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Above: A special guest showed up for Mr. O's surprise retirement party! Congrats Mr. O, and thanks for all your hard work and dedication!

Stanton Township Public Schools is located on Holman School Road in Atlantic Mine (Liming) Michigan. There are currently 163 students in Kindergarten through Eighth Grades.

E.B. Holman Says Goodbye to Mr. Ozanich...

On January 20, 2015, the sixth grade class interviewed Mr. Ozanich. We asked him questions about how it was to be a teacher at E.B. Holman. Mr. Ozanich retired at the end of January, and we will miss him. Thank you for all that you have done for us!

Q: How long have you been teaching?

A: 29 years

Q: What was it like being the tallest teacher at school?

A: I like it because most of my college scholarships got paid for.

Q: What was the best gift you ever got?

A: I love my bakery!

Q: What is your favorite day of the week?

A: Mondays, because of assemblies, and any day that the cooks are serving a turkey dinner.

Q: What was your scariest moment as a teacher?

A: When a student broke his arm. I don't like looking at arms that are out of whack!

Q: How did you like being the principal at E.B. Holman?

A: I liked it, but I missed the classroom.

Q: What do you plan to do when you retire?

A: Take it easy for the first month, and then try to get a part time job in sales. I would be interested in coaching junior varsity or varsity basketball.

Q: What were some of your best class trips?

A: The Oskar Dome was always fun, and the time Mrs. Larson and I brought the kids to the Hanka Homestead.

Q: Have you taught at any schools other than E.B. Holman?

A: I subbed at other schools, but I've only had a full time job at E.B. Holman.

Q: Did you have fun teaching at E.B. Holman?

A: Yes, I really enjoyed it!

Q: What was your most embarrassing moment?

A: When Ronald McDonald came here and made a balloon hat, and someone put it on my head.

Q: What made you want to be a

teacher?

A: I started to student teach, and then I wanted to be a teacher.

Q: What was your favorite subject to teach?

A: Gym and math

Q: What was your funniest moment?

A: One of my students asked me, "Why don't you wear cowboy boots?"

Q: Did you like teaching at E.B. Holman?

A: Yes, the classes were small and well behaved.

Q: Did you have fun coaching basketball?

A: Yes, I love coaching basketball.

Q: What grades have you taught?

A: I've taught first, second, third and Kindergarten.

Principal's Corner—Mr. Rautiola

Greetings! The Stanton Wildcats are having an awesome year. It's hard to believe that 2014 has come and gone. Mr. Ozanich officially retired on January 23rd. The students and staff wish him the best of luck with future endeavors, and thank him for dedicating 29 years of service to the Stanton community as a teacher, coach and administrator.

The E.B. family welcomes Mrs. Jennifer Stone as our new 3rd Grade teacher. Mrs. Stone and her family have been involved in the Stanton community for many years, and we are excited

to have her as a teacher. Mrs. Stone brings a wide array of educational experience to her classroom, and Jenni's passion for teaching and positive demeanor is infectious. The district continues to update technology in order to ensure that our students are prepared for the next step in their education. Our teachers work diligently to keep our students safe at school, along with teaching them appropriate computer usage. This spring, our students will be taking the M-Step completely online. This is ex-

citing, but is a huge change from the paper/pencil MEAP tests that students were accustomed to.

Overall, we are "Living the Dream in 2015." The students and staff are having a fantastic year at E.B. Holman and a large part of that comes from the continued community support – and for that, we all thank you.

Kindergarten in Action!

It has been a busy month in kindergarten. Students are beginning to take their letters and sounds and writing words and sentences. I am so proud of their effort. They are also starting to do addition and have grown academically by leaps and bounds. The 100th day of school is right around the corner as well as their Valentine's Day party. We also just went into the Star Lab to view stars and constellations. This is a great opportunity for our students!



Above: The kindergarteners dressed in their pajamas for our Christmas program performance of *The Polar Express*. We sang beautifully and had a blast! Santa even came afterward!



