

STANTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

Building Connections



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Dear Stanton Families,

I hope this letter finds everyone having a wonderful and relaxing summer with family and friends. Many of you have been out and about in the community at sporting events, picnics, and community celebrations such as the annual Heritage Festival. At Stanton, the excitement of the upcoming school year is in the air as we look forward to welcoming you all back. Mrs. Scott, Mr. King and I look forward to working with you and helping your student achieve success during the 2011-12 school year.

As many of you may have heard, Tim King is assuming the role of Dean of Students as Heidi Singer moves to the position of building principal at Walls Elementary. Mr. King's commitment to Kent has been apparent during his time as a teacher, coach, and Dean of Students at the Bridges Academy and Theodore Roosevelt High School. We look forward to having Mr. King here during the afternoons as we split his time with Roosevelt.

At Stanton we will continue to provide a family-like environment that is student-centered and nurturing. We will always be focused on helping to meet the social, emotional, and academic needs of each student and family. Towards that end, we will continue to stress the importance of the Stanton Roughrider Golden Rules:

- Respect All Students
- Respect Yourself
- Respect All Adults
- Report All Dangers

As was done in the past, we will be sending the newsletter out via e-mail and posting it on our website. This will be the last hard-copy of the newsletter that will be mailed to you, unless you request a hard copy through our main office. We ask that you please fill out the E-MAIL section on your child's EMA, or contact Patti Finley at 330-676-8633, so that we can update your information and continue to communicate with you in this manner.

We look forward to filling our halls and classrooms with the vibrant minds and smiling faces of your children. Please feel free to call any of us in the office if you have any questions about the start of the school year. Enjoy your last days of summer vacation and we will see you all soon!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Justin Gates".

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Mark Your Calendars:

6th Grade Back to School Night

Monday August 22nd, 2011

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

For 6th graders accompanied by an adult
Also for **NEW 7th and 8th graders**

The program will begin at 6:00 p.m.; parents, please be prompt. Students can locate their pod, their homeroom, their locker, and meet their teachers. What a cool way to start the year! See you then!

Mark Your Calendars:

7th & 8th Grade Open House

Thursday, September 1st, 2011

7:00—8:00 p.m.

On this evening, you will be following your child's daily school schedule, so be sure to be present right at 7:00 p.m. See you then!

Stanton Middle School has a **New Bell Schedule** (please look for it in this newsletter). **School starts at 7:30 a.m.** Students should arrive no earlier than 7:10 a.m., when the entry bell sounds. **School is dismissed at 2:35 p.m.**

PickUp/Drop Off:

- **In the morning, students should be dropped off by the auditeria entrance** (as busses will be using the circle drive on Hudson Road.)
- **In the afternoon, students should be picked up on the circle drive on Hudson Road** (as the busses will be using the auditeria entrance.)

Questions about bussing? Call our Transportation Dept. at 676-7690.

Thank you for helping to keep our students safe as they arrive and depart!

August Dates to Remember

Please Mark Your Calendars!

August 1	TBA	First Day of Fall Sports
August 6	9am	Mandatory Fall Sports Parent Meeting @ RHS Aud.
August 13	TBA	Fall Sports Pictures—RHS Gym
August 22	6:00pm	6th Grade Back to School Night
August 24	7:30am	First Day of School!

September Dates to Remember

September 1	7pm	7th & 8th Grade Open House
September 5	:)	NO SCHOOL—LABOR DAY
September 6-9	All week	Spirit Week
September 9	2:45pm	Back to School Dance
September 10		SMS Entertainment Book Fundraiser Begins
September 12	7pm	First PTO Meeting of the year
September 28	All day	Fall Picture Day

For More Details, and for Fall Sports Dates and Times, please check our calendar on our website: www.kentschools.net/sms/

Congratulations to last year's Key Maker Award winner!

The Key Maker Award is sponsored by the Parent Mentor Program. It is meant to provide an opportunity for parents to recognize Kent City Schools' personnel and volunteers that have played an important part in our students' education.

Last year's awardee at Stanton Middle School was **Mr. Josh Thomas**.

Congratulations and thank you for making a key to open the door to education to all the children you serve!!

Vaccination Requirements

Students entering 7th grade are required to have a Tdap (Tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis) vaccine prior to the start of the school year.

