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November 10, 2023

Stanton Community School

***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.

**Veteran's Day Program**

The Veteran's Day Program will be this Friday at 10am in the H.S. Gymnasium. The combined JH and HS band will begin with a prelude called Heroic Tribute followed by the combined choir and band performing the National Anthem.  The elementary students will sing a very patriotic song called This Is America with slides to match the song along with their choreography.  The H.S Choir will also perform a patriotic medley called United We Stand.  The J.H. Choir will perform Blades of Grass and Pure White Stones with a matching patriotic video of Arlington Cemetery that honors veterans.  Gabe Kingery will be playing taps to close the program.

**Corner Conference HS Vocal Festival**

The Corner Conference Vocal Festival will be held in Sidney on Monday, November 13th.  All Corner Conference schools will come together to practice four selections that will be sung by the combined choirs.  A concert will be given at 6:30pm in the Sidney High School Gymnasium.  Each school will perform a special selection on this concert.  Stanton will perform Homeward Bound accompanied by H.S. senior - Ella Peterson.  Cost for the concert will be $5.

**Dance Team Showcase**

The Stanton Dance Team Showcase will be Saturday, November 18th at 6 pm at the Stanton High School. Admission is $5 and concessions will be available.

Stanton little girls dance/ cheer team will perform on November 18th at the showcase. Please have students at the Viking Center by 5:30 to practice. We will then go as a group to the high school gym.

**Get Your Stanton Bracelets!!**

Stanton dance team is selling purple/white/black Puravida bracelets to raise money for nationals in February. $10 each Stanton colors! These would make excellent Christmas gifts! Please contact Jana McCunn or any dance team member to purchase!

**Attn: All Seniors!!**

Please give two senior photos and a baby photo to Mrs. Carpenter before Thanksgiving break. These will be scanned for use in the yearbook. If we do not receive photos before then, we will use the Josten composite senior photo and no baby photo.

**Stanton FFA**

**You Are Invited to the Degree Raising Ceremony!**

The Stanton FFA Chapter will be holding their annual Degree Raising Ceremony on Tuesday, November 14th. The Ceremonies will begin at 7:00 pm in the school cafeteria. All members, parents and guests are welcome to attend.

FFA members will be recognized for their achievement by receiving their Greenhand (freshmen) and Chapter (sophomores) degrees.  FFA Chapter Officers will host the ceremony.

**96th National FFA Convention**

Six members of the Stanton FFA Chapter traveled to the 96th National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana that took place October 31st - November 4th. Members included: Dacey Henneman, Adrian Haynie, Nicholas Herrick, Logan McQueen, Grant Spencer and Clark Spencer.

During the National FFA Convention, the members had the chance to go to the FFA Career Expo where they could visit many colleges and agricultural businesses from across the country. They toured the National FFA Center and Beck Seeds. Members attended multiple convention sessions and were inspired by the keynote speaker and by the National Officers in their retiring addresses.  Members attended the National Band and Choir concert to watch member Clark Spencer perform with the National FFA Choir. Members also attended different workshops and took time to reflect more about their future. There were multiple leadership workshops, learning opportunities, and fun experiences.  Members were at the final session of the National FFA Convention and were able to witness the 2023-2024 National Officer Team be elected and installed, including Iowa’s own Kanyon Huntington be elected as the Central Region Vice President.

Congratulations to the Stanton FFA Chapter on being named one of eight 3-star Chapters in the state of Iowa and being recognized on the National FFA stage. Dacey Henneman, Chapter President and Grant Spencer, Chapter Sentinel received this award for the Chapter. This is the highest ranking a Chapter can receive. The program recognizes outstanding FFA chapters from throughout the country that actively implement the mission and strategies of the organization. These chapters improve chapter operations using the National Quality FFA Chapter Standards and a Program of Activities that emphasizes growing leaders, building communities, and strengthening agriculture. Chapters are rewarded for providing educational experiences for the entire membership.

Congratulations to Dacey Henneman who received a National ranking this year during the National Finalist Selection. Dacey received a National Silver for her Agricultural Proficiency Award.

Congratulations to Clark Spencer on being selected to perform as a tenor with the National FFA Chorus. This was the National FFA Chorus’ 75th Anniversary and they put on an amazing performance. The National FFA Chorus performed several times during the national convention and expo, adding excitement and motivation to the sessions through their music.

**Soil Judging Team**

The Stanton FFA Soil Judging Team participated in the Iowa FFA State Soils Evaluation Career Development Event on Saturday, October 21st in Ames, Iowa.  The team placed in the top 10 receiving a gold rating and 6th place overall. The team also placed 5th overall on the soil pits portion of the contest and 6th overall on the test portion of the contest. Team members were Dacey Henneman, Clark Spencer, Ella Peterson and Caden Sallach. Dacey Henneman was 10th place high individual on the soil pit portion of the contest and 12th place individual overall.  Caden Sallach was 7th place high individual on the test portion of the contest.

