

MUSTANG SUMMER ACTIVITIES

SUMMER FOOTBALL UPDATE
Submitted by football coach David Stoddard
The Stanton football team took full advantage of a lot of summer opportunities to improve with their strength/conditioning, as well as their football assignment, alignment, and technique. In addition to weekly strength and conditioning, we had “open fields” to work on offensive and defensive individuals and install. The team attended football camps at Wayne State and Epic Camp in Osmond. They also went to passing League in Crofton, and hosted a youth football camp. I’m extremely proud of the consistency and work ethic that many chose to display this summer. All of their hard work gives the team a great foundation to start the season!

SUMMER VOLLEYBALL UPDATE
Submitted by assistant coach Lorry Morfeld
Throughout the 2026 summer break, our Stanton Mustang volleyball ladies have shown great commitment when preparing for the upcoming fall season. They dedicated time to strength and conditioning in the weight room, attended open gyms (one day a week during June and two days a week during July), helped coach our annual May Youth VBall Camp, worked at our free skills opportunity for 5-8th graders every Tuesday in June, attended the UNL Husker Volleyball Team Camp in the middle of July, competed in summer league and its final tournament at the end of July, played against LCC and Pierce in a triangular invite, and wrapped up competing at Top Ten in Kearney, NE, where they earned a spot in the gold tournament. Their focus on improving fundamentals, building teamwork, and developing confidence has laid a strong foundation for the season ahead. The hard work, dedication, and positive attitude they’ve demonstrated throughout the summer have prepared them to compete at a high level and continue growing both as athletes and teammates. The Stanton Mustang volleyball ladies have chosen this as their slogan this year: NO EXCUSES.

SUMMER CROSS COUNTRY UPDATE
The Stanton Cross Country team competed in the Norfolk Fun Run.

SUMMER WRESTLING UPDATE
Submitted by boys coach Kenny Wurdinger
The Boys Wrestling team had an exciting summer. We started off the summer with Cooper Tomasek competing for Team Nebraska at the Virginia Beach duals, where he went 3-3. Later in the summer, he also competed for Team Nebraska at the Disney Duals going 9-2 and earning All-American honors. It is a big accomplishment making the team and committing to put in the extra effort improving over the summer, to pick-up the wins and earn add an All-American honor just makes it that much better. The Stanton Mustangs have a strong history competing at the Disney Duals and Cooper adding his name to that list is really special.

As a team the boys didn’t miss a beat participating in open gyms hosted by Coach Reeves right after morning weights. On Tuesday evenings in June Schuyler hosts a Summer League. A guest would cover technique for half an hour, followed by 2-3 matches for the boys to compete. This is a great opportunity for wrestlers of all skill levels to compete and gain invaluable mat experience. The boys run into some really good competition at this We also traveled out to Fort Dodge to compete at the Iron Sharpens Iron (ISI) Team Camp. Coach Hansen organizes this every year, which ensures we have a great turnout. At this camp we get paired with another team to try to create as many opportunities for matches over a three day span. This event is exciting and fun for the boys. We stayed in the dorms on the campus and competed against other wrestlers from across the country. We were partnered with a familiar team, MAHCA from Minnesota, the same team from the first year we went to ISI. Each day features different technique sessions led by National champions and All-Americans from the different levels of College Wrestling.

We wrapped up the summer with a wrestling camp in our own high school gym. I want to thank Amanda Tomasek for organizing and setting up this camp with current Husker Kael Lauridsen. We learned a lot from Kael during that camp. It was awesome to host the camp and have wrestlers of all ages come out to learn that day. It helps build our wrestling family and provides an opportunity for everyone to learn and improve here at home.

SUMMER GIRLS BB UPDATE
Submitted by Greg Wegner, girls coach
This girls basketball team had a busy June this summer. The girls had open gym twice a week for the entire month after weights. They competed in Norfolk’s summer league on Monday evenings. They also traveled to Lutheran High and Oakland-Craig for both JV and Varsity team camps. We had two girls still recovering from injuries and surgeries, so we only had 10 girls competing in the 24 games we had this summer. We saw great effort and improvement from everyone. We are excited to see what our season brings.

