

Stanton Community School

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Friday, February 20th

Principal Update:

Upcoming Events:

The end of the 3rd quarter will be Friday, March 13, 2026. Parent-Teacher conferences will be held on Monday, March 23rd.

Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress:

Our elementary students (grades 3-5) will be taking the ISASP the week of March 10-13. MS/HS students (grades 6-11) will be taking the ISASP the week of March 17-20. More information regarding testing week will be sent in an email to parents. If you have any questions regarding the statewide test, please contact Mrs. Elwood, Mr. Hartman, or Mrs. McDonald.

Current Job Openings:

- Paraeducator
- Elementary Teacher
- Special Education & Elementary Teacher
- K-12 Physical Education Teacher
- Assistant Volleyball Coach
- JH and HS Football and Basketball Cheer Sponsor
- Van Route Driver
- Bus Route Driver (26-27 school year)
- Substitute Teachers, Paraeducators, Kitchen Staff, and Bus Drivers

If you would like to apply for any of these positions, please contact Katie Elwood at kelwood@stantonschools.com, or apply online at <https://iowa.schoolspring.com/>

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.

All-School Play

Blather, Blarney and Balderdash

Inspired by Folk and Fairy Tales from the Emerald Isle
By Patrick Rainville Dorn

Get ready for laughter, mischief, and a wee bit of Irish magic! In this hilarious and action-packed ensemble comedy, three wild and crazy leprechauns set out to help tongue-tied shepherd Fin O'Grady learn how to tell a proper story — and win the hand of his one true love. What follows is a whirlwind of raucous storytelling inspired by beloved Irish folk and fairy tales.

With the help of the wee folk of Ireland, Blather, Blarney, and Balderdash bring three delightful tales to life: *The Hunchback of Knockgraston* — where kindness earns an unexpected reward and a cruel rival learns it's unwise to meddle with little people. *The Griffin's Feather* — a daring adventure featuring a sneezing girl, a frenzied farmer, a bombastic boatman, and a brave young hero who must pluck three feathers from a hen-pecked griffin to awaken a sleeping beauty. *The Bird, the Mouse, and the Cricket* — a courageous lass and three magical creatures risk it all to restore a sour prince's lost laughter. At the heart of it all, shy Fin discovers that stories are treasures that grow richer the more they're shared. Join us for an evening of laughter, legend, and a little Irish luck! Save the date--Friday, March 13th at 6 PM! Stanton FCCLA students will be having a fundraiser that evening, offering Irish-themed treats. More details will be shared soon.

Individual Speech Contest

On Monday, the individual speech students will travel to Fremont-Mills High to compete in the Corner Conference Contest. Chloe Newsome will be performing her literary program about buttons, and Zach Haley will be sharing his literary program about work. Then Saturday, February 28th, we will travel to East Union High School to compete at the District Individual Speech Contest. The school's Facebook page will post their centers and times for both Monday and Saturday competitions. Best of luck!

Elementary Musicals coming up on March 6!

Save the date! The elementary musicals are just around the corner. On Friday, March 6th, the K-3rd graders will be presenting a super cute musical called "**Pajama Party!**" This will start promptly at 6:30pm. The third graders will have the spoken lines and the K-3rd grade will sing songs about having a party, mom's expectations before bed, a cozy special friend, and even the possibility of a monster under the bed. Of course, there will be a special lullaby too.

Following this short musical will be the 4th-6th graders production of "**The Wizard of Oz JR**". You don't want to miss this production that has a real "Toto" played by Chaukins King along with all the well known characters along with sets, scenery, props, costumes and action - you don't want to miss this one! Cost is \$5. Tickets can be purchased at the door.

Jr. High Girls Basketball

The Stanton Viqueens Jr. High Girls Basketball Team wrapped up an exciting and memorable season filled with growth, determination, and team pride. From the first practice to the final buzzer of the year, these young athletes showed what it truly means to represent their school with heart and hustle. This season was defined not just by wins and losses, but by steady improvement. The Viqueens developed stronger fundamentals, sharpened their defensive pressure, and learned how to work together under pressure. Game by game, their confidence grew. Close matchups turned into lessons in resilience, and big victories highlighted just how far the team had come.