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**Spotlight on Students of the Week**

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*Yearbooks are now on sale for a mere $55! Find a yearbook student and get yours ordered today! Price increase is coming in November, so get yours at the lowest price now!*

*Also, anyone who has summer candids that the yearbook could use, contact Charm Carpenter for an email address to send those photos to! Thanks for your support!*

**Upcoming Events**

**Mon., Nov 13th 1st day of boys BB practice**

**6:30 HS Conf. Vocal Festival @ Sidney**

**Tues., Nov 14th FFA Degree Raising Ceremony**

**4:00 JH Boys BB w Shenandoah**

**Wed., Nov 15th Early Dismissal 1:05/1:15**

**Thurs., Nov 16th 4:00 JH Girls BB w Bedford**

**4:00 JH Boys BB @ Bedford**

**Sat., Nov 18th 6:00 Dance Team Showcase Night**

**Staff Highlights**

***Mrs. Jill Isaacson - MS/HS Math***

*Mrs. Isaacson grew up in the small town of Hills, Minnesota. She graduated from Hills-Beaver Creek high school. From there she attended Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa to obtain her Bachelor's degree in Mathematics with a Secondary Education Endorsement. After a few years of teaching, she went back to get her Master's degree in School Mathematics from Iowa State.*

*Jill is married to Dr. Todd Isaacson, family physician at Shenandoah Medical Center. They have two guinea pigs, Macy & Lacy.*

*In her free time, she enjoys all forms of exercising and trying out new recipes from Pinterest. Her favorite thing about working at Stanton Community School District is the small size. She loves the close relationships that are built after having the same students in my classroom for several years in a row.*

***Mrs. Leanne Johnson***

*Mrs. Johnson's hometown is Stanton, Iowa. She grew up on a farm southwest of Stanton. She went to Stanton Schools from kindergarten until she graduated in 1996. She attended college at Northwest Missouri State University.*

*Leanne and her husband Mark have two children, Andrew and Lauren who are juniors at Stanton High School. They also have two dogs, Kirby and Buster.*

*Her hobbies include walking her dogs or going on walks with friends. Mrs. Johnson's favorite things about working at Stanton Community School District are that she gets to see her own kids each day at school, and she loves the people she works with including staff and students.*

**Lunch and Breakfast Menu**

Mon., Nov 13th *Breakfast: Cereal Bar/Muffin/Juice/Milk*

*Lunch: Crispito/Hot Dog, Corn, Lettuce, Raisins, Peaches, Animal Crackers & Milk*

Tues, Nov 14th *Breakfast: Breakfast Bar/Muffin/Juice/Milk*

Lunch: Chicken Nuggets, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Pineapple, Oranges, Banana Muffin & Milk

Wed., Nov 15th *Breakfast: Pancake & Sausage on a Stick/Muffin/Juice/Milk*

Lunch: Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Peas, Green Beans, Peaches, Mandarin Oranges, Rice, Milk

Thurs., Nov 16th *Breakfast: Strawberry Donut/Muffin/Juice/Milk*

Lunch: Chili, Carrots, Pears, Applesauce, Cinnamon Roll & Milk

Fri., Nov 17th *Breakfast: Donut Holes/Muffin/Juice/Milk*

Lunch: Chicken Wrap, Lettuce/Cheese, Mixed Veggies, Cooked Carrots, Mixed Fruit, Pineapple, Milk

***From the Desk of Our Principal***

On this upcoming Veterans Day, the Stanton Community School District wants to recognize and thank all veterans for their service to our country.

With winter weather just around the corner, please note that the district will send a text and email if we have a late start or cancellation. We will also post to the district Facebook page and notify local news and radio stations. Please let the office know if you have any questions.

\* The state has allowed school districts to use up to 5 days of virtual learning in the school calendar as snow days. Similar to previous years, if we have advanced notice, we will send devices home with students and email parents if we are planning to have a remote learning day.

Upcoming Dates:

Tuesday, November 21st - MS/HS Midterm Grade Check

Wednesday, November 22nd - No School

Thursday, November 23rd - No School - Happy Thanksgiving!

Friday, November 24th - No School

**PEANUT/NUT AWARENESS POLICY**

At Stanton Schools, it is our top priority to ensure the safety of all students, staff, and visitors. The incidence of food allergies is rising rapidly, and therefore the following policy is now in place at Stanton Schools.

All treats brought into the school must be commercially prepared and packaged with an ingredient label. Students will not be allowed to pass out treats that do not meet these requirements.

Students that bring “cold lunch” to school will have a designated table to sit at in the lunchroom. Note: Students are allowed to bring peanut and tree nut containing products to school for cold lunch but should not eat any nut containing products anywhere in the school other than the designated cold lunch table.

No peanut/tree nut products will be served by staff-including ala carte items.

All bars for sale at the concession stand must be individually bagged or wrapped.