SUMMER BOYS BB UPDATE
Submitted by Sedrick Svehla, boys coach
This summer the boys basketball team hosted multiple open gyms where the kids could come after weights to participate in skills work and organized 5 on 5. All summer we had great turnouts at these, hosting more than 20+ kids each day. We also hosted a youth skills camp on Wednesdays in June and the boys were able to stick around after our open gym to help with this, as well. The varsity and JV teams each attended a team camp to play some teams that we do not normally get to play against which was nice to experience some different teams and their schemes. Overall, I was happy with our turnouts this summer and the commitment that the kids showed during these opportunities.



JV TEAM OF THE DAY
STANTON MUSTANGS



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STANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

AUGUST NEWSLETTER

From the desk of the Superintendent

It’s hard to believe that August is already here! I hope everyone had an opportunity to slow down this summer, spend quality time with family and friends, and recharge for the year ahead. Summer always seems to fly by, but there is an excitement that comes with the start of a new school year.

On behalf of the Board of Education, administration, and staff, welcome to the 2026-2027 school year! Our teachers, custodians, office staff, food service team, and maintenance crew have been working throughout the summer to prepare our buildings and classrooms. We are excited to welcome our students back and look forward to another outstanding year at Stanton Community Schools.

I would like to extend a special welcome to all of our new students, families, and staff members joining the Mustang family this year. We are grateful you have chosen Stanton Community Schools, and we know you will quickly discover what makes our district such a special place. Our strength has always been the people who make up this community, and we are excited to have you with us.

This school year also marks the beginning of an exciting new chapter for our district. I want to sincerely thank our community for its overwhelming support of the elementary school bond that was approved in May. Because of your investment in our students and our future, construction on our new elementary school is scheduled to



Superintendent Darren Soucie

begin in October. While there will undoubtedly be a few adjustments along the way, we are thrilled to watch this project take shape over the coming months. This new facility will serve generations of Stanton students, and we appreciate the trust our community has placed in us.

As we begin another school year, I often think about what truly defines success. One of my favorite coaches and educators, John Wooden, said, “Success is peace of mind which is a direct result of self-satisfaction in knowing you made the effort to become the best of which you are capable.” That message reminds us that success isn’t measured only by grades, scores, or tro-

phies. It is found in giving our best effort each day, learning from mistakes, treating others with kindness, and continually striving to improve.

Whether you are entering kindergarten, beginning your senior year, teaching your first class, or supporting students behind the scenes, each of us has an opportunity to make a positive impact. Small acts of kindness, encouragement, and perseverance create the culture that makes Stanton Community Schools a place where everyone belongs.

Please remember that updated student handbooks and required forms are available on our district website. Families are encouraged to review the appropriate handbook and complete all required forms before the start of the school year.

As always, communication is important to us. If you ever have questions, concerns, or ideas, please don’t hesitate to contact me. We value our partnership with parents and our community and look forward to working together to provide the very best educational experience for every student.

Thank you again for your continued support of Stanton Community Schools. I am excited to see what this year holds for our students, staff, and community.

Let’s make the 2026-2027 school year our best yet!

Go Mustangs!



Stanton Elementary’s Summer 2026 Jumpstart Program provided students with an opportunity to refresh and strengthen essential academic skills in a supportive, engaging environment. By combining targeted instruction with interactive learning experiences, the program helped prevent summer learning loss and prepared students for a successful transition into the next grade level. This summer’s jumpstart started with a daily Heggerty lesson, followed by a daily math warm-up problem needing to be solved, then a daily writing prompt that was orally discussed and written down, and ended with a QuickReads passage on some very interesting topics through multiple reads. Jumpstart Program Instructors this summer were Sharon Schroeder, Lorry Morfeld and Jen Flood.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL START TIMES

•Kindergarten through 12
Thursday, August 13 8:05 a.m.
start time with a 11:35 dismissal

•Preschool
Wednesday, August 19 8:05 a.m.
start time with a 11:35 dismissal

