

#### **Stanley-Boyd Elementary School**

Mr. Jeff Koenig, Superintendent, ext. 181 Mr. Dean Lew, Principal, ext. 219 Mrs. Jamie Ceranski, Counselor, ext. 194

February ~ 2025



## JUMP-A-THON 2025 February 14th-March 6th, 2025

Money raised will go towards Orioles Give Back

Watch for more information to come!

School day hours: 8:15am-3:25pm

Elementary School: (715) 644-5810

www.stanleyboyd.k12.wi.us

"Where all Students Learn at a High Level!"

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#### Principal's Notes:

What a wonderful start to the new year! January flew by and is in the books. It's hard to believe that we are already starting our second month in 2025!

#### IMPORTANT REMINDERS!

- 1. Parent/Teacher Conferences Parents, as a reminder, spring conferences are similar to last year. First off, spring conferences will be held one night. Our spring P/T Conferences are scheduled for Thursday, March 13 from 4:15-7:30 pm. Second, teachers will be contacting parents to schedule a conference if there's concerns with growth in academics or behavior. We encourage parents to contact the teacher to set-up a conference if you don't receive a scheduled conference and would still like to meet with your child's teacher.
- 2. With the snow and cooler temperatures, please remind and help your child pack boots, snow pants, hats, and gloves so they stay warm outside for recess.
- 3. Winter Testing We recently completed our winter assessments and recently sent home student results to parents. In grades K-3, if the student doesn't score as well as or better than 25% of all students who took the test nationally on the early literacy screener, diagnostic reading assessments will be given to find specific reading gaps/challenges.

A support team will use the data and work on creating a personal reading plan. Reading plans will be sent home for parents to review, sign, and then send back. There will also be a section that provides parents with some ideas/activities they can work on with their child at home.

Lastly, parents, please continue to encourage your child to read outside of school on a daily basis. Younger students that are just beginning to read, please help your child with letter sounds, recognizing letters, and practicing their sight words. Working on reading outside of school for just 10 minutes or more daily will help build strong readers. Below are a few ways/ideas for students to read outside of school and aloud to others.

- 1. Students can read to a sibling or parent at home.
- 2. Call a grandparent and read a story to them.
- 3. A student can listen to their parents or siblings read a story to them. This is a great opportunity for parents and siblings to ask questions about the story they are reading together.

Lastly, thank you parents for your efforts and stay warm during the month of February! We are looking forward to having a super month! Go Orioles!

Dean Lew
Elementary Principal
Stanley-Boyd Elementary School
715-644-5810 ext. 219
dlew@s-bschools.org



#### **Upcoming Events**

#### **February**

Sun., 2nd- Groundhog Day

3rd-7th- National School Counseling Week

10th-14th- School Bus Driver Appreciation Week

Wed., 12th- Lincoln's Birthday

Fri., 14th- Start of Elementary Jump-A-Thon

Fri., 14th- Valentine's Day

Mon., 17th- President's Day

Wed., 26th– 4K Registration~ Boyd Early Learning Center– 10am-7pm

#### **March**

Sun., 2nd- Read Across America Day

Thurs., 6th- End of Tri 2

Fri., 7th- No School~ Teacher's Prof. Development Day

Thurs., 13th—P-T Conferences—4K-12th grade—4:15-7:30pm

Mon., 17th- St. Patrick's Day

Thurs., 20th-Spring Equinox



A thankful heart is

a happy HEART

#### SCHOOL CLOSING INFORMATION

Also check our website at: www.stanleyboyd.k12.wi.us

<b>Television Station</b>	Dial	Radio Station	
WKBT-TV	Channel 8	Rock 92.1	92.1 FM
WAOW-TV	Channel 9	The X– 92.9	92.9 FM
WEAU-TV	Channel 13	I-94	94.1 FM
WQOW-TV	Channel 18	B-95	95.1 FM
WLAX-TV/WEUX-TV	Channel 25/48	The Mix	98.1 FM
		Blugold Radio	99.9 FM
		Z-100	100.7 FM
		WAXX	104.5 FM
		Moose Country	106.7 FM
		WCCN The Rock	107.5 FM
		WAYY	790 AM
		News Talk AM 880 (WMEQ-AM)	880 AM
		Oldies 1150	1150 AM
		Sports Radio 1400 (WBIZ-AM)	1400 AM

# School Bus Driver Appreciation Week Feb. 10th-14th, 2025



Top Row: Brenda Turnquist, Bruce Brunner, Jackie Brunner, Tina Krizan, Gary Miller, Ed Turnquist, & Sabrina Henderson.

