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Our Mission Statement: *Stanton Township Public Schools believes in nurturing all students' intellectual, creative, emotional and social skills, empowering students to be lifelong learners. We will respect and encourage ourselves and each other and appreciate individual differences.*

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Top Photo: The boys' basketball team in our new gymnasium! Our gym floor logo is by 8th grade student Jack Hammerstrom.

Bottom: We're still getting books into our system and onto the shelves, but our new library opened on March 1st!

Stanton Township Public Schools is located on Holman School Road in Atlantic Mine (Liminga) Michigan. There are currently 181 students in Kindergarten through Eighth Grade.

Principal's Corner—Mr. Rautiola

Greetings,

The Stanton Wildcats are having an awesome year. Student enrollment has increased to 181. Once again our District was named a Rewards school for our academic progress. Our staff is truly dedicated in providing a quality educational experience for our students. We would like to welcome two new teachers to the staff. Mrs. Nora Laho is assigned to 5th Grade, and Mr. Adam Sleeman is assigned to 2nd Grade.

The 2016 construction project is complete, and the students are enjoying the updates and new space. I am pleased to announce that the project was completed ahead of schedule and within budget. MJO Contracting, U.P. Engineering and a variety of other local contractors did a fantastic job ensuring that the district and community goals were met. It's simply amazing what can be accomplished when a community works together.

Included in the project:

- Installed a new heating system with multiple high efficiency boilers and controls
- Updated to LED lighting
- Replaced kitchen equipment and updated lunch area
- Added 11,000 square feet which include new classroom, library, gym, office, bathrooms and computer lab
- Addressed outside safety concerns by adding new pavement, parking and designated space
- Updated roof, bathrooms, classrooms, classroom technology and energy efficiency needs
- Obtained a low interest rate when bond was sold, which meant Stanton taxpayers received a lower millage rate. December 2016 millage rate of 3 mills vs. 4 mills projected.
- Drilled new well and updated water distribution system.



Thank You Stanton community for investing in these kids. Stanton Township Public Schools once again has a solid foundation that will serve many more generations of families and students. **Please join us for an open house celebration from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. on April 10, 2017.**

Jim

Kindergarten in Action!

Kindergarten has had a busy February. We celebrated the 100th day of school on February 10 with lots of fun activities. Valentine's Day was 4 days afterwards. We celebrated with a Valentine exchange and made some gingerbread houses. The best part was eating them afterwards! We have used the new computer lab and have been anxiously waiting for the new library, which just opened!

Top: Our 100th Day posters!



Above: Liam and Mollee have a snack.

Below: Making gingerbread houses!



First Grade: "Sounds" Like Fun!

In first grade, we've been enjoying the new Michigan science standards!

We've been learning about the different ways sound and light behave. After seeing things vibrate to make sound, and observing how light shadows, bounce off objects, or shine through them, we used flashlights, lasers, and percussions instruments to communicate across the classroom. Soon, we'll figure out a plan to communicate across a wider distance!



Above: Remi, Cece, and Isabel place a tuning fork in water!



Top: Investigating sound vibrations.
Bottom: Observing how light behaves.



Mrs. Dixon brought in her harp to show us, and Trevin got to play it!



Hudsen enjoys a Junie B. Jones!

Second Grade Loves to Read!

Here in Second Grade we have a classroom full of readers! Many students are reading chapter books and all students have been very busy exploring many topics and genres. We have explored space and Antarctica. We visited the dinosaurs in prehistoric times. We have learned about Martin Luther King Jr., George Washington, Harriet Tubman and Davy Crockett. We traveled west with Sacagawea and Lewis and Clark. We learned about owls, snakes, deer and many other ani-

mals. Overall, the most popular books are the funny ones. Junie B. Jones is a class favorite and recently Fudge has given us many laughs. My favorite story from this year has been *Officer Buckle and Gloria* because the students were laughing-out-loud as they read the story to themselves!



Left: Alice, Charlotte, and Brea read a book.

Some of our Favorite Stories!

My favorite book I have read this year was *Junie B. Jones*, Aloha-ha-ha because she spies on the grannies.

-Ethan Kilpela

My favorite book was *U.S.A. Navy* because this guy named Dan was a paratrooper.

