

Stanton Community School

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Friday, January 30th

District Large Group Speech Contest

This Saturday, Stanton High School speech students traveled to Mt. Ayr High School to compete in the District Large Group Speech Contest. The day began with a short film performance by Rhys King and Hannah Gibbs, *The Great Unknown/Fanum Tax*, which earned a Division II rating. Next, the short film group of Eric Kutzli, Elisabeth Kutzli, Grant Spencer, and Addie Spencer presented *Sock Puppets/Chess Boxing* and also received a Division II rating.

The contest continued with a radio broadcasting performance by Nolan Case, Cooper Dreyer, Jayden Snow, Kennedy Stites, Tristan Elwood, Corinne Hopf, and Adrianna Valdez, who presented *WAI-FM* and earned a Division I rating. The day concluded with another radio broadcasting entry, *WGRV*, performed by Addy Gettler, Addie Peterson, Addison Jones, Piper French, Cooper Stephens, Lauren Roberts, and Quinn McDonald, which also received a Division I rating.

All students who earned a Division I rating will advance to the State Large Group Speech Contest on February 7 at West Des Moines Valley High School. Thank you for the great support from all our families!



Stanton's little dance and cheer camp kids will be performing on Friday, Jan 30th. We will perform at halftime of the boys' game. Please have kids at the gym by 7 pm. We will meet at the Viking center, practice a few times, and then walk over to the gym together! Please wear your camp t-shirts!

Any questions, please reach out to Jana McCunn at 712-789-0145

Respiratory illnesses such as colds, influenza, **strep throat**, and COVID are circulating in our school community. Please help us reduce the spread of illness by:

- Keeping students' home if they are sick
- Ensuring students are fever-free for **24 hours without medication** before returning to school
- Remembering that students diagnosed with **strep throat must be on antibiotics for 24 hours** before returning
- Encouraging frequent handwashing and covering coughs and sneezes
- Sending a water bottle to support hydration and wellness

Thank you for partnering with us to keep our school healthy!

Principal Update:

The MS/HS midterm grade check is next Friday, February 6th. Students and parents can monitor grades and student progress using JMC. If you have questions about how to access grades in JMC, please contact the school office. If you have questions regarding your student's progress, we encourage you to reach out to your child's teacher(s). Thank you for your continued collaboration and support!

Current Job Openings:

- Paraeducator
- Special Education & Elementary Teacher
- K-12 Physical Education Teacher
- 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

January is National Mentoring Month. We want to thank all of our community members who have volunteered to mentor through Teammates of Stanton!

Teammates Mentoring of Stanton is also 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.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK



GRACE RAMSEY

"Grace is responsible, motivated, and eager to learn. She comes to class prepared, pays attention, and participates actively in class. She is a wonderful friend and always makes sure everyone is included. Keep it up Grace!"



STUDENT OF THE WEEK



GRACELYN MASS

"Grace always has a smile on her face and is pleasant to be around. She exhibits good character and tries her hardest in class."



Assistant Principal's Guide to Not Becoming a Human Popsicle

Dear Brave Educators and Students,

As I write this, I can see my breath indoors (okay, maybe that's just the broken heater in my office), but it's officially **COLD** outside! Since we're all basically arctic explorers now, I thought I'd share some survival tips to help our school community navigate these frigid times with humor intact and fingers still functional.

The Great Layering Strategy

For Students: Yes, you can wear your hoodie under your jacket, under your coat, under your blanket cape. We're not judging—we're impressed by your commitment to warmth! Just make sure you can still fit through doorways. And MS/HS students, seriously **WEAR YOUR COAT!**
For Teachers: That "professional attire" policy? Let's call it "creatively interpreted" when it's below freezing. Fuzzy slippers under your desk are now considered essential safety equipment.

Hot Beverage Survival Guide

- **Coffee** is now a food group (always has been for this over-caffinated administrator).
- **Hot chocolate** counts as a vitamin supplement
- **Tea** is basically liquid meditation
- **Soup** in a thermos = portable happiness

Pro tip: If your coffee freezes before you finish it, you're either drinking too slowly or it's time to move to Florida.

Winter Transportation Wisdom

The Morning Car Ritual:

1. Start car, let it warm up for a few minutes ✓
2. Scrape ice while questioning life choices ✓
3. Realize you're now late (because you started at the same time as always) ✓
4. Drive to school looking like a marshmallow ✓

For Bus Riders: You're the real heroes. We salute your dedication and recommend investing in those little hand warmers—they're like tiny hugs for your fingers!

