

# Stanton Community School

STOP

Friday, March 7th

## Elementary Musicals are this Friday March 7th!

The lower elementary (K-3rd graders) will be doing a musical called "**Squirm!**" - This fun-filled musical will feature the Itsy Bitsy Spider and Little Miss Muffet along with snakes, worms, bats, and spiders and more things that make us squirm.

The upper elementary (4-6th graders) will be doing **Willy Wonka JR.** This classic musical features Willy Wonka who is the Candy Man! He is looking for his replacement because he is retiring. We have Oompa Loompas, Candy Kids and Squirrels along with the classic hilarious characters who will relive the classic story based on the book "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl. Admission will be \$5. The musicals start at 6:30pm in the High School Gym.

## Fifth Grade Historical Figures Wax Museum

The fifth-grade class will host a unique event on Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in the high school concourse area. Each student has researched an individual with historical significance and will present their information to the public with their "wax museum". Join the 5<sup>th</sup> grade and Mrs. Peterson and Mrs. Allen for a fun walk through history on March 11<sup>th</sup>!

## All-School Play

The All-School Play at Stanton High School will be on Monday, March 17<sup>th</sup>. \*This is a change from the original calendar. This year the students are performing *Help! I'm Trapped in a High School!* by Tim Kelly. Three 'Valley Girl' types and a male friend find themselves transferred to a special high school because of a 'computer mistake.' The school is Public School Maximum Security, commonly referred to as 'Last Chance High.' Students assigned here are incorrigible, tough and dangerous. (Last year's Prom Queen wore brass knuckles!) Naturally, the pampered Valley types are horrified and attempt to transfer out. Unhappily (for them) the principal is an egomaniac who runs the place like a penitentiary. No visitors, harsh dress code, no leaving the premises — ever! The staff is 'el weirdo.' The dietician serves nothing but spaghetti loaf and licorice Jell-O. The janitors are London charwomen. The school psychiatrist, Sigmunda Fraud, is victimized by flying insects. No wonder the new student teachers are frantic. Eventually, there's a riot, breakout and a madcap finale. There's a great parade of fun personalities! Join us for a great evening!

## March Pops Concert - March 18

Come and enjoy the March Pops concert on Tuesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. The concert will feature the bands, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 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

Please mark your calendars for Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup> for the Stanton Dance team showcase. The students will be performing their dances once again! Start time is 6pm and \$5 admission for those attending to watch.

## 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.

## Athletic Department News

The Red Oak bowling team finished the season Monday, February 24 in Waterloo at the Class 1A state tournament. Two members of the team qualified to compete at state: Brandon Cox and Devon Taylor, both Stanton High School students. Cox finished in 9<sup>th</sup> place with a 689 series and Taylor in 14<sup>th</sup>.

Other Stanton students on the Red Oak bowling team were Zoey Allen, Clayton Culver, Dylan Reynolds, and Wyatt Roberts. Callie Cox was the sole Stanton girl on the team. Congratulations on a striking season.

## From Our Principal, Mrs. Elwood

The end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter will be next Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on Thursday, March 20<sup>th</sup>.

There will be no school at Stanton Community Schools on Thursday, March 20<sup>th</sup> and Friday, March 21<sup>st</sup> 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

2025-2026:

- Anticipated Kindergarten Teacher
- MS/HS Social Studies Teacher
- Assistant Coach - HS Girls Basketball
- Student Council Sponsor

Interested applicants may apply online at [www.iowaworks.gov](http://www.iowaworks.gov) or submit their letter of application, resume, and references to Mrs. Katie Elwood at [kelwood@stantonschools.com](mailto: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](http://www.teammates.org). If you have any questions regarding mentoring, please contact either Ashley McDonald or Katie Elwood at 712-829-2162.



## IOWA STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT of STUDENT PROGRESS

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

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

## From Nurse Stacy

We are going to be heading into allergy season soon. Here is some information on allergies vs a head cold.

Allergies and head colds are common respiratory conditions that can cause similar symptoms, but they have different underlying causes and treatments.

### **Cause:**

Allergies: An immune reaction to a specific allergen, such as pollen, dust mites, or pet dander.

Head Cold: A viral infection caused by a rhinovirus.

### **Symptoms:**

Common symptoms: Runny nose, sneezing, nasal congestion, watery eyes.

Allergies-specific symptoms: Itchy eyes, nose, and throat, persistent symptoms that may last for weeks or months.

Head cold-specific symptoms: Sore throat, body aches, fever, which usually resolve within 1-2 weeks.

### **Duration:**

Allergies: Can last for as long as the allergen is present.

Head Cold: Typically lasts for 7-10 days.