Leaving the Senior Center after Christmas caroling.



Eddy brought in a *giant* carrot to share. It was pretty cool!

First Grade

The School Store—by Kylie and Brogan: The school store is a cart and has stuff in it like fruit snacks and school supplies. You can get blue tickets if you help people or bring in balls from recess. With blue tickets, you can buy stuff from the school store. Blue tickets are worth 25¢.

Thanksgiving Feast—by Tori and Cade: At the Thanksgiving feast we ate popcorn, dried apples, dried cranberries, and nuts. We made Pilgrim hats. We arranged the desks differently so the second grade could join us. We also read a book about popcorn and different kinds of corn. The second graders were dressed as Indians and we sat down in mixed boy-girl order.

Snowshoeing—by Ray: Snowshoeing was really fun! We walked around the school. Snowshoes keep

you on top of the snow. We looked for tracks. We found rabbit tracks, small tracks, and big tracks.

Christmas Program—by Diana and Kirby: We did a play called *The Polar Express*. The first graders, second graders, and the third graders all sang together. We wore pajamas and socks. Santa came to visit and he gave us bags with candy and prizes in them. It was fun!!

Nick the Tricky Elf—by Greyden and Elaina: Nick the elf came to the first grade room in December. Nick the tricky elf hid stuff on us. Once he hid the checker pieces in our desks! He even moved our desks around, so everyone was sitting in the wrong desks all day! Nick the tricky elf made a tower out of plastic cups. He also made a Christmas tree made out of rubber bands and he hung Christmas lights around the classroom. He brought a plastic tree to school and hung

things on it like scissors and fly swatters. Nick was such a silly elf!

Eric Carle Books—By Josie and Myles: This year we read some Eric Carle books. Some of the books we read were *Hello Red Fox*, *10 Little Rubber Ducks*, *The Very Busy Spider*, *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?*, *Mr. Seahorse*, and *A House for Hermit Crab*. The book *Hello Red Fox* is about a frog and his mom. It is the frog's birthday and he has his friends come over. When they come over, his mom thinks they are not the right color and he says, "Mama frog you have not looked at it long enough". We made our own book just like Eric Carle's. It is called *What Do You See?*. Everyone in the class made a picture for it.

Special thanks go out to our sixth grade helpers for helping us write our newsletter articles!

The Best Part About Second Grade:

It's been very exciting in Second Grade during this last marking period. We have been studying about our communities and learning about different types of maps. We've been learning about how big the world really is. In Science, we have been studying about animals in different parts of the world, and how they have special adaptations that allow them to live in their habitats. In math, we now know how to multiply and divide. Last month we had fun studying geometry. There are a lot of fun shapes to explore and we got to make

them. Since the students have become such fluent readers, we are beginning to write in more detail about the stories we read in class. The students are really blossoming in writing. In November, we wrote, *How to Cook a Turkey*, and told, *Why Breakfast is an Important Part of Your Day!* They know that it's important to have a balanced meal in order to have energy for the day, to be able to think clearly, to help them grow, and to build strong muscles. They admitted that eating a sugary breakfast isn't a healthy

choice, but sometimes it's fun to do! We also have written cartoons, New Year's Resolutions, and Leadership papers for our studies about Martin Luther King, Jr. The students really showed that they have great ideas for making their school, community, and world a better place. I am amazed at their ability to write. Keep up the excellent work, Second Graders!

****News From Grade 3****

Greetings from Grade 3!

After walking the halls of E.B. for nearly three decades, I would like to take the opportunity to thank the residents of Stanton Township for all of their support during my tenure with the school system. I have met many wonderful people since January of 1986 and consider my-

self blessed to have been a part of such a successful school.

Whether in the classroom or on the basketball court, I walk away with many fond memories of my time at E.B. and will smile for years to come, thinking back on it all.

I am very happy that Mrs. Jennifer Stone will guide *Grade 3 @ E.B. for the remainder of the school*

year. She is full of great ideas, energy, and will be an awesome addition to the Holman Family.