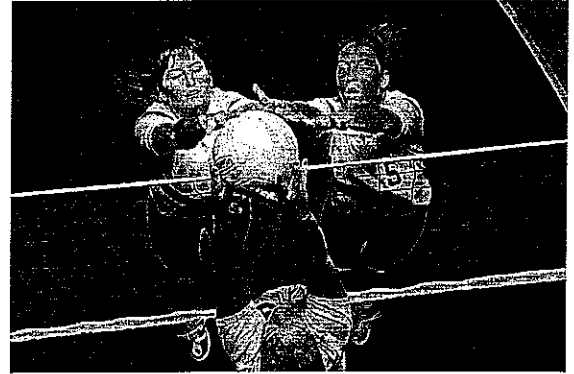
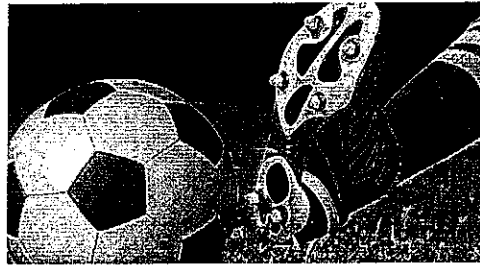
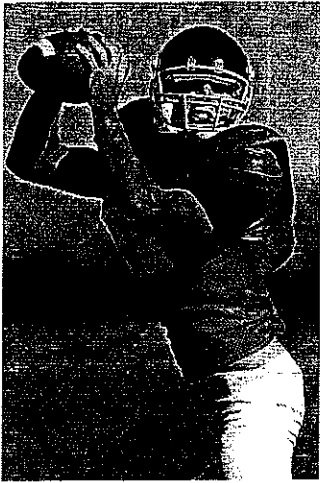
Stanton Middle School

Rough Rider

Golden Rules:



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2011 Fall Sports Information

Fall Sports offered are:

- Football (7th and 8th Grade)
- Volleyball (7th and 8th Grade)
- Golf
- Cross Country
- Boys Soccer
- Girls Soccer

To check the Stanton online calendar, go to the Stanton website at:
<http://www.kentschools.net/sms/> and click on "Calendar" under "Parent & Student Resources" on the right.

Only 7th and 8th grade students may participate in school sports; no 6th grade students are eligible.

****You MUST have physicals/EMAs on file at Stanton or with you on the first day of practice in order to participate.**

The first day allowable for practice is August 1st...please check with the individual coaches for the practice start date for each sport. Please check with coaches/athletic director for information regarding tryouts, teams, etc.

Mandatory Fall Sports Parent & Student Meeting – Saturday August 6th, 9:00 a.m., RHS Auditorium.

Fall Sports Pictures, Saturday August 13th in the RHS Gym. Time TBA.

Any other questions can be addressed to the Athletic Director, Mr. Nick Mayer, at 330-676-8640. Thank you.

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6th, 7th and 8th Grade Period Schedule 2011-2012

	6 th grade	7 th grade	8 th grade
Entry Tone	7:10	7:10	7:10
Warning Tone	7:20	7:20	7:20
Homeroom	7:30 — 7:35 (5 min)	7:30-7:35 (5 min)	7:30-7:35 (5 min)
1st Period	7:38 — 8:23 (45 min)	7:38- 8:23 (45 min)	7:38- 8:23 (45 min)
2nd Period	8:26 — 9:11 (45 min)	8:26- 9:11 (45 min)	8:26- 9:11 (45 min)
3rd Period	9:14 — 10:11 (57 min)	9:14- 9:59 (45 min)	9:14-9:59 (45 min)
4th Period	<u>*10:14- 10:47 (33 min)</u>	10:02-10:47 (45 min)	10:02-10:47 (45 min)
5th Period	10:50- 11:47 (57 min)	10:50-11:35 (45 min)	<u>*10:50-11:23 (33 min)</u>
6th Period	11:50- 12:47 (57 min)	<u>*11:38-12:11 (33 min)</u>	11:26-12:11 (45 min)
7th Period	12:50- 1:47 (57 min)	12:14-1:59 (45 min)	12:14- 12:59 (45 min)
8th Period	1:50- 2:35 (45 min)	1:02- 1:47 (45 min)	1:02-1:47 (45 min)
9 th Period		1:50-2:35 (45 min)	1:50-2:35 (45 min)

*=Lunches

~~Specials/Rotation periods~~

Bold = TIE periods



Counselors' Corner:

Welcome to the Counselors' Corner! It is here that we will give you current counseling news and tidbits. For the 2011-12 school year, Mrs. Laurie Knuth is the counselor for the 6th grade, and Ms. Carly Frey is the counselor for the 7th grade. Mr. Jason Goshe is the counselor for 8th grade. While your student is at Stanton, his or her school counselor will move with the entire grade in order get to know each student well and to help each student through the

