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January 26, 2024

Stanton Community School

***School Activities***

**Large Group Speech Contest**

The Stanton High School students traveled to Shenandoah High School on Saturday, January 20th for district large group speech contest. The students competed in the short film category and received a Division 1 rating. Preston Carpenter, Axel King, Bree Mitchell, Emma Sallach, Corinne Hopf, and Clark Spencer will advance to the state large group speech contest. Best of luck as they travel to Ankeny Centennial High School on Saturday, February 3rd!

**Little Vikings Cheer/Dance**

Little Vikings Cheer/dance camp will be performing at halftime of the Boys basketball game against Mount Ayr on Monday January 29th.

All dancers should be in the commons area by the start of the 2nd quarter of the game. Please wear black camp tshirts and black leggings.

Contact Jana at 712-789-0145 with any questions.

**Stanton FFA**

The Stanton FFA Chapter is hosting the 13th Annual FFA Toy Show on Saturday, January 27th at the White 4H Exhibit Building on the Montgomery County Fairgrounds in Red Oak. The event will be open from 9 am - 2 pm. The cost for entry is $5.00, children 10 and under are free. There will be food available to purchase throughout the day. We have vendors coming from across Iowa and Nebraska this year with over 50 tables of farm toys and other toy items to buy, sell and trade. All funds raised through this event go to support Stanton FFA Chapter activities.

**Yearbook Opportunity**

The Stanton High School has added a new feature this year to the yearbook. With the new feature, Yearbook+, you’ll be able to find, see, and share more of your favorite pictures that might not have been available in the physical copy of this year’s yearbook. If you have any questions about Yearbook+, come and ask one of the yearbook staff! Remember: you can only get Yearbook+ if you purchase a yearbook!

**Buy Your Yearbook!**

The 2024 yearbook is still available! From Jan. 24-31, the class is offering a $10 discount! You can reserve a copy for yourself or your child by contacting Mrs. Charm at the school during office hours, or sending an email to her through her Stanton Schools account: [ccarpenter@stantonschools.com](mailto:ccarpenter@stantonschools.com)

Jasmine Osher has been selected as the 2024 editor and Grace Koppa is the social media editor. For information or questions, find either one of these girls in the halls or with the camera at activities and ask away! Who knows? Maybe you will be featured in the yearbook from your POV!!!

**Thank You to our Mentors**

TeamMates Mentoring Program’s coordinators and staff are saying thank you to mentors for simply being there for students in Stanton. January 1 marks the start of National Mentoring Month. Nationwide, programs are honoring mentors for their service and the impact they’re making on youth.

The Stanton Chapter has 9 active matches currently. Our mentors and mentees enjoyed a trip to the Henry Doorly Zoo last spring, and we look forward to another group activity before the end of the schools year!

“We are grateful for every TeamMates mentor,” TeamMates Chief Executive Officer DeMoine Adams explained. “Every TeamMates mentor I speak with talks about how mentoring has been an incredibly positive experience for them. I hope more caring adults will join us so they too can experience the positive impact of mentoring.”

The mission of the TeamMates Mentoring Program is to impact the world by inspiring students to reach their full potential through mentoring. TeamMates serves more than 10,000 youth in 180+ communities across Nebraska, Wyoming, Kansas, South Dakota, and Iowa. Mentors meet with their mentees one-on-one in school, once a week, during the academic year.

If you have an interest in becoming a Teammates mentor, please contact Jody Druivenga at [jdruivenga@stantonschools.com](mailto:jdruivenga@stantonschools.com) or Shelia Mainquist at [smainquist@stantonschools.com](mailto:smainquist@stantonschools.com).

**Staff Highlights**

**Olivia Swagel - Paraeducator**

Mrs. Swagel graduated from Stanton in 2017. In 2021 she married Gustin Swagel. Gustin also graduated from Stanton High School in 2016. Olivia and her husband both live in Stanton.