Thanks for the *Wildcat Memories!*

G.J.T. Ozanich (a.k.a. - Mr. O.)



4th Grade: Teaming Up for Reading

A "cat pride" union was made in the E.B. Holman Elementary gymnasium December 12, 2014. The Finlandia Lions men's hockey team came to surprise the students during their weekly assembly to kick off the reading partnership scheduled to begin in January. The players came in dressed in their jerseys and introduced themselves to the students and staff. Starting in January the hockey players will begin reading to E.B. Holman students

and working on reading comprehension strategies. We are excited about this program and hope that it will create bonds that last well outside the classroom.



Above: The fourth grade class poses for a snapshot with the Finlandia men's hockey team! Go Lions!

Fifth Grade Fun with Mr. LaBonte!

The end of January already? Can you believe that we have one full semester behind us? Time flies when you're having fun, I guess... right. It has been an amazing journey so far this year! We are very excited to see what this next semester has in store for us to do and learn.

Speaking of learning, we have recently started a poetry unit in Language Arts, and we are discovering quickly that we have some serious writing talent in this group. I will be sharing some of my personal poetry with the group, and we will experi-

ment with various styles to find our favorites. We've already written a few Acrostic poems that are finding their way onto the walls in our hallways for everyone to enjoy. I know I certainly enjoy them! Poetry is meant to be read and shared, so keep an eye out for it coming home and see how our class is writing.

The 3rd-5th grades all went skating Wednesday at the dome, and we had a great time! Mr. O was organizing races for anyone that wanted to participate, a group was playing tag, and some were simply enjoying their time on the ice. We will definitely try

to do that again in the near future. It's a nice break from our everyday classroom routine.

On a different note, the whole class asked if they could come up with an idea to decorate the bulletin boards in the classroom, and then actually do it as an art project. The result is wonderful! They worked incredibly well together and made a beautiful outdoor wintry scene to brighten up our class. Thank you very much 5th graders!



Above: Some of the fifth graders skating together at the Oskar Dome!

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To the Stars and Beyond!

Compiled by the 8th graders

Hey! A shooting star! Make a wish! The students at E.B. Holman get to look at the stars yearly with the help of Star Lab.

Star Lab is a portable planetarium. It is made of a dome, a projector, and film. All together it creates an amazing replica of the sky you experience every night. The only difference between the replica and the true night sky is, thanks to Language Arts teacher, Mrs. Erbisch, Star Lab is much more educational.

This fun but educational program comes to school each year. Students from Kindergarten to Eighth grade go to see and learn about stars and constellations, and to listen to American Indian folktales and Greek myths about the stars. Orion the mighty hunter, is one of the countless legends. The film drums, with special patterns, give students a chance to see the stars from the comfort of the gym. So, if you want to learn about the stars, come to E.B. Holman and visit the wonderful Star Lab.



Winter Wildcat Pride!

Congrats, Mr. O!

On behalf of our school and community, we send out a heartfelt thank-you to Mr. Greg Ozanich for 29 years of outstanding teaching and service with Stanton Township public schools. We will always remember and treasure your tireless effort, effortless wit, and all of the contributions you made to our school community. Quite literally, you leave us with some big shoes to fill, and we hope you'll hang around and visit often!

Congratulations, thank you, and good luck!

-All of us here at E.B. ☺

Compiled by the 7th graders

Seventh Grade Road Trip

Would you like to know where the seventh grade class is going this spring? Along with the seventh grade teacher Mr. Hainault, and three very brave chaperones, the class will be going to Duluth, Minnesota.

The trip is being planned for late spring. A tour of the Lake Superior Visitor's Center, the Lake Superior Aquarium, and the Lake Superior Railroad Museum are just a few of the fun and educational activities that the students will enjoy! Raising funds for the trip is well under way. The class held a raffle at the annual

Christmas program and \$750 was raised. Online purchases at Schwann's is also in place along with a future pasty sale.

The class is excited and working hard toward their goal of a great trip to Duluth.

