

Stanton Community School

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Friday, March 6th

Principal Update:

Upcoming Events:

The end of the 3rd quarter will be next 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. An email has been sent to all parents regarding additional information on testing. 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
- 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 Knockgrifton* — 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 District Speech Contest

Stanton High School student, Zach Haley, competed in Literary Program with his selection of "Work". On Saturday, February 28th, he performed at the District Individual Speech Contest at East Union High School. Zach received a division two rating. This past Monday, he was first place in his category at the Corner Conference Contest at Fremont-Mills High School. Congratulations on the great work!

We will make up our February 20th snow day on Monday, March 30th.

Elementary Musicals coming 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 Chonkins 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.

It's almost time....! 💜💛

- This Sunday is our Stanton/Red Oak Dance Team showcase at the Stanton High School Gym! We have so many fun performances! The show starts at 6! Grab family and friends and come out and support these amazing dancers!

- Youth Stanton Dancers, who were part of the little Stanton dance/cheer camp, will be dancing! If we could have all of them there by 5:30 in the lunchroom to practice and warm up! Thank you!

SDT SHOWGASE



**March 8th
Stanton Gym
Start at 6:00pm**

TEAMS PERFORMING:
STANTON DANCE TEAM
IWGG DANCE TEAM
SWGG DANCE TEAM
STUDIO 147
RYANN'S DANCE ACADEMY
LITTLE STANTON DANCERS

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

Junior High Boys and Girls Track

The Stanton Junior High track program will begin practices on Tuesday, March 10th. Practices are scheduled for 8th hour through 4:30 pm daily. On "No School" Mondays, the teams will practice from 3:00 to 4:30 and we ask that students do not arrive prior to 2:50 on those days. The teams have 7 meets on their schedule this year. The first meet of the season is scheduled for Tuesday, April 14th at Red Oak. More information and a complete schedule will be sent home with students the first week of practice.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK



SADIE HANDLEY

"Sadie comes to school everyday with a smile on her face! She is friendly to her classmates and teachers. Sadie demonstrates the school-wide values of a Stanton Viqueen!"



STUDENT OF THE WEEK



BENNETT BATES

"Bennett is always very positive and helpful to others. He exemplifies great attitude and respect."



March Madness: The Month That Can't Make Up Its Mind!

A Message from Your Assistant Principal Mr. Hartman

March has arrived, and with it comes the most wonderfully unpredictable month of the year! As we settle into the final stretch before spring break, I thought I'd share some delightfully quirky facts about this fascinating month that might just make you smile during those busy days ahead.

☁️ March Weather: Nature's Mood Swings

You know March has arrived when you need a winter coat at 8 AM, shorts by lunch, and an umbrella by dismissal! March is famous for coming "in like a lion and out like a lamb" (or sometimes the other way around). This month holds the record for the most unpredictable weather patterns, which explains why our custodial staff has given up trying to predict which doors students will actually use to avoid puddles, snow, or surprise sunshine.

🍀 Lucky March Traditions

March brings us **St. Patrick's Day**, where suddenly everyone discovers they're "a little bit Irish." Did you know that Chicago dyes their entire river green for the celebration? Meanwhile, we'll be satisfied if our cafeteria's green Jell-O doesn't glow in the dark! And yes, pinching is still not an acceptable way to enforce dress code compliance, even if someone forgets to wear green.

🏀 March Madness Mathematics

Speaking of madness, **March Madness** gives us 68 college basketball teams competing in a single-elimination tournament. The odds of picking a perfect bracket? About 1 in 9.2 quintillion. For perspective, you're more likely to be struck by lightning while being attacked by a shark during a solar eclipse. Yet somehow, every year, someone's grandmother who picks teams based on mascot cuteness ends up winning the office pool!

🕒 Spring Forward Shenanigans

March also brings us **Daylight Saving Time** – that magical time when we "spring forward" and collectively lose an hour of sleep. It's the one day of the year when being late is a community-wide experience. Pro tip: This is not an acceptable excuse for tardiness for the entire rest of the month, despite what some creative students might argue!

