

# SAMS VALLEY ELEMENTARY NEWS

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## Letter from the Principal

It finally feels like Spring! It's my favorite season, especially here at Sams Valley Elementary! We have bulbs shooting up in the courtyard, things growing in the garden, sun shining through the trees and kids loving their play time outside!

As we approach the last trimester of our school year, I am hopeful our students and families will make an **extra effort** to prioritize coming to school. Students being at school is the number one factor that improves student learning.

Below is a chart showing our monthly attendance by grade level. My goal is to try to surpass those September attendance rates! To do so, we are going to have a competition in the months of April and May to increase attendance!

To help us reach our attendance goals and help your child's class with the attendance competition, please consider the following:

- Schedule non-emergent health appointments outside of the school day.
- Plan vacations for school breaks.
- Set a morning routine so you and your child get in the habit of getting out the door on time.
- Make sure your child gets plenty of rest each night so they don't fight you about going to school.
- Save sick days for when your child is truly sick.
- Encourage your child to show some toughness by attending on days they don't feel 100%, but could make it through the day.
- Remind them about all the fun things they get to do at school and what they are learning. If you value education, they will too!

I will be tracking grade level attendance and reporting it regularly during April and May through Parent Square! Stay tuned for the winners!

Sincerely,

Tammie Collom  
Principal