-Reed Redinger

Grade 3 at EB!

Our days are busy in 3rd grade. The students are memorizing their multiplication facts, problem solving, learning cursive writing, writing opinion and informational paragraphs, and reading, reading, **READING!** We are also working with 8th-grade helpers on investigation projects

answering questions such as, “Why do deer shed their antlers?” and, “How does a cell phone work?” The students are really enjoying the new gym, and the new computer lab has been very helpful as the students begin touch typing. Learning is fun in Grade 3 @ EB!



Above: Brandon and Ethan work on their experiment!



Above: Working on the Chromebooks!



8th Grade Rock Walkway in Progress!!!

Eighth grade students created computer generated slides for our Rock Walkway as part of the Keweenaw Geoheritage Project. We are excited to send the slides on to Lloyd Wescoat and Erika Vye at MTU to review. Once this is done, the slides will be sent to a local business to be made into metal signs. Finally, we will install the signs along the Rock Walkway to tell the Rock Story of the Keweenaw.

Welcome to the Wildcat Rock Walkway!

Signs will have a QR code that you can scan with your smartphone to get additional information.

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Porcupine Mountain State Park	Copper Harbor Beach

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The students and staff of E.B. Holman would like to congratulate Mrs. Larson and her family on their new addition!

JOHN LARSON.
Our newest wildcat!

Technology Rocks in Fifth Grade!!

Fifth-graders are gaining a lot of technology-related skills this quarter. To help teach Wildcat expectations, students are developing expectation videos for the different areas of the school. The students are in charge of every phase of the project, from developing the script to filming and then editing and publishing the final video. For Genius Hour, we are beginning a hands-on unit with a few “maker” products, including an Arduino microcontroller kit, Little Bits elec-

tronic building blocks, a Makey Makey invention kit, and more. Students have also had the opportunity to use a 3D printer this quarter. To finalize their “business design” projects in Computers, students designed keychains in Tinkercad and printed their keychains using the 3D printer.



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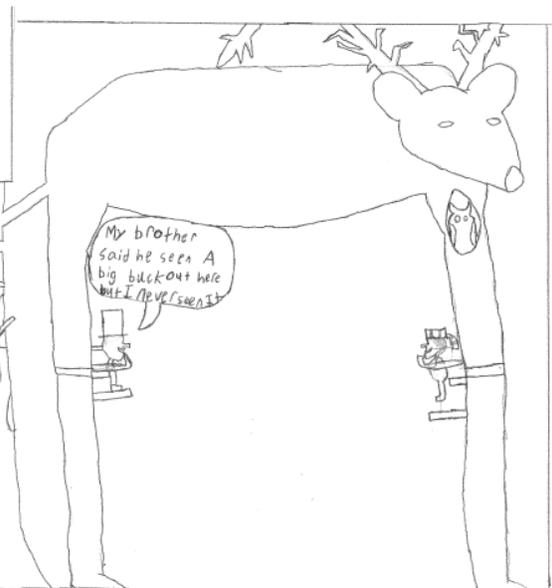
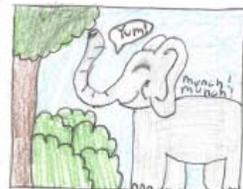
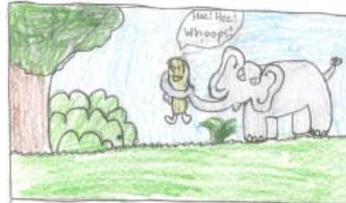
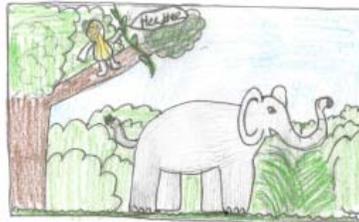
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Sixth Grade Comic Strips!

Making a comic strip...easy, right? Wrong! This fun form of writing isn't as simple as it looks. Choosing a theme, creating characters, settings, storylines, and coming up with a punch line is just the beginning. Drawing borders, panels, and gutters is next. And then, finally, it all gets put together as a final product.

Is it easy? No!

Is it fun? Yes!



Craig & Joe, by Eric Anderson; The Yooper Hunters, by Alex Denofre; The Jungle Nut, by Allia Heinonen