



Principal Update:

Stanton Community Schools is offering driver's education through Drive Right for the 2025-26 school year. Please use the link below or the Driver's Education link on our school website for more details.

<https://www.driverightiowa.com/fm-312766.html>

Teammates

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 Ashley McDonald or Katie Elwood at 712-829-2162.

Music, Music, Music!

It's the most wonderful and busy time of the year! JH & HS students are gearing up for our Winter Holiday Concert along with 5th and 6th grader band students. The concert will be Tuesday, Dec. 16th at 6:30pm. Admission will be a free-will donation. Please invite friends and family to our concert.

Santa Lucia! It's coming up next weekend on Sat. Dec. 13th. You won't want to miss this beautiful annual event as we have the traditional Swedish dancing by our 5th and 6th graders along with some of our 4th graders. 1st - 6th graders will be singing in Swedish costumes. Funny and hilarious skits and videos have been prepared for this year's theme... The Swedish Oskars! The program concludes with the crowning of the 2025 Lucia Queen. Come and enjoy this free event at 7pm on Dec. 13th!

Kindergarten Christmas Program - Our kindergartners are preparing for their program on Friday, December 19th which will be held in the music room for parents and grandparents. That program will start at 12:30pm.

Stanton's LEGO League team of Johah Shipp, Trent Sunderman, Shane Connor and Wesley Mainquist competed at the LEGO League West Des Moines Qualifier on Saturday, November 22. They placed 6th out of 28 teams in the robot competition and also received the Core Values Award. Congratulations!

Yearbooks have increased to \$60. Be sure to get yours ordered! Yearbooks make a GREAT Christmas gift, and the staff has gift certificates available. Contact Mrs. Carpenter at the school, order online through Jostens. Remember, with the purchase of a yearbook, the buyer has access to hundreds of digital photos as well.

The Stanton community will celebrate the 74th annual Santa Lucia on Saturday, December 13th at 7:00 p.m. in the Stanton High School gym.

The evening will feature Swedish singing and dancing by the elementary students under the direction of Leland Lantz, a skit, a performance by the Skona Maj Singers, recognition of former queens, and the crowning of the new Santa Lucia Queen by last year's queen, Kyla Hart.

Voting for the 2025 Santa Lucia Queen will take place earlier that day at the Swedish Cultural Center (Old Main) from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. All residents of the Stanton Community School District who are school-age and older are eligible to vote, and families of open-enrolled students may participate as well. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes will be crowned Santa Lucia Queen during the evening ceremony.

A bake sale will be held in the concourse before and after the celebration.

Please join us for a festive and memorable evening

Dance Team

On Thursday December 4th, The Stanton/Red Oak Dance Team performed at the Iowa State Dance Championships.

Congratulations to the team on receiving Class 1 State Champions in Hip Hop. The team also received a Division 1 on their pom routine. Congratulations on amazing performances. We are proud of you!!



STUDENT OF THE WEEK



EVERETT PETERSON

"Everett is respectful and works well with others. His actions each day are a strong reflection of our Viking Values!"



STUDENT OF THE WEEK



EASTON BIRT

"Easton is respectful to others and has done a nice job with all the newness of Middle School. He is helpful in the classroom and is a positive role model."



From Our School Nurse

This time of year-when students are wearing coats, hats, scarves, and hooded sweatshirts-always brings an increased risk of lice transmission. We kindly ask families to be especially vigilant by **checking children's hair regularly** and ensuring **long hair is worn in braids, ponytails, or buns** to help reduce the likelihood of spread.

How to Check Your Child for Lice

- Look closely at the scalp, particularly **behind the ears, at the nape of the neck, and along the hairline**.
- Use a bright light or natural sunlight for better visibility.
- Lice are tiny, move quickly, and avoid light, so you may see **nits (eggs)** instead-small, oval, whitish/yellowish dots attached firmly to hair strands.
- Nits do *not* flake off like dandruff.

How to Treat Head Lice

1. **Use an over-the-counter lice treatment shampoo** exactly as instructed.
2. **Comb out nits** using a fine-toothed nit comb on wet, conditioned hair.
3. Repeat treatment in **7-10 days** to kill newly hatched lice.
4. Avoid sharing hats, brushes, hair accessories, coats, and bedding.
5. Notify the school nurse if treatment was necessary.

Home Cleaning Guidelines

- Wash bedding, hats, clothing, and coats in **hot water** and dry on high heat.
- Items that cannot be washed can be placed in a sealed plastic bag for **48-72 hours**.
- Vacuum carpets, upholstered furniture, and car seats.
- Soak hairbrushes and combs in **hot water for 10 minutes**.

What's Cookin'?

Monday, Dec 8th – NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, Dec 9th -Breakfast: Smores Bar, Fruit, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Rib/Hot Dog, Baked Beans, Hashbrown, Oranges, Peaches, Milk

Wednesday, Dec 10th -Breakfast: Pancake & Sausage on a Stick, Fruit, Juice, Milk. **Lunch:** Lasagna Roll-Up, Lettuce, Carrots, Applesauce, Pears, Breadstick, Milk.

Thursday, Dec 11th -Breakfast-Bagel Bites, Fruit, Juice, Milk. **Lunch:** Pork Pattie, Mashed Potatoes, Cooked Carrots, Peaches, Mixed Fruit, Roll, Milk.

Friday, Dec 12th -Breakfast-Breakfast Sandwich, Fruit, Juice, Milk. **Lunch:** Chicken Pattie/Bun, Broccoli Salad, Mixed Veggies, Apple Slices, Pears, Milk.

Upcoming Events

Fri., Dec 5	4:00 JH Boys 8 th BB @ Stanton
	5:00 JH Boys BB @ Essex
	6:00 Varsity Girls BB @ Essex
	7:30 Varsity Boys BB @ Essex
Sat., Dec 6	10:00 HS Girls Wrestling @ Audubon
	4:00 HS Girls Bowling @ Clarke
Mon., Dec 8	6:00 Varsity Girls BB @ SWV
	6:00 JV Boys BB @ SWV
	7:15 Varsity Boys BB @ SWV
	7:15 JV Girls BB @ SWV
	4:15 JH Boys BB @ Sidney
Tues., Dec 9	4:15 JV Girls BB @ Sidney
	5:00 JV Boys BB @ Sidney
	6:00 Varsity Girls BB @ Sidney
	7:15 Varsity Boys BB @ Sidney
	8:30- 2:30 Blood Drive @ Viking Center
Wed., Dec 10	4:00 JH Boys BB @ Stanton
Thur., Dec 11	5:30 HS Girls Wrestling @ Red Oak