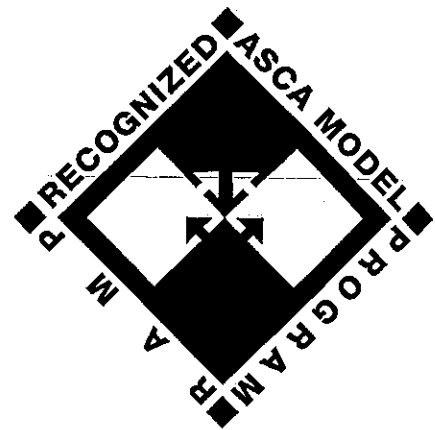
transitions. Our school counseling program is a **Recognized ASCA** (American School Counselors Association) **Model Program**, and we aim to prepare today's students to become tomorrow's adults by offering activities and services that fit our mission and philosophy statements.

SMS SCHOOL COUNSELING DEPARTMENT MISSION STATEMENT

The Stanton Middle School Counseling Program is designed to promote the formation of productive and responsible citizens by providing opportunities for the academic, career, and personal/social development necessary for students to function in the Kent community and a changing society.

STANTON SCHOOL COUNSELING DEPARTMENT PHILOSOPHY STATEMENT

The Stanton Middle School Counseling Department adheres to the philosophy that the school-counseling program is an essential and integral part of the overall education process in the Kent City School District. Our comprehensive program is built on the assumption that certain educational, career, and personal objectives are attainable when school counseling for all students is provided.



Watch for beginning of the year/transition stress!

- Talk to your child about what is happening at school daily.
- Call the school counseling office if you are worried about any unusual behaviors. We can help you decide if these are typical for the middle years.
- Ask about the fun things that happen at school.
- Have homework supplies in an organized place that is easily accessed. Promote quiet time at home for studying.
- Call the team teachers during their team/planning time to check in.
- If your child is having a hard time sleeping, or is sleeping too much, give us a call.
- Watch for signs of emotional distress: changes in eating and sleeping habits, mood shifts, and attitude changes; however, remember we are dealing with **Inbetweeners!**

The school counselors wish you a safe, peaceful, and stress-free year!

School Supply Drive 2011-2012



The Stanton Student Ambassadors and Student Council are working together to collect supplies for students at Stanton Middle School who cannot afford the necessary items to have a successful school year:

Highest need:

- Expandable accordion-style file folders
- 3-ring binders (2")
- Pocket folders

Also needed:

- Pencils (#2 only please)
- Pens (blue, black, and red)
- Notebook paper
- Markers
- Highlighters
- Backpacks (without wheels)

If you can donate supplies, please put them in a bag and place them in the main office.

Thank You,
The Stanton Student Ambassadors and Stanton Student Council

***If your child is in need of supplies, please contact the School Counseling Office at (330) 676-8620, and ask to speak to his or her counselor.**

ideas for parents

Easy Ways to Build Assets for and with Your Child

FAST FACTS

**ASSET #13:
Neighborhood
Boundaries**

Youth are more likely to grow up healthy when neighbors take responsibility for monitoring young people's behavior.

49%

*of youth surveyed by Search Institute have this asset in their lives.**

What Are Assets?

Assets are 40 values, experiences, and qualities that help kids succeed. "Neighborhood boundaries" is one of six boundaries-and-expectations assets.

* Based on Search Institute surveys of 217,277 6th- to 12th-grade youth throughout the United States during the 1999-2000 school year.

Renewing the Neighborhood

"Banana Kelly," which refers to the banana-curved Kelly Street in the South Bronx of New York, was probably one of the last neighborhoods anyone wanted to live in. Empty buildings lined the rubble-strewn streets. The city considered it a hopeless neighborhood and the private sector refused to invest in it. At times people in the neighborhood would have to fill buckets from the fire hydrant because their water lines would get cut off.

Yet Harold DeRienzo had hope for the neighborhood. In fact, as everyone else was moving out, he moved in.

Harold began organizing the neighbors who were left. They learned each other's names and started doing things together. They held street cleanups and block parties, and started planting flowers. Slowly, the neighborhood began to change for the better. "Banana Kelly needs to be viewed as a vehicle for local empowerment," Harold says. "To retain a sense of community, people have to have a sense that they're affecting their own lives."

Helpful Hints

Four steps that make neighborhood boundaries easier:

- 1. Get together with other parents and nonparents on your block. Discuss neighborhood boundaries.**
- 2. Find three neighborhood boundaries that everyone agrees on.**
- 3. Publish the boundaries in a one-page newsletter for everyone in the neighborhood.**
- 4. Have contracts with other parents for things like no alcohol at teen parties.**



What does this have to do with neighborhood boundaries? Everything. When you ask people why they don't take responsibility for monitoring young people's behavior in the neighborhood, they point to fear. They're afraid of the young people. They're afraid of the kids' parents. In essence, they're afraid of their neighbors.