Bottom Row: Roy Fredrickson, Ted Tollefson, Paul Peterson, Steve Bauer, Richelle Jordan, Galen Liebzeit, Travis Schindler, & Jake Tiry. Missing from photos: Jerry Sockness, Dale Maguire, Jeff Starck, & Roy Richards

### THANK YOU BUS DRIVERS!

We'd "wheelie" like to take this opportunity to say just how important our school bus drivers are to our school district! We appreciate that they work hard every day to keep our most precious cargo safe here at Stanley-Boyd! During the week of February 10th-14th we'd like to recognize our school bus drivers and say Thank You for going the extra mile for us all year long!

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SCHOOL BUS

Interested in joining this awesome team? Contact Jake Tiry at jtiry@s-bschools.org



## Stanley-Boyd Elementary Pick up/Drop off Procedures

If there is a change that needs to be made from a student's normal routine:

- A note must be sent to school <u>the day prior to the change</u>. This is to allow for ample time to inform the office, teacher and bus driver. Although we know that there are times when **emergencies** arise, routinely calling into school to make changes during the day makes it very difficult for us to insure that your student, the teacher, and the bus driver are notified of the change.
- If an EMERGENCY arises:
  - \*Early morning emergency changes for the bus notification prior to 6:45am should be called into the bus garage (644-5810 ext 233).
  - \*Day of emergency changes should be called into the elementary office (644-5810, press 3).

Your help with this is very important and greatly appreciated!

#### TRANSPORTATION (Administrative Rule: Student Busing) Approved: July 24, 2023

ADMINISTRATIVE RULE SECTION: 400 Stanley-Boyd Area School District STUDENTS Stanley, WI 54768 STUDENT BUSING

Students eligible for transportation services will be assigned one pick-up and one drop-off point before the beginning of the school year or after a change in the primary residence. If a student enrolls during the school year, then the pick-up and drop-off points will be assigned at that time. An alternate pick-up or drop-off point may be established each trimester. This alternate point must be consistent week to week. (i.e. Student goes home every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday and goes to daycare every Wednesday and Friday.) Any deviation from this schedule becomes the parent's responsibility to provide transportation. Any parent or guardian requesting a change to the transportation plan must meet with the Transportation Supervisor or his designee before the request will be honored. Requests will only be honored for extenuating circumstances. A maximum of three requests may be granted each year. Families requesting one-time transportation on a bus the student does not normally ride must submit the request to the Transportation Supervisor or his designee before the request will be honored. The request must be made in writing and at least three days before the requested date. Decisions will be based on the capacity of the bus and the projected ridership on the requested day.

## Save the Date!



### Stanley-Boyd's

2025-2026 School Year Full days - 4 days a week (Mon, Tue, Thurs, Fri)

> For all children with a birthday between: September 1, 2020-September 1, 2021

Call to secure a registration time: (715) 644-5810 ext. 291 & leave a message Walk-ins WELCOME!

#### 4K Registration 2025-2026

Wednesday, February 26th, 2025



10:00am - 7:00pm

Boyd Early Learning Center ~303 E. Park St., Boyd, WI~ Main Entrance (Door 2)





## Thank You,



#### National School Counseling Week

#### February 3rd-7th

The week of February 3rd, highlights the impact that school counselors have in fostering student's academic and career plan and the difference counseling programs make in a student's social and emotional development. We'd like to recognize our school counselor, Mrs. Ceranski, and say Thank You for everything she does for our students and Staff here at Stanley-Boyd Elementary!

#### The Many Benefits of Sleep

From: Krista Rice <a href="https://mysleepfairy.net/blog/the-many-benefits-of-sleep">https://mysleepfairy.net/blog/the-many-benefits-of-sleep</a>

There is a consensus among researchers that adequate sleep is good for you in a whole bunch of ways. For your kids, learning is their primary responsibility for the first 18-23 years of their lives, so considering how much they need to retain, the importance of a healthy sleep schedule is hard to overstate.

We're all familiar with the fact that we have a hard time focusing on information when we're tired. Learning and memory are divided into three functions:

- Acquisition -receive the information
- Consolidation -stabilize the memory of it
- Recall -being able to access it



Acquisition and recall only take place while you're awake. Consolidation "takes place during sleep through the strengthening of the neural connections that form our memories. The overall evidence suggests that adequate sleep each day is very important for learning and memory."

