

March 22, 2024

# Stanton Community School

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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](mailto:celwood@stantonschools.com) in the high school office or Mrs. Druivenga at [jdruivenga@stantonschools.com](mailto:jdruivenga@stantonschools.com) in the elementary office to report the above.

### Battle of the Books

Congratulations to the 23-24 7th and 8th grade Battle of the Books Teams!! Double Booked (Addie Peterson, Lauren Roberts, Lilly Focht, Gracie Roberts, and Cailex Williams) and Page Turners (Josiah Shipp, Gabe Kingery, Elisabeth Kutzli, and Addison Spencer) did an excellent job on the online and author tests, qualifying both teams for the Ultimate Battle of the Books on April 10th in Underwood!

### Quiz Bowl

Stanton students traveled to Griswold for the Corner Conference Quiz Bowl on Wednesday, March 13. Eight teams competed with 2 teams each from East Mills, Fremont-Mills, Griswold and Stanton. Congratulations to all teams participating, everyone did a great job! Representing Stanton on the A Team was Preston Carpenter, Kyla Hart, Evan Hopf, Axel King, and Elly McDonald. Stanton's B Team was made up of Riley Burke, Kiela Franzen, Lauren Johnson, Hannah Olson, and Simon Showalter. Both teams competed in three matches and came away with one win out of three. It was a day spent in fun competition with our fellow Corner Conference schools!

### 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](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter Vikings.

### 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 Schedule:

\*Times are approximate depending on the number of team entries.

#### Friday, March 22

5:00 p.m. The Paddle Battle will begin! (Pickleball and Ping Pong)

#### Saturday, March 23

9:00 a.m. 3 on 3 basketball round robin

1:30 p.m. 3-Point shooting contest

1:45 p.m. Slam Dunk Contest

2:30 p.m. 3 on 3 basketball tournament

6:00 p.m. Dodgeball round robin begins!

## 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 3/22/24 - No practice

Monday 3/25/24 6pm-7:30pm

Tuesday 3/26/24 6pm-7:30pm

Wednesday 3/27/24 5pm-6:15pm

### HS Boys' Track & Field

The high school boys track & field team has been working hard and showing improvement on the track and in the weight room. Our numbers are under 20 this year and we are having fun. Their first meet is the Stanton-Griswold meet in Griswold next Thursday, March 28 beginning at 4:30 with running events. Despite not having school on Monday and Tuesday, April 1-2, we do have a meet in Lenox on Tuesday, April 2.

### JH Track

The junior high track team is off to a great start this season. The boys and girls are working hard and looking forward to some warmer weather to spend more time on the track. **We do have a change to our meet**

#### schedule already. Our updated schedule is:

Thursday, April 11 <sup>th</sup>	At Griswold	4:00 pm
Thursday, April 25 <sup>th</sup>	At Essex	4:00 pm
Friday, April 26 <sup>th</sup>	At Fremont Mills	4:00 pm
Friday, May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	At Corning	4:00 pm
Tuesday, May 7 <sup>th</sup>	At Griswold	4:00 pm
Friday, May 10 <sup>th</sup> *Conf. Meet*	At Fremont Mills	4:00 pm

## Staff Highlights

### Lacey Stephens, MS/HS Special Education Teacher and 6th Grade Math Teacher

Mrs. Stephens grew up in Mondamin, Iowa graduating from West Harrison High School. She attended college at Buena Vista University. Mrs. Stephens and her husband Chris have 5 children: Allysa, Dana, Lauren, Jenna, and Cooper. They also have a dog named Mini.

Her hobbies include watching her girls play sports, playing sports herself, and hanging out with family and friends. Her favorite thing about working at Stanton Community Schools is seeing Jenna and Cooper every day, and being involved in so many things which allows her to get to know so many different students and community members.


### Steve Johnson, Bus Driver

Steve Johnson grew up in Stanton, Iowa graduating from Stanton High School. He also graduated from Iowa State with an Associate's Degree. He worked at the Meat Animal Research Center in Clay Center, Nebraska for 2 years, farmed for 20 years, and was the head custodian at Stanton Community Schools for 20 years. Mr. Johnson has been a bus driver at Stanton since 2005.

Mr. Johnson is married to Arlene, and their daughters are Abbey, Michelle, Meredith, and Megan. They have 8 grandchildren. He enjoys gardening, working on his acreage with cows and calves, and antiquing. His favorite thing about working at Stanton Community Schools is driving the bus for the district and being around the kids on his route.

## SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

**Student  
of the Week**



**ELEANOR HOUDIER**

"She takes her time and always does her best. Her handwriting is amazing!"

**Student  
of the Week**



**JONAH SHIPP**

"Jonah is a leader in the classroom. He is always respectful, works well with others, participates in class discussions, and gives his best effort on a daily basis."

### 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](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students. Come join the fun!!

#### Spring 2024 Marketplace in Stanton

The Spring marketplace will be held at the Stanton OLY on Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 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

**There will not be classes at Stanton Community Schools Thursday, March 28th - Tuesday, April 2nd. We will resume classes on Wednesday, April 3rd.**

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 Katie Elwood at 712-829-2171.

The district has the following job openings:

- Elementary Special Education Teacher
- K-12 Art Teacher
- MS/HS Family & Consumer Sciences Teacher
- MS/HS Science Teacher
- Paraeducator
- Assistant HS Track Coach
- Assistant Custodian
- 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).

### Lunch and Breakfast Menu

Mon., Mar 25th	Breakfast: Cereal Bar, Muffin, Fruit Juice, Milk Lunch: Pork Chopette/Bun, Baked Beans, Ranch Potatoes, Apple Slices, Peaches, Milk
Tues, Mar 26th	Breakfast: Breakfast Bagel, Muffin, Fruit Juice, Milk Lunch: Creamed Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Mixed Fruit, Ice Cream, Roll, Milk
Wed. Mar 27th	Breakfast: Omelet & Toast, Muffin, Fruit Juice, Milk Lunch: Deep Dish Pizza, Corn, Tater Twisters, Pears, Applesauce, Milk
Thurs, Mar 28 <sup>th</sup>	NO SCHOOL
Fri. Mar 22 <sup>nd</sup>	NO SCHOOL
Mon, April 1st	NO SCHOOL
Tues.. April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	NO SCHOOL

### Upcoming Events

<b>Fri., March 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Elementary Assessments</b>
<b>Mon., March 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>No Scheduled Activities</b>
	<b>Book Fair</b>
<b>Tues., March 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Golf at Sidney</b>
	<b>Book Fair</b>
<b>Wed., March 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>1:05/1:15 Early Dismissal</b>
	<b>FCS Blood Drive at Viking Center</b>
	<b>3:00-7:00pm - P/T Conferences</b>
	<b>Book Fair</b>
<b>Thurs., March 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>
	<b>8:00 to 3:30 – P/T Conferences</b>
	<b>Golf at Corning</b>
	<b>Book Fair</b>
<b>Fri., March 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>
<b>Mon, April 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>
<b>Tues., April 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>