It's easier to have neighborhood boundaries when people perceive their neighborhood as a caring community. You don't need to be a community organizer to help create a neighborhood where neighbors monitor young people's behavior. All you need to do is to start getting to know the people who live near you. Start with the ones who seem friendly. Get to know the children. Talk with their parents about boundaries they would like for their children in the neighborhood. Then together you can start building this asset.

Ideas for Neighborhood Boundaries

What are some neighborhood boundaries that you might want to consider?

- Respect each other's property.
- Report any suspicious activity.
- Supervise children younger than 16.
- End parties by 11:00 p.m.
- Talk to neighbors directly about concerns.

Connect, Then Decide

Before you decide on appropriate boundaries for your neighborhood, connect with other neighbors to get to know them. Try these simple ideas:

- **Hold a front-yard, neighborhood barbecue.**
- **Organize all the dog owners to take a walk together (with the dogs) once a week.**
- **Suggest a parent get-together. Ask older youth to supervise and play with the younger children.**
- **Contact your local police department and ask for help in having a block meeting to discuss safety.**

In a survey of 614 young people, 46% said it was very important for adults to report to parents when they saw their children doing something wrong.

More Help for Parents

Side by Side: Exploring Your Neighborhood through Intergenerational Activities by Matt Kaplan. This book contains activities to bring together young people and senior adults to learn about community and each other. (Published by MIG Communications.)

Final Word

"There's no such thing as other people's children."

—Hillary Rodham Clinton

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Welcome Back to School!

-Stanton Middle School Counseling Office (330)-676-8620

6th Grade Counselor, Laurie Knuth (330)-676-8625

7th Grade Counselor, Carly Frey (330)-676-8626

8th Grade Counselor, Jason Goshe (330)-676-8624

talk together

Questions to discuss with your child:

- *What are the boundaries of our neighborhood? How do you know?*
- *Which neighbors seem to notice what you do? How do you feel about that?*
- *How well do neighbors monitor young people in our neighborhood?*

Tips for Monitoring

Once neighbors agree on some common boundaries, encourage each other to:

- **Point out boundaries to youth. For example, if a neighbor hears young people swearing, everyone should support the neighbor saying, "We don't use that kind of language in our neighborhood."**
- **Call other neighbors about concerns or questions. Distribute a neighborhood directory with names, phone numbers, and addresses of neighbors interested in participating.**

KENT CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT 2011-2012 Calendar

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- School not in session
- Teacher Work days;
School not in session for students
- Parent/Teacher Conference Days

New Teacher Orientation..... Wednesday, August 17 & Thursday, August 18, 2011
Convocation Day..... Monday, August 22, 2011
Staff Meetings Tuesday, August 23, 2011
Schools Open Wednesday, August 24, 2011
Labor Day Monday, September 5, 2011
NEOE Day..... Friday, October 14, 2011
End First Nine Weeks..... Friday, October 28, 2011 (46 days)
Inservice Day..... Tuesday, November 8, 2011
Parent/Teacher Conferences... Mon. Evening, November 21 & Tue., November 22, 2011
Thanksgiving Recess..... Wednesday, November 23 – Friday, November 25, 2011
Winter BreakMonday, December 19, 2011 – Monday, January 2, 2012
School Reopens Tuesday, January 3, 2012
Martin Luther King Day..... Monday, January 16, 2012
End Second Nine Weeks..... Friday, January 20, 2012 (43 days)
End First Semester Friday, January 20, 2012
Presidents DayMonday, February 20, 2012
Spring Break..... Monday, March 19 – Friday, March 23, 2012
End Third Nine Weeks.....March 30, 2012 (44 days)
Good Friday..... Friday, April 6, 2012
Easter Monday Monday, April 9, 2012
Memorial Day.....Monday, May 28, 2012
End Fourth Nine Weeks.....Wednesday, June 6, 2012 (44 days)
End Second SemesterWednesday, June 6, 2012
Last Day for Students.....Wednesday, June 6, 2012
Records Day Thursday, June 7, 2012

If necessary to make up school days, calendar may be amended using these days:

March 19, 20, 21, 22, and 23, 2012
 June 7, 8, 2012

Early Release/Late Start/Times*

	HS/MS	ELEM.
Thurs., Oct. 13	12:15 PM	1:00 PM
Fri., Jan. 20	12:15 PM	1:00 PM
Fri., Feb. 17	12:15 PM	1:00 PM
Thurs., April 5	12:15 PM	1:00 PM

*Contingent upon approval from the Ohio Department of Education.