So even if you manage to focus on what you're learning and acquire the information, without sleep, that information won't be properly stored in the brain, and when you try to access it, you'll find yourself drawing a blank.

A study from the University of Pennsylvania showed that subjects who experienced even partial sleep deprivation reported feelings of stress, anger, sadness, and mental exhaustion. Getting enough sleep is essential to learning and emotional well-being.

Tips for Sleep: (https://mysleepfairy.net/blog/back-to-school-sleep-tips)

- Set a bedtime and stick with it
- Establish a bedtime routine
- Turn off screens and take them out of the bedrooms or sleeping areas. This includes television and handheld devices
- Darken up the sleeping space

Getting plenty of sleep can lead to a better attitude and positive outlook. Your kids will be happier, more socially outgoing, and ready to learn!



- 1. Student drop offs may begin at 7:45am.
- 2. Any student arriving to class after 8:15am is considered Tardy. A written excuse or phone call to verify tardiness is required at the time your child enters the building.
- **3. Attendance:** Be sure to call the school **by 9:00am** on the morning of an unplanned absence. Our attendance line can be reached at: 715-644-5810 extension 9. If you know of an upcoming absence, please send a note to school or call the elementary office well in advance of a planned absence.

## MENTOR STANLEY-BOYD

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During the school day

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#### Meet the Kindergarten Team



Mrs. Long, Mrs. Esslinger, Mrs. Krajacic, Miss. Litwiller, & Mrs. Isenberger

#### Mrs. Melissa (Lisa) Long

**The Basics:** I am married to Steve. We have a daughter, son, son-in-law, 2 granddaughters, and a dog. We moved to Stanley from the Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin area. **My Education:** I graduated from UW-Whitewater with a Bachelors degree in 1-8 Elementary and PreK-9 Special Education. I also received certification from Viterbo University in Birth-Age 8 and a Masters in Elementary Education from UW-Platteville.

My Favorites Food: Shrimp

Favorite Teacher Growing Up: My favorite teacher was Mrs. McDonald. She was my elementary school teacher.

**Book:** The Giving Tree **Season:** Summer **Color:** Green

**Hobbies:** snowshoeing, kayaking, bike riding, crafting, fishing **If I could visit anywhere in the world, I would go to...** Portugal

#### Mrs. Liz Esslinger

**The Basics:** My husband and I have two girls, Brooklyn (5) and Olivia (2). We have a red lab named Ruby and two cats named Pumpkin Spice and Peppermint Mocha. I was born in Illinois and moved around a lot when I was younger. I have lived in Iowa, Ohio, Minnesota, and have lived in Wisconsin since I was 10. My husband and I met in middle school and have been together since 7th grade. **My Education:** I attended UW-Stevens Point for Early Childhood Education and Early Childhood Special Education.

My Favorites

Food: Crab legs, pizza, tacos, I like a lot of food

Favorite Teacher Growing Up: Mrs. Pond kindergarten teacher and Mrs. Dul music teacher

Book: Harry Potter Season: Fall Color: Purple Sports: Football

Hobbies: Fishing, hunting, flower gardening, reading, sewing, crafting, morel mushroom hunting.

If I could visit anywhere in the world, I would go to... London, front row Taylor Swift concert with VIP meet and greet passes.

#### Mrs. Lauren Krajacic

The Basics: I am originally from Kenosha, Wisconsin. I moved around to a few cities, including Stevens Point and DePere, before settling in Stanley. I have a family of five, including my dog Milo. My husband Chris, is the Aquatics Director, here at the school. My son Micah is in 8th Grade and my younger son Tyler is in 6th Grade. I love having my whole family, at the school, together!

My Education: I have a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Stevens Point.

My Favorites Food: Sushi

Favorite Teacher Growing Up: Mrs. Pade

Book: The Bible, The Chronicles of Narnia, The Complete Tales of Winnie- the- Pooh

Season: Summer (I love sunshine and warmth)
Color: Yellow (It's bright and sunshiny...like summer!)

**Sports:** Anything that my sons or niece and nephew are playing. I am proud of them all!

Hobbies: Watching my kids play sports, reading, working with the Youth at our Church, snuggling with my dog Milo....

If I could visit anywhere in the world, I would go to... Europe

#### Miss Megan Litwiller

**The Basics:** I grew up in a small town in northwest Illinois with my wonderful mother and brother. I now live in Eau Claire with my fiancé, Kyle and my cat, Poe. **My Education:** I graduated from Ball State University with a double major in elementary education and special education.

