Stanton Community School

Friday, March 14th

State Individual Speech Contest

The high school students have been preparing for the upcoming state individual speech contest! On Saturday, March 15th, the students will travel to Ames High School in Ames for the State Individual Speech Contest. Emma Sallach will be performing in literary program, Corinne Hopf in literary program, and Zach Haley in literary program. Best of luck at contest!

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Times are estimates.

*Please arrive 30 minutes early.

11:20 AM Emma Sallach Center 19 Lit. Program 12:45 PM Corinne Hopf Center 17 Lit. Program 2:00 PM Zach Haley Center 18 Lit. Program All-School Play

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Third Grade Mindfulness

The third-grade class has been benefitting from

using Headspace.com videos. The color animations and student-friendly language help the class to understand and manage their emotions. focus their attention, and reduce stress. The video series, The Mindful Adventures of Unicorn Island, follows Lilly to the imaginary Unicorn Island, where she learns how to deal with real-life problems. With the help of her imaginary friends, Lilly understands how mindfulness can help her overcome her troubles and takes her mindfulness and mental health skills back to the "Real World." The students have been learning mindfulness tools and mental health principles, like meditation and breathing exercises, to help navigate stressful situations. We have incorporated these practices into the school day to improve our focus and create a compassionate learning environment.

March Pops Concert - March 18

Come and enjoy the March Pops concert on Tuesday, March 18th at 6:30pm. The concert will feature the bands, 5th, 6th, JH and HS bands along with the JH and HS and Varsity Choir. Come and support our Stanton students as they perform a variety of music. Admission will be a free-will donation.

Stanton Little Dance/Cheer Team

Stanton little dance and cheer camp will perform at our Santon Dance team showcase on Friday April 4! Please arrive at the Viking Center by 5:30 for practice in Viking Center. The show starts at 6pm. Please have girls wear their camp shirts along with black pants! Any questions please reach out to Jana at 712-789-0145

BUY YOUR YEARBOOK

Prices for a yearbook have increased to \$65. It's still not too late to buy one! Remember, this year we are offering not only a yearbook, but digital photos that we didn't have room to place in the yearbook for all who purchase one!

If you have any questions, call the High School office and leave a message for Charmla Carpenter.

Parent Teacher conferences are Thursday, March 20th from 8am to 8 pm. There is NO SCHOOL for students on that date. There is NO SCHOOL on Friday, March 21st! Message from our Art Teacher: Parents, please stop in the art room to pick up your child's clay project. It will be fun for you to see the projects and might be the safest way to get the projects home without them breaking.

<u>From Our Principal, Mrs. Elwood</u>

The end of the 3rd guarter is today. Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on Thursday, March 20th.

There will be no school at Stanton Community Schools on Thursday, March 20th and Friday, March 21st due to Parent Teacher Conferences. The district has the following job openings: Current Openings:

- Paraeducators
- Van Route Driver
- Dishwasher/Kitchen Assistant
- .5 FTE K-12 Art Teacher
- .5 FTE Elementary Teacher
- **MS/HS Science Teacher**
- Part-Time ESL Instructor
- Summer Mowing and Grounds Maintenance
- **Temporary Summer Custodial Assistant**

2025-2026:

- Kindergarten Teacher
- MS/HS Social Studies Teacher
- Student Council Sponsor

Interested applicants may apply online at <u>www.iowaworks.gov</u> or submit their letter of application, resume, and references to Mrs. Katie Elwood at kelwood@stantonschools.com.

Teammates Mentoring of Stanton is looking for additional mentors to join our program. If you would like to make a difference and 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.

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of STUDENT PROGRESS

Our 3rd-11th grade students will be taking the lowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress (ISASP) in March. Please note the testing dates below, and the importance of student attendance on those days.

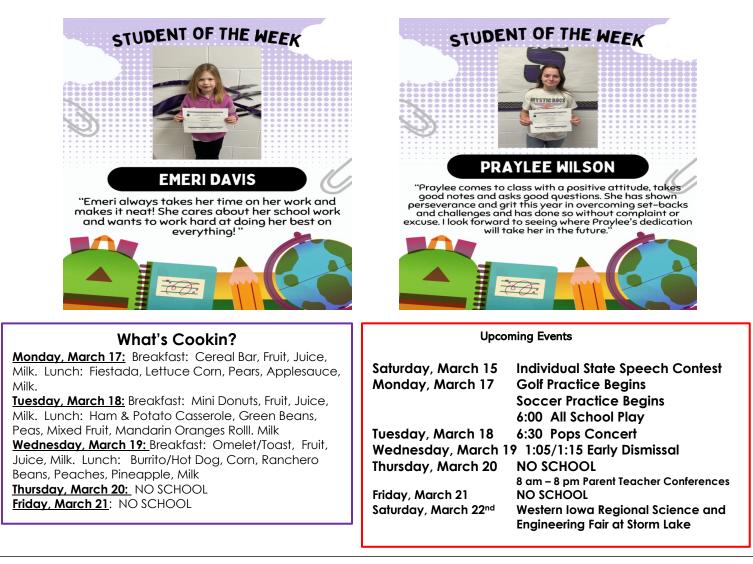
- 3rd 5th Grade March 25th March 28th, 2025
- 6th - 11th Grade - April 1st - April 4th, 2025

JH Track

JH track practice for both boys and girls will begin on Monday, March 17th. Practice for the girls for the first 2 weeks will by 8th hour only. Practice for the boys for the first 2 weeks will be 8th hour until 3:30.

High School Girls Track

The high school girls track season is off to the races! We have had a few indoor and a couple of outdoor practices to start the season. The team has fifteen athletes and two student managers. We are excited about our upcoming indoor meet at Graceland University in Lamoni on Friday, March 21st. We would also like to thank Mr. Wallace for his help in the weight room and with our throwers.



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Monday, March 17th, 6:00 PM Stanton High School Gymnasium Admission \$10 *includes two appetizers and a drink Chef Alex Kellison and the Foods of Yesteryear class will be serving the following during intermission:

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Meatball in Spaghetti Nest (our twist on the spaghetti pie) Water, Tea, or Lemonade

Kindergarten Round Up

Stanton Elementary School will conduct kindergarten assessments on Friday, March 28th for any child who will be five years of age on or before September 15, 2025.

On Thursday, March 27th, parents of incoming kindergarten students will meet at 5:30 in the elementary concourse. Our kindergarten teacher, Ms. Frey, our principal, Mrs. Elwood and our school nurse, Stacy Hart will present information about the kindergarten curriculum, school policies, etc. Health requirements and paperwork needed for incoming kindergarten students will be discussed. At this time, parents will sign up for a time to return on Friday, March 28th with their child for the kindergarten screening. The screening process and follow-up with parents should take approximately 20-25 minutes on this date. Registration forms will be sent home with pre-school students the week before the assessment date. We require all paperwork in the packets be returned on the screening date of March 28th We will also require that a current record of immunizations and a copy of the student's birth certificate be provided before we are able to screen the student.

If your child will begin kindergarten in the fall and <u>does not currently attend the local pre-school</u>, we ask that you call Jody at 712-829-2171 prior to March 24th so that your child can be added to our student list.

**********No School for Kindergarten on March 28th*********

There will be <u>NO class for Kindergarten students only Friday, March 28th</u> due to Kindergarten Round Up! Ms. Frey will be screening the incoming kindergarten class for next school year on this date. Class will resume as normally scheduled on Monday, March 31st for the kindergarteners. We appreciate your understanding of this schedule change.