*Ohio Graduation Test at Roosevelt
 March 5th – 9th, Mon. to Fri.,
 Late Start, 10:20 AM for selected students

Board Approved: January 11, 2011

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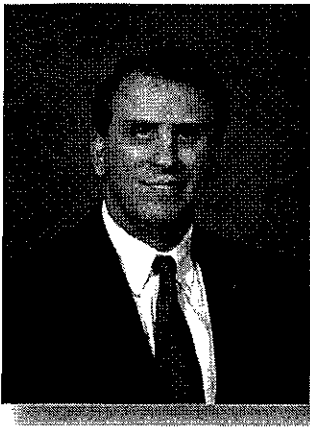
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THE STANTON WAY



UPDATE

News for Kent parents from Superintendent Joe Giancola

August/September, 2011

Dear Kent Parents, Students, and Friends,

With the beginning of a new school year comes an excitement about what awaits our students in the classrooms. I extend my heartiest words of welcome to each and every student, family, and staff member. This year, take advantage of every opportunity that our Kent Schools have to offer. For details about the start of our new school year, please call me or navigate our excellent Web site at www.kentschools.net.

We traditionally introduce new Kent administrators in this August/September "UPDATE." We welcome the following new administrators to Kent. First, I would like to introduce **Robert Klinar**, Roosevelt High School's new Principal as of August 1. Mr. Klinar has 22 years of experience as a teacher, coach and administrator. A native of Lorain, Klinar graduated from Mount Union College and received his master's degree from Miami University. "I am looking forward to working with a great staff at Roosevelt, a very student-centered high school," says Klinar, whose wife Cindy is also a teacher. They have three children.

At the same time that we welcome Mr. Klinar, we wish **Roger Sidoti** well in his retirement from Roosevelt. We also wish well two other retiring administrators: **Sandi Goodrich**, Walls Elementary Principal, and **Suzanne Frank**, Assistant Director of Student Services. Good luck to all!

Next, I welcome to Walls Elementary School new Principal **Heidi Singer**, who recently served Stanton Middle School as Assistant Principal for the last three years. A Tallmadge native, Singer received her bachelor's degree from Kent State University and her master's from The University of Akron. Mrs. Singer and her husband Ben have two children and live in Kent. Leaving Stanton won't be easy; she states, "I believe that there is no better environment you could have." She also says, "I am proud that my kids go to school here, and I feel fortunate to work in a community so supportive of education."

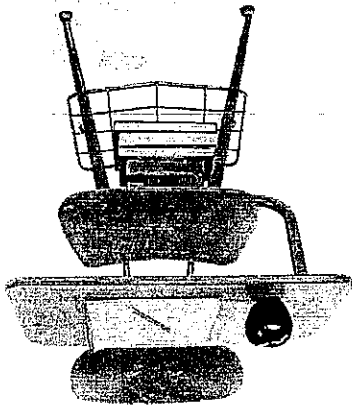
Finally, I welcome to Stanton Middle School **Tim King**, who recently has served as Dean of Students at Central School's Bridges program. Although he will remain at Central during the mornings, Mr. King will travel to Stanton to serve as a Dean for our Stanton students in the afternoon. Mr. King is married to Vicky, another educator as well. Tim states, "I am looking forward to the opportunity of working with the students and staff at Stanton and to playing a part in their transition from middle school to high school."

On a different note, at our convocation for all staff on August 22, 2011, we acknowledge **Cathy M. Shipley**, our 2011 recipient of the **Dr. Emilio D. Ferrara** Community Service Award. Previously, Cathy and her family were honored by the Kent Board of Education at its regular meeting in May. Cathy's award recognizes her 24 years of work as a teacher at Central and Davey Elementary Schools and her community service and volunteerism both at Kent Schools and at St. Patrick's School.

I would like to close by honoring two members of our Kent Schools family who have passed away during this past school year. I recognize **Billy Milton**, Davey custodian, who suddenly passed away after last year's opening day convocation, and who gave nine years of his life to the Kent Schools. I also honor Roosevelt 2007 Graduate **Adam Hamilton**, who recently died while serving his country in the United States Army. Their legacies will live on in the community that they served.

Welcome back, and have a great school year!

Dr. Joe Giancola
Superintendent



School Begins on Wednesday,
August 24th at 7:30 a.m.!

6th Grade Back to School
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from 6-7 p.m.

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