My Favorites

Food: Anything Chocolate

Favorite Teacher Growing Up: My favorite teacher growing up was my fourth grade teacher, Mrs. Crase. She made learning so

much fun and cared for each of her students. I remember be being so excited to go to school every morning!

Book: Pete the Cat Season: Summer Color: Yellow Sports: Dance

**Hobbies:** In the warmer months, I stay busy doing things outdoors like kayaking, fishing with Kyle, and going on walks. During the winter, you will find me reading or sewing. I also grew up dancing and still love to dance. I teach a few dance classes at Relevè in

town.

If I could visit anywhere in the world, I would go to... Iceland

#### Mrs. Becky Isenberger

The Basics: My name is Mrs. Isenberger and I will be entering my 22nd year teaching. I started out my career teaching 4K for 5 years and Kindergarten for 3 years at Colby Elementary. In 2011, I made the transition to Stanley-Boyd Elementary and have been teaching 1st grade for the past 12 years. I am super excited to get back into the Kindergarten classroom as I enter my 14th year here at Stanley-Boyd! My husband, Jason, and I have four children, Carter is 17 (Senior), Chloe is 15 (Sophomore), Cooper is 9 (4th Grade), and Carson is 7 (2nd Grade). We love spending our time with our family! We have 2 cats and their names are Juniper and Thor. We live in Stanley. My Education: I graduated from Gilman High School. After graduating, I attended CVTC for Child Care Services for 1 year and then transferred to UW-Stout where I received my bachelor of Science Degree in Early Childhood Education.

My Favorites

Food: Cheeseburgers

Favorite Teacher Growing Up: Ms. Linda DeMoe at Chippewa Valley Technical College

Book: The Little Red Hen

Season: Fall Color: Navy Blue Sports: Basketball

Hobbies: I enjoy decorating for holidays, playing basketball, being with my family, scrapbooking, and being creative doing crafts.

If I could visit anywhere in the world, I would go to... Lublin, WI

#### Dressing Warm for Winter Weather

We ask that parents continue to send their students to school each day dressed with proper warm outdoor gear. It is essential to have warm outdoor items to keep our students safe, dry & warm each day.

Our outside recess protocol for elementary students is as follows~

Children will remain indoors when:

- 1- Temperature is below zero;
- 2- The wind chill is lower than -10 degrees;
- 3- Administration and playground staff determine conditions are unsafe.

**Did You Know?** Snowflakes are made of frozen water and have six sides. Snowflakes actually are not white: While appearing white, snowflakes are translucent, reflecting light rather than letting it pass through.



## Meet the 1st grade team



Mr. Wundrow, Mrs. Wundrow, Miss Goettl, & Mr. Krista

#### **Miss Goettl**

The Basics: I am a Stanley-Boyd Alumni and I am proud to be

**My Education:** I attended UW-Stout and majored in Early-Childhood Education and Early Childhood Special Education.

My Favorites

**Food:** My favorite food is Mexican. I love chips and salsa! **Favorite Teacher Growing Up:** My favorite teacher was my first grade teacher Mrs. Krueger. She was so nice and always had fun things to do in her classroom.

**Book:** My favorite book series is "There was an Old Lady Who

Swallowed a Fly" by Simms Taback.

Season: My favorite season is summer!

Color: My favorite color is white.

Sports: My favorite sport is volleyball!

Hobbies: I love spending time outdoors in the summer and do-

ing my favorite things like gardening and kayaking.

If I could visit anywhere in the world, I would go to... I would

love to visit Hawaii!

#### Mr. Jason Krista

**The Basics:** I am married to my wife Tara. We have four children. Owen (20), Ava (18), Dane (15), and Hayden (15). We live in Chippewa Falls.

My Education: I graduated in Early Childhood Education from

UW Stout.

My Favorites

**Food:** I love seafood

**Favorite Teacher Growing Up:** My favorite teacher was Mrs. Emanuel. She was my second grade teacher at Halmstad in

Chippewa Falls.

Book: Harry and the Terrible Whatzit

Season: I love fall.
Color: Green

**Sports:** Football and Hockey

**Hobbies:** I love coaching. I am currently the varsity assistant hockey coach at Chi-hi. This is my 29 year coaching. I have

coached football, baseball, hockey and track.

If I could visit anywhere in the world, I would go to... My ideal

vacation is on a beach with my family.