🌸 Signs of Spring (Maybe?)

March teases us with the **first day of spring** on the 20th, though Mother Nature often seems to have missed that memo. This is the month where you'll see brave crocuses poking through snow, confused birds returning to find their favorite trees still bare, and maintenance staff who've given up trying to predict whether to turn on the heat or air conditioning.

📖 Reading Month Revelation

March is **National Reading Month**, which gives us the perfect excuse to curl up with a good book while we wait for the weather to decide what season it wants to be. Fun fact: Dr. Seuss's birthday (March 2nd) kicks off our reading celebrations, and his books contain exactly 50 different words in "Green Eggs and Ham" – a vocabulary challenge that puts our spelling bee contestants to shame!

👁️ Looking Ahead

As we navigate through March's delightful chaos together, remember that this month perfectly embodies our school spirit: unpredictable, energetic, full of surprises, and always keeping us on our toes! Whether we're dodging puddles, cheering for basketball teams, or celebrating reading achievements, March reminds us that the best learning happens when we embrace the unexpected.

Stay flexible, keep laughing, and don't forget to check the weather before you leave the house – though honestly, it probably won't matter by the time you get here anyway!

Go Vikings/Viqueens!

Mr. Hartman

Your Slightly over-caffinated Assistant Principal

P.S. – If anyone figures out how to accurately predict March weather, please report to the main office immediately. The facilities team would like to have a word with you!

The 2026 Corner Conference Art Fair will take place in the Stanton High School Gymnasium from **Friday, March 27th - Monday, March 30th**. If any students have projects from the school year that they would like to put in the art show, they need to take them to Mrs. King to be labeled and collected.

Just Ducky Winners: Rhys King, Hannah Gibbs, Braxton James, Ty Roberts, and Quinn McDonald.

Congratulations! Be sure to stop by Mrs. Carpenter's room for your coupon!!

All others: Remember to purchase your yearbook. It's the groovy thing to do!

Softball Fundraiser

The HS Softball Team is doing a fundraiser with Dirt Road Candle Co out of Lewis, IA. The candles are 8 oz and come in a variety of scents. Candles are \$24.95 each. Contact any 8th-12th grade softball girl if you are interested. Cash, check or Venmo accepted. Must pay at time of order. Any questions, contact Coach Brandie at 712-370-7801. Thank you for supporting the softball team.

What's Cookin'?

Monday, Mar 9-NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, Mar 10- Breakfast: Cinnamon Toast Crunch Bar, Juice, Milk. **Lunch:** Chicken Pattie/Bun, Cheesy Broccoli, Baked Beans, Peaches, Grapes, Milk.

Wednesday, Mar 11- Breakfast: Waffle, Juice, Milk. **Lunch:** Siracha Chicken, Fried Rice, Cooked Carrots, California Veggies, Peaches, Raisins, Bug Bites, Milk.

Thursday, Mar 12 - Breakfast: Pancake Sausage on a Stick, Fruit, Juice, Milk. **Lunch:** Bacon and Egg Pizza, Hashbrown, Juice, Tropical Fruit, Applesauce, Milk

Friday, Mar 13- Breakfast- Breakfast Bagel, Fruit, Juice, Milk. **Lunch:** Pizza Crunchers, Lettuce, Onion Rings, Mixed Fruit, Oranges, Milk

Upcoming Events

Fri., Mar 6 6:30 Elementary Musical
Sat., Mar 7 FFA District Contest @ Harlan
Sun., Mar 8 6:00 Stanton Dance Team Showcase
Mon., Mar 9 NO SCHOOL

Tues., Mar 10 Elem. ISASP
Wed., Mar 11 Elem. ISASP
Thur., Mar 12 Elem. ISASP
Fri., Mar 13 Elem. ISASP
End of 3rd Quarter

