

# SAMS VALLEY ELEMENTARY NEWS

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## Letter from the Principal

December is always such a busy time, but I am hopeful you can take a few moments to stop and enjoy the age your kids are right now. As a mother of 2 boys who are now in their early 20's, I can tell you this time flies by. There are many times I find myself wishing I could go back to those times when they could snuggle up on my lap.

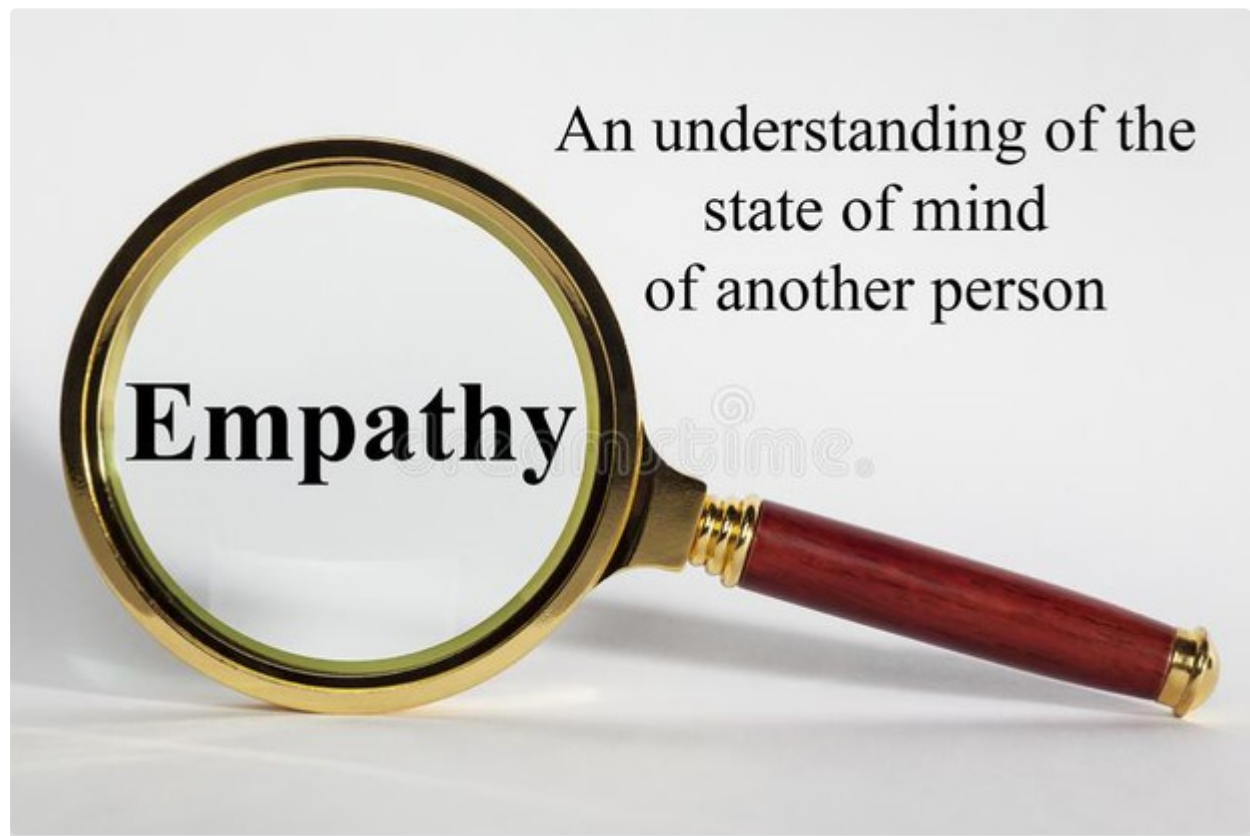
I know raising kids is one of the most challenging things ever, but I also know it's one of the most rewarding. Parents, I would like to encourage you over the Winter Break to make a conscious effort to connect with your child and just enjoy their company. Maybe you can play a game, do some baking, go on a walk or watch a movie together? Whatever it is you do, make it special so you can hold onto the memory as they grow up!

Have a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! See you in 2023!

Sincerely,

Tammie Collom  
Principal, SVE





## **December Character Education--EMPATHY**

During the month of December, we have had a school-wide focus on empathy. I would like to personally challenge each of our families to help develop empathy in the following ways:

- Do something helpful for someone who needs the help.
- When reading a story, discuss how the characters might be feeling.
- Talk about the "Golden Rule."

You should have already received a Family Connection letter about Empathy in Parent Square for further ideas and information on how to support your child's character development at home. I also encourage you to do the challenge listed below:





FAMILY



## Hour by Hour

Plan a family date night or day together. Have each member of the family plan 30 minutes to 1 hour of the date!

Each person gets to own their portion and then you can all work together to figure out how to fit all the pieces into 1 agenda for the night.



## Pastries for Parents

Our Title I Teacher, Marti Ward, planned our annual "Pastries for Parents" as a way for our students and parents to have an opportunity to enjoy breakfast with a book. We had a great turnout with a ton of SVE families enjoying their cinnamon roll with a story. Thanks to everyone who participated!