One of the team's greatest strengths was their unity. Whether it was diving for loose balls, making the extra pass, or encouraging one another from the bench, every player played an important role. Leadership from returning players helped guide newer teammates, creating a positive and supportive team culture. The team emphasized discipline, sportsmanship, and effort, and they all rose to the challenge. Practices were competitive and energetic, helping build not only basketball skills but also character and accountability.

Beyond the court, the Viqueens represented Stanton Jr. High with class. Their sportsmanship, respect for opponents, and teamwork made the school community proud. As the season comes to a close, the future looks bright for the Stanton Viqueens. With returning players gaining experience and younger athletes stepping up, this team is building something special. Congratulations to the Stanton Viqueens Jr. High Girls Basketball Team on a fantastic season filled with growth, grit, and Viqueen pride!

Hydration tips for children:

Most of our body is made up of water. Water helps maintain body temperature, make bodily fluids, and helps our bodies function day to day. Dehydration is when your body does not have enough fluids to be able to function properly. This can lead to serious medical problems, but it can also affect your child's performance in physical activity and in school. Dehydration can happen any time of year, including the winter. Children are at a higher risk for dehydration than adults. By the time your child feels thirsty, they are probably already dehydrated.

To avoid dehydration, encourage your child to drink water. Fruit juices, soft drinks, and mineral waters may lead to tooth decay and contain acidic and sugars so water is the best option. Children in this age group should drink 5-6 cups of water per day.

Below are some tips to help your child stay hydrated:

- Make sure they have a water bottle, even at school, and remind them to drink before physical activity and during breaks in their activity
- Make sure they have a big drink after any physical activity to make up for any sweat they have lost
- Role model drinking plenty of water

STUDENT OF THE WEEK



LEO SMITH

"Leo sets a great example and is a leader. He consistently shows kindness, always has a positive greeting, and is a good friend to others."



STUDENT OF THE WEEK



COOPER DREYER

"Cooper always comes into class positive, turns in great work, and is always willing to help others. He is always active in class and is a true joy to be around!"



HAPPY NATIONAL FFA Week

FEBURARY 22ND-28TH

High school students were able to meet and talk with Senator Chuck Grassley Feb 18. They got to learn more about what our Senator does for us and how they can get more involved as citizens.



National FFA Week Dress up days

Tuesday PJAMAS

Wednesday BLUE AND GOLD

Thursday HAT DAY

Friday FFA SHIRT

CELEBRATE NATIONAL FFA WEEK BY PARTICIPATING IN THE DRESS UP DAYS!

Next week the winner of the Get Ducky! contest will be announced. There are 14 ducks hidden in the hallways, concourse, lunchroom, of the building. Find some and get a discount off of your yearbook!!!

What's Cookin'?

Monday, Feb 23-NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, Feb 24- Breakfast: Cereal, Fruit, Juice, Milk. **Lunch:** Hamburger/Bun, Potato Smiles, Baked Beans, Mixed Fruit, Apple Slices, Milk.

Wednesday, Feb 25- Breakfast: Bacon & Egg Pizza, Juice, Milk. **Lunch:** Chicken Strips, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Cooked Carrots, Oranges, Peaches, Roll, Milk.

Thursday, Feb 26 - Breakfast: French Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Burrito/Hot Dog, Corn, Lettuce, Mixed Fruit, Peaches, Milk

Friday, Feb 27- Breakfast- Cresnet Roll, Fruit, Juice, Milk. **Lunch:** Deep Dish Pizza, Broccoli Salad, Carrots, Pears, Applesauce, Milk

SDT SHOWGASE



March 8th
Stanton Gym
Start at 6:00pm

\$5 ADMISSION
COME OUT AND CHEER
ON YOUR FAVORITE
DANCER'S AND
SUPPORT THE TEAMS!

TEAMS PERFORMING:
STANTON DANCE TEAM
IVCG DANCE TEAM
SWCG DANCE TEAM
STUDIO 147
PROJECT G
RYANN'S DANCE ACADEMY

Upcoming Events

Fri., Feb 20
Sat., Feb 21
Mon., Feb 23 NO SCHOOL
CC Speech @ FM
Tues., Feb 24 National FFA Week
Wed., Feb 25 National FFA Week
Thur., Feb 26 National FFA Week
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