### **Treatment:**

Allergies: Avoiding allergens, antihistamines, nasal steroids, immunotherapy.

Head Cold: Rest, fluids, over-the-counter decongestants and pain relievers (if needed).

### **Other Considerations:**

Allergies are not contagious, while head colds **are**.

Allergies can be seasonal, while head colds can occur any time of year.

People with allergies may have a history of other allergic conditions, such as asthma or eczema.



Sunday, March 9th

## STUDENT OF THE WEEK



**ELSIE PAFFORD**

"Elsie is a very respectful student and friend. She is a hard worker and good friend!"

## STUDENT OF THE WEEK



**GRANT SPENCER**

"Grant exhibits the school-wide values of respect, community, and learning. He is kind, respectful, and works well with others."



### What's Cookin'?

**Monday, March 10:** Breakfast: Cereal, Fruit, Juice, Milk. Lunch: Rib/Hot Dog, Baked Beans, Potato Wedges, Fruit Medley, Pineapple, Milk.

**Tuesday, March 11:** Breakfast: Bavarian Donut, Fruit, Juice, Milk. Lunch: Chili, Carrots, Pears, Applesauce, Cinnamon Roll, Milk

**Wednesday, March 12:** Breakfast: Breakfast Bagel, Fruit, Juice, Milk. Lunch: Chicken Patie/Bun, Cheesy Broccoli, Mixed Veggies, Mixed Fruit, Peaches, Milk

**Thursday, March 13:** Breakfast: Crescent Roll, Fruit, Juice, Milk. Lunch: Chicken Alfredo, Brussel Sprouts, California Veggies, Pears, Applesauce, Breadstick, Milk.

**Friday, March 14:** Breakfast: Cookie, Fruit, Juice, Milk. Lunch: French Bread Pizza, Lettuce, Tater Tots, Tropical Fruit, Mango, Milk.



### Upcoming Events

<b>Monday, March 10</b>	<b>No scheduled activities</b>
<b>Tuesday, March 11</b>	<b>6:30 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Wax Museum</b>
<b>Wednesday, March 12</b>	<b>1:05/1:15 Early Dismissal Quiz Bowl at Stanton Dance Team Showcase at Mount Ayr</b>
<b>Thursday, March 13</b>	<b>No scheduled activities</b>
<b>Friday, March 14</b>	<b>End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter</b>
<b>Saturday, March 15</b>	<b>Individual State Speech Contest</b>

### Stanton FFA News

#### SW District Contest Results

Congratulations to all our Stanton members that participated in District FFA events!

District Discovery Test for junior high members: Congratulations to Addison Spencer for receiving 1st place in the District. Over 100 JH members across the District took the Discovery Test. Addison will represent the Chapter at the Iowa FFA Leadership Conference in April. Logan Hopf received Silver.

District Greenhand Test: Gabe Kingery, Matti Strange, Olivia McQueen, Victoria McFarland and Janae Schwery all received Silver.

District Chapter Test: Clark Spencer placed 11th in the District receiving Gold. Nick Herrick, Grant Spencer, Josi Strange and Caedmon Olson all received Gold. Zach Haley received Silver.

At the SW District Convention held in Jefferson, Iowa Clark Spencer participated in Extemporaneous Speaking receiving Gold and earned 2nd Place. He will advance to the State Extemporaneous Speaking contest held at the Iowa FFA Leadership Conference in April! Gabe Kingery participated in the Creed Speaking event and received Silver.

Clark also received his State Academic Achievement Award. Senior FFA members with 3 years of membership, a GPA above a 3.5 and an active SAE receive these awards.

Clark and Grant Spencer served as Stanton's delegates during the Business Session.

#### Iowa FFA Proficiency Award Results:

Congratulations to Clark Spencer on being named the State Proficiency Award winner in Agriscience Research - Integrated Systems. Clark has participated in Agriscience research all six years he has been an FFA member. He has had projects in Social Systems, Food Projects and Processing Systems, Plant Systems, and his final year will be in Environmental Systems.

Proficiency Awards highlight a student's Supervised Agricultural Experience. Research is considered an area of work-based learning and is the reason Clark has decided on a career path in Agronomy.

#### US Presidential CTE Scholar Candidate

Clark Spencer was named a US Presidential CTE (Career and Technical Education) Scholar candidate. The state of Iowa names 5 students in the area of CTE to be candidates for this prestigious award. This nomination is based on leadership, community service and active membership in a CTE area. Clark has been a leader in the FFA and the ag classroom and has put in over 200 hours of community service outside of school hours.

### Kindergarten Round Up

Stanton Elementary School will conduct kindergarten assessments on **Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup>** 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 does not currently attend the local pre-school, 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 **NO class for Kindergarten students only Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup>** 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.