## Run-a-thon Rewards

Our top 20 money earners all received the prizes that were displayed in the principal's window. In addition, any student who brought in \$75 or more participated in a donut/hot chocolate party. In January, all students who brought in \$200 or more will get to have lunch in town with Mrs. Collom.



## Teachers/Principal Paid the Price for Classroom Run-a-thon Goals Met

Each teacher challenged their class to reach a specific goal for our Run-a-thon. IF the students would reach \$\_\_\_\_\_, THEN the teacher would have to do something crazy or silly.

Some of these challenges were performed during Wednesday's assembly in front of the entire student body.

### Ms. Kanahale got SLIMED!



### Mrs. Smith ate BABY FOOD!





**Mrs. Drake had to endure a SILLY STRING attack!**





**Mr. Lee had to perform the BUFFALO WILD WING challenge!  
(10 Carolina Reaper Wings)**



...and Mrs. Collom got a **DOZEN EGGS** smashed on her head!





Congratulations to the following students for being our top money earners and earning an egg to smash on Mrs. Collom's head!

- Teagan Griffin
- Marcello Camarena
- Grant Dimick
- Kai Idso-Weisz
- Kaycie Jones
- Caleb Hardin
- Byerly Kezer
- Mackenzie Borosund
- Isabelle Borosund
- Gage Hunsaker
- Royce Charley
- Emily Mattos



## Run-a-thon Correction

Earlier we announced the run-a-thon total of \$16,105. Due to a numerical error, we actually have a total of \$15,837.62.

Although our total is a little less than what we first thought, we are over the moon happy and grateful about the success of our 2022 Run-a-thon! Thank you for your support!

## -Student Recognition-



**Zola Fountain--Central Point Rotary Student of the Year**

Zola Fountain was recently recognized by the Central Point Rotary Club for being the Student of the Year at Sams Valley Elementary School. Zola was selected by the staff for her outstanding academic skills and for her consistent display of kindness toward others. Zola is a member of the SVE Student Council and is a fantastic helper at school. We would like to congratulate Zola for this incredible achievement!



**Zola and Rotarian,  
Mike Meunier**



**Zola and her  
parents**



**Zola and her  
teacher, Ms.  
Ziemann**

## **Perfect Attendance for Trimester 1**

Congratulations to the following students for being at school every single day for the first trimester! This is a huge accomplishment and helps us reach our attendance goals!

Kinsley Wiegand  
Sadie Chrigwin  
Teagan Hefley  
John Droesch  
Luke Wiegand  
Royce Charley  
Gauge Hunsaker  
Darien Solis Quirarte  
Evan Mitchell  
Michael Graves  
Heidy Serrano  
Aiden Yovan  
Byerly Kezer





## November Student of the Month Awards

Congratulations to the following students for earning the November Student of the Month Award. They are well deserving!

- Drake – Anni Bailey, Abigail Wuerfel, Marcello Camarena
- Rees – Teagan Hefley, Carter Joy, McKenzie Wilson
- Kanahele – Allison Byle, Klara King
- Odom – Laci Drake, Samantha Belanger
- Ratty – Liliana Arroyo, Darien Solis Quirarte
- Lee – Miguel Rocha, Grant Dimick
- Gentry – Mackenzie Borosund, Taylor Trosi
- Smith – Kaycie Jones
- Ziemann – Mireya Quinonez
- Jenkins – Tuvosa Naiceru
- Beck – Maia Palmer, Nathaniel Hayes





## Honoring Students with Gratitude

During November, we focused on showing gratitude. Students were encouraged to show gratitude to their family, their classmates, and their teacher. Ask your child what it means to show gratitude and have them give you an example.

We honored the following students during our latest assembly for showing gratitude at school:

- Drake – Rosalee Parker, Connor Kelsey, Tucker Moore
- Rees – Annie Damon
- Kanahele – Dawson Phillips, Kai Idso-Weisz
- Odom – William Henneman, Milo Palmer
- Ratty – Ducky Kapule, Keenan Pearson
- Lee – Evan Mitchell, Johan Mendoza
- Gentry – Randilyn Pisz
- Smith – Brody Becker, Bradley Dodenhoff
- Ziemann – Lilah Gaines
- Jenkins – Fiona Naiceru
- Beck – Isaac Silver

## Staff Recognition--Aharon Bolsta

Mr. Bolsta (known by the students as Mr. Wheels) is our new music teacher here at Sams Valley Elementary. Mr. Bolsta is an incredible percussionist and has traveled the world participating in various forms of cultural music. My guess is that you have already noticed his influence on the kids from hearing your own child do body percussion!

Mr. Bolsta is not only teaching music at Sams Valley Elementary, but also at Patrick Elementary School and for the CAMP program at Hanby. Although he is only at SVE on Mondays and Tuesdays, we are thankful for his passion for music and are grateful for the experience he brings to this school.



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