Mrs. Swagel's hobbies include cleaning, walking her dog, and hanging out with her family. Her favorite thing about working at the Stanton Community School District is she enjoys being with her cousins and listening to the kids read their books. She enjoys working with the staff and helping students.

**Deb Helm - Kitchen Assistant**

Mrs. Helm moved here from Florida and grew up in Grant, Iowa. She attended Griswold Community Schools and moved to Stanton in 1989. Mrs. Helm and her husband James have been married for 42 years. They have three daughters: Valerie Paulson of Northwood, Iowa; Jessie Bruning of Red Oak, Iowa; and Chelsie Vrba of Red Oak, Iowa. Mrs. Helm also has five grandsons: Bryce, Brody, Kase, Weston, and Easton.

Her hobbies are fishing, and working in her yard planting flowers and decorating. She really enjoys visiting with all the kids at Stanton and watching them grow up to young adults and graduate.

**Spotlight on Students of the Week**

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**From the Desk of Our Principal**

The MS/HS Midterm grade check will be Friday, February 2nd.

Schedule Update:

\* No School on Friday, February 16th for Teacher Professional Development.

\* At this time, we will not have school on Monday, February 19th. It was a possible snow make-up day on our district calendar. ***Please note this is subject to change if we have additional snow days between now and February 19th.*** We will keep everyone informed of any changes to the schedule. Thank you!

**Teammates Popcorn Fundraiser**Teammates is partnering with Almost Famous Popcorn again this year! Help support the Stanton Teammates program by purchasing popcorn online January 22 through February 5th. The process is easy. Select the state, followed by the chapter from the dropdown menu, make you selection and enjoy! The popcorn will be shipped directly to you. Thank you for your support of the Stanton Teammates Program! To order: <https://form.jotform.com/AlmostFamousPopcorn/teammates-fundraiser-2024>

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**Upcoming Events**

**Fri., Jan 26th 4:00 JV B BB at Essex**

**6:00 V G BB at Essex**

**7:30 V G BB at Essex**

**Sat., Jan 27th FFA Toy Show**

**1:00 JV B BB w Sidney @ VC**

**1:00 V G BB w Sidney**

**2:30 V B BB w Sidney**

**Mon., Jan 29th 4:00 JV B BB w Mt Ayr**

**6:00 V G BB w Mt Ayr**

**7:30 V B BB w Mt Ayr**

**Tues., Jan 30th IA FFA Legislative Symposium**

**4:00 JV B BB at F-M**

**6:00 V G BB at F-M**

**7:30 V B BB at F-M**

**Wed., Jan 31st 1:05/1:15 Early Dismissal**

**Thurs., Feb 1st 7:30 am FFA Meeting**

**6:00 JV B BB at Tri-Center**

**7:30 V B BB at Tri-Center**

**Fri. Feb 2nd No scheduled activities**

**Sat., Feb 3rd State Speech Contest**

**Lunch and Breakfast Menu**

Mon., Jan. 29th *Breakfast: Pop-Tart, Muffin, Fruit Juice, Milk*

*Lunch: Fiestada, Lettuce, Corn, Pears, Apple Slice, Milk*

Tues, Jan 30th *Breakfast: Waffle, Muffin, Fruit Juice, Milk*

Lunch: Tuna Noodle Casserole, Peas, Green Beans, Peaches, Oranges, Roll, Milk

Wed. Jan 31st *Breakfast: Bacon Egg Pizza, Muffin, Juice, Milk*

*Lunch: Siracha Chicken, Fried Rice, Cooked Carrots, Egg Roll, Fruit Medley, Applesauce, Milk*

Thurs, Feb 1st *Breakfast: Mini Donuts, Muffin, Fruit Juice, Milk*

*Lunch: Salisbury Steak, Cheesy Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Mixed Fruit, Peaches, Roll, Milk*

Fri. Feb 2nd*Breakfast: Cookie, Muffin, Fruit Juice, Milk*

*Lunch: Walking Taco, Refried Beans, Corn, Pineapple/Oranges, Teddy Grahams, Milk*