#### Mr. Ryan Wundrow

**The Basics:** I grew up in Bruce, WI home of the Blue Hills Beast. My wife Sunny teaches 1st grade. We have three children Lucy, Edlyn and Huego. All of my children attend Stanley-Boyd schools **My Education:** Bachelor's Degree from UW-Stout in Early Childhood Education, Master's Degree from University of St. Mary's in Teaching and Learning.

My Favorites Food: Steak

Favorite Teacher Growing Up: Mr. Hulback

Book: The Bible Season: Summer Color: Blue Sports: Football

Hobbies: Golf, Woodworking

If I could visit anywhere in the world, I would go to... Australia,

again

#### Mrs. Sunny Wundrow

**The Basics:** Born in Oregon state. Raised for most of my life in Fall Creek, WI. As an adult I lived and taught in Eau Claire Area. Then we lived in Florida for two years. Last, we made it to our forever home, Stanley, WI.

My Education: UWEC and UW-Stout

My Favorites Food: Sushi

Favorite Teacher Growing Up: My first grade teacher Miss Cripe

**Book:** the Bible

**Season:** All four have qualities to be grateful for.

Color: Blues, Greens, Oranges

**Sports:** I crave a big game of dodge ball.

**Hobbies:** Crafting, being in nature, biking, camping, reading, **If I could visit anywhere in the world, I would go to...** I would

enjoy a good road trip anywhere in the U.S.

## February Spirit Day!



Spirit Day will be held the 1st FRIDAY of every month. Students must wear Oriole gear or orange & black together to qualify. The classroom with the most Spirit gear wins the Ollie Traveling Trophy for the month! This month's first Friday is February 7th! Go Orioles! ~PBIS committee

#### Pants Donations Greatly Appreciated!

The Elementary is in need of extra pants for Elementary students. These pants come in handy when a student has an accident, falls in the mud, etc. If you would like to make a





donation of gently used pants we are in search of:

- -Girls pants- sizes 4-8
- -Boys pants- sizes 6-8

Please drop off in the elementary office. Athletic type pants are preferred as they have more flexibility but we will take jeans also. (At this time we do not need shirts.) THANK YOU!

**Parents-** The winter season means its also boot season. Please be sure to help your students pack shoes each day for school so they do not have to wear their winter boots in school all day. Thank you!



## with Ms. DeYoung

#### INSTRUMENT OF THE MONTH:

This February, we're shining the spotlight on the cello! Known for its rich, warm tone, the cello is often featured in orchestras, chamber music, and even as a solo instrument.





This February, we're celebrating the life and music of Franz Schubert! Known for his beautiful melodies and heartfelt compositions, Schubert is one of the greatest composers of the Romantic era.

### Get answers, find services and connect to community resources

Get support for kids with special health care needs

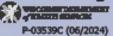


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📞 (877) WiscWay 877-947-2929







#### Apoye su desarrollo y crecimiento

Los primeros años de su hijo son muy importantes. Seguir cómo su pequeño juega, aprende, habla, actúa y se mueve lo puede ayudar en su desarrollo.

Descargue la aplicación gratuita de los CDC Sigamos el desarrollo para encontrar actividades fáciles para cada edad.











Vea consejos y actividades



Sepa cuándo debe reaccionar pronto

Encuentre más información en www.cdc.gov/Sigamos

# FEBRUARY 2025



School Information: All menu served with a choice of white skim, 1% white, and 1% chocolate milk. Students must take a 1/2 cup fruit with meal.

THIS INSTITUTION IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER.



February is National Hot Breakfast Month. A hot breakfast can be anything from pancakes and waffles to breakfast sandwiches to oatmeal or cream of wheat. Which hot breakfasts will you try this month?

# WEDNESDAY



TUESDAY

MONDAY

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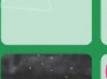
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## THURSDAY



FRIDAY







Bagel

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9

**Twisted Blueberry** 

Sliced Pears

100% Juice

Sliced Peaches

Snack Crackers

Cereal Bar







8



Sliced Peaches

100% Juice

Cherry Frudel

8

Stuffed Hash brown

8

Yogurt / Granola

Snack Bread

8

String Cheese

Pop Tart

Egg & Cheese

Sliced Pears

100% Juice

Choice of Milk

Choice of Milk

Choice of Milk

100% Juice

Craisins

100% Juice

Choice of Milk

100% Juice







**Breakfast Pizza** 

8

Pull Apart Donut

2

Sliced Peaches

100% Juice

Choice of Milk

Choice of Milk

Choice of Milk

Choice of Milk

100% Juice

Craisins

100% Juice

Raisins

8













Snack Crackers 100% Juice

Craisins

Cereal

Fruit Cocktail

Mini Cinns

100 % Juice

8

Choice of Milk Oatmeal Bar Snack Bread

Choice of Milk Banana Bread Tropical Fruit 100% Juice

Pancake on Stick Applesance

Syrup

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Choice of Milk

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100% Juice Banana

Sliced Peaches String Cheese 100% Juice Muffin

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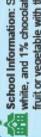
Choice of Milk