School Building Survival Tips

- **Classroom temperatures vary wildly.** Mr. Grebin's room might be tropical while Mrs. Isaacson's is basically Antarctica. Dress in layers!
- **The gymnasium** is surprisingly warm during winter. Suddenly PE class doesn't seem so bad, does it?
- **Cafeteria hot lunch** hits differently when it's cold outside. Even the mystery meat seems appealing when you're freezing!

The Sniffles Situation

Yes, everyone sounds like they're speaking through a stuffy nose. Yes, tissues are now our most valuable currency. No, we're not all sick—our noses are just on strike until spring returns.
Tissue Etiquette Reminder: Please don't hoard the good tissues from the main office. We see you eyeing that box of Kleenex with lotion!

Important Reminders

- **Parking lot ice skating** is not an official winter sport—please walk carefully!
- **Building doors** may be harder to open with mittens on. We're considering this upper body strength training.
- **Lost and found** is overflowing with scarves, hats, and single gloves. It's like a winter accessories graveyard in there.

Final Words of Wisdom

Remember, we're all in this frozen tundra together! Be kind to each other, share your hand warmers, and remember that complaining about the cold is now our official small talk topic until April. Stay warm, stay safe, and remember—this too shall pass (hopefully by June).

Warmly yours (literally seeking warmth),
Assistant Principal Hartman
P.S. If you have any complaints about the temperature, please submit them in writing to the North Pole. I hear they're accepting applications for climate control specialists.
❄️ **Stay frosty (but not too frosty), Stanton CSD Family!** ❄️



Poetry Tea Time is held every Tuesday at 3:45 in Mrs. Carpenter's room. If you like to write poetry, read poetry, or listen to poetry and enjoy conversations about poets and poetry, feel free to stop in!

Yearbooks have increased in price to \$65. Be sure to order yours now and get access to digital photos through Yearbook+. Only students who purchase a yearbook have access to the digital photos. Find a yearbook staff member or Mrs. Carpenter and get yours ordered now!

Don't forget the Stanton Anchor is published every month in the Red Oak Express! What is the Anchor? It is the Stanton school page. The journalism class works hard to cover all the activities that the students are involved in through Stanton. The journalism students take photos and write articles every month for a recap as well as make ads for upcoming events. Support your students and your school by picking up your copy of the Red Oak Express on February 11!

Bible Club
We have a great group of kids attending Bible Club this year!
Change of dates: There **will be** Bible Club on February 4th. Remind your kiddos to grab all of their snow gear when they leave the church. We try to get lost and found back to the school, but, a lot of times, kids don't check for it.

What's Cookin'?

Monday, Feb 2 -NO SCHOOL
Tuesday, Feb 3 - **Breakfast:** Pop Tart, Fruit, Juice, Milk. **Lunch:** Stuffed Crust Pizza, Lettuce, Carrots, Pears, Applesauce, Milk.
Wednesday, Feb 4 - **Breakfast:** Strawberryboli, Juice, Milk. **Lunch:** Sloppy Joe, Baked Beans, Tri-Tater, Mixed Fruit, Raisins, Milk.
Thursday, Feb 5 - **Breakfast:** Apple Frudel, Fruit, Juice, Milk. **Lunch:** Tuna Noodle Casserole, Peas, Green Beans, Oranges, Peaches, Roll, Milk
Friday, Feb 6 - **Breakfast-** Stuffed Waffle, Fruit, Juice, Milk. **Lunch:** Chicken Wrap, Lettuce/Cheese, Cooked Carrots, Cheesy Broccoli, Apple Slices, Mixed Fruit, Milk

Upcoming Events

Fri., Jan 30	12:30 Girls Bowling @ Denison 4:00 JH Boys Wrestling @ Griswold 4:00 JH Girls BB vs EM 4:00 HS G Wrestling Qualifying Meet @ Atlantic 6:00 V G/B BB vs EM (Parents Night)
Sat., Jan 31	8:00 Stanton 5/6 Girls BB Tourney
Mon., Feb 2	10:00 Girls Bowling State Qualifying 4:00 JH Boys Wrestling @ EM 4:00 HG Girls BB @ Bedford
Tues., Feb 3	4:00 JH G BB @ Hamburg 6:00 Varsity G/B BB @ Hamburg
Wed., Feb 4	
Thur., Feb 5	4:00 JH G BB vs Heartland Christian 4:15 JH Boys Wrestling @ Griswold 6:00 V G/B BB vs Seymour
Fri., Feb 6	6:00 v G/B BB @ FM

