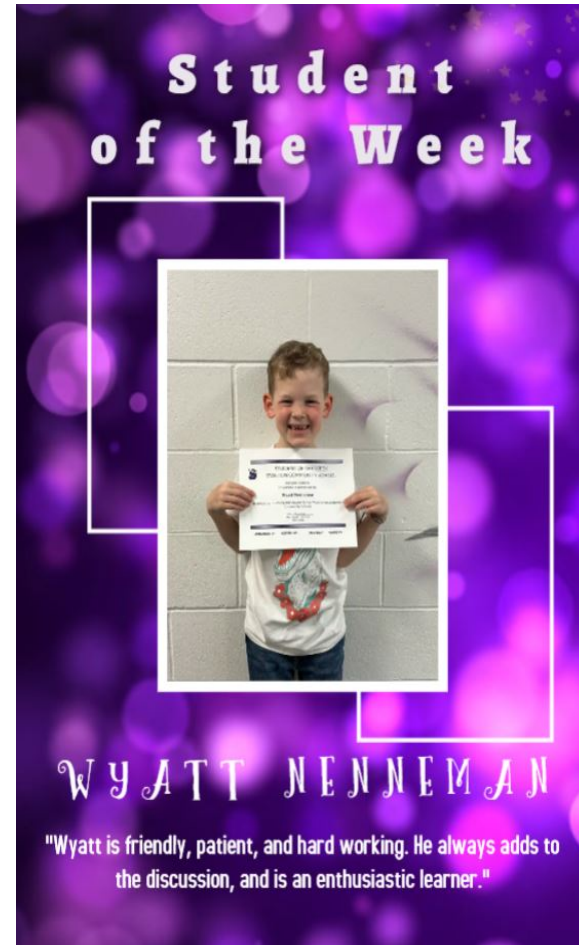
Mrs. Allen enjoys spending time with her family and friends, working out, and reading a good book (when she has time). She also enjoys volleyball and softball and cheering on the Chiefs. In the summer her family spends a lot of time at the racetrack watching Bryce race.

There are many things she enjoys about working in the SCSD but one of my favorites has to be all the friends and family I get to see throughout the day. "This is where my husband grew up and graduated from, so there are many familiar faces here that make my days so much brighter, and I love that I get to see them all every day! That makes working at SCSD feel like home and so welcoming," Mrs. Allen said.

Upcoming Events

Fri., March 15th MS/HS Assessments
Mon., March 18th Elementary Assessments
Tues., March 19th Elementary Assessments
Wed., March 20th 1:05/1:15 Early Dismissal
Elementary Assessments
Thurs., March 21st Elementary Assessments
Fri., March 22nd Elementary Assessments
March Mayhem
CC Art Fair Set Up
Sat., March 23rd March Mayhem
CC Art Fair

SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



From the Desk of Our Principal

Please note the following schedule change. Stanton is co-hosting a track meet at Griswold on Thursday, March 28th. Therefore, we will be altering our parent-teacher conference schedule. Conferences will be held on the following days/times:

- Wednesday, March 27th from 3:00-7:00 PM
- Thursday, March 28th from 8 AM - 3:30 PM

Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress

All 3rd-5th grade students will be taking the Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress (ISASP) next week - 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. Please contact Mrs. Elwood or Mrs. McDonald if you have any questions regarding these statewide assessments.

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.

Community News

The Stanton Community Garden plots are now available for rent. The garden is located on the north side of the Stanton Fire Station. Plots are \$15/plot and 4'x8'. For an application or more information, contact Justin Miller at the Stanton Viking Center at vikingcenter@myfmtc.com or (712)829-2900.

American Legion Easter Egg Hunt

Stanton American Legion Post #406 invites the children of Stanton to participate in an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 30 at 10:00 am at Accura Healthcare (213 Halland Ave.). Children through the second grade may participate. There will be three search areas for different age levels – the courtyard will be for Pre-school and younger; outside the courtyard will be for Kindergarten students; south of the parking lot will be for 1st and 2nd grade students. Come join the fun!!

Spring 2024 Marketplace in Stanton

The Spring marketplace will be held at the Stanton OLY on Saturday, April 6th from 10 am to 2pm. There are many local vendors of a variety of items who will be there! Admission is \$1.00. Come out and support our local vendors and the items they will have available.

Lunch and Breakfast Menu

Mon., Mar 18th	Breakfast: Cereal, Muffin, Fruit Juice, Milk Lunch: Hamburger/Bun, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Mixed Fruit, Cherry Crisp, Milk
Tues, Mar 19th	Breakfast: Pancakes, Muffin, Fruit Juice, Milk Lunch: Lasagna Roll-up, Lettuce, Carrots, Applesauce, Strawberries, Breadstick, Milk
Wed. Mar 20th	Breakfast: Bacon & Egg Pizza, Muffin, Fruit Juice, Milk Lunch: Burrito/Hot Dog, Corn, Ranchero Beans, Pears, Mandarin Oranges, Milk
Thurs, Mar 21st	Breakfast: French Toast, Muffin, Fruit Juice, Milk Lunch: Corn Dog, Baked Beans, Sweet Potato Fries, Macaroni Salad, Pineapple, Peaches, Milk
Fri. Mar 22nd	Breakfast: Breakfast Bar, Muffin, Fruit Juice, Milk Lunch: Shrimp Poppers, String Cheese, French Fries, Applesauce, Tropical Fruit, Animal Crackers, Milk