100% Juice

Craisins

100% Juice

# FEBRUARY 2025



School Information: Students have a choice of white skim, 1% white and 1% chocyclate mile. Students must take a former of the skim, 1% white, and 1% chocolate milk. Students must take a 1/2 cup of fruit or vegetable with their meal, or a combination of both. THIS INSTITUTION IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER.



February is American Heart Month. Keep your heart healthy by being active every day. Run, dance, walk the dog, climb stairs or play in the snow if you have it.

Reference: USDA MyPlate



FRIDAY

THURSDAY

WE DINESDAY

TUESDAY

#### CHANGE, DEPENDING ON AVAILABILITY OF MONDAY **MENU MAY BE** SUBJECT TO PRODUCT.



Pineapple Tidbits

Fruit Cocktail

Steamed Carrots











Creamy Colesiaw W.G. Hamburger Steamed Peas Sub Sandwich

Mashed Potatoes

Steamed Corn

Sliced Pears

Dinner Roll

Salisbury Steak

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9

General TSO



8

Lasagna Roll-ups Steamed Carrots Creamy Coleslaw

8

Romaine Lettuce Steamed Corn French Bread Banana



8

Meat, Cheese, Chips

Taco

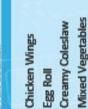
Steamed Carrots

Refried Beans

Grapes

Fish Sticks

**Bush's Baked Beans** Sauerkraut / Chips W.G. Hot Dog Bun Fruit Cocktail Brats



2

Banana

Pineapple Tidbits

Steamed Corn

Romaine Lettuce

Marinara Sauce

Max Sticks

**AuGartin Potatoes** Creamy Colesiaw Steamed Peas Applesauce 8



6 W. G. Hot Dog Bun Hot Dog

Bush's Baked Beans Mandarin Oranges Applesauce Cup Steamed Peas Turkey Gravy W.G. Biscuit Chips (2) w

8

Pineapple Tidbits Pepperoni Pizza Steamed Corn

8

Garlic Bread Stick

Sliced Pears

8

Ham & Cheese Sand. Cucumbers & Celery Chicken Soup Apple Slices Crackers (2)

8

## School Counselor Corner with Mrs. Ceranski



Sportsmanship is an essential life skill that extends far beyond the field or court. Sportsmanship means playing fair, showing respect for everyone involved, and staying positive even when things don't go your way. Whether winning or losing, good sportsmanship fosters empathy, patience, and humility. Here's how we encourage great sportsmanship at Stanley-Boyd Elementary School and how you can support it at home.

#### We are a Leader In Me school:

Every student at our school is seen as a leader, and leadership opportunities are integrated into daily learning. We work hard at S-B Elementary to emphasize respect, collaboration, and a growth mindset. Our staff recognizes students who are showing leadership and are celebrated with a SOAR award. Our classroom guidance curriculum also spends time reflecting on making good choices and problem-solving. We encourage open dialogue about emotions and strategies to handle them. By integrating these practices into our daily activities and creating a culture of respect, we are working to effectively instill the values of good sportsmanship in our Orioles!

#### **Tips for Encouraging Sportsmanship at Home**

- 1. **Emphasize Effort Over Outcome:** Praise your child for their effort, improvement, and teamwork rather than just winning.
- 2. **Discuss Feelings:** After games or competitions, ask how they felt and talk about ways to stay positive.
- 3. Celebrate Others' Successes: Encourage your child to cheer for their teammates.
- 4. **Lead by Example:** Show sportsmanship by respecting referees, coaches, and other parents during games.

#### **Spotlight: Acts of Sportsmanship**

**Ms.** Solie's 4th grade class does a great job of always cheering on others in PE class during fitness testing. Students will continue to run with others after they have already finished!!

Another shoutout goes to **Bethany Olson** in 2nd grade who always helps others and congratulates them when they are successful.

Let's work together to make sportsmanship a value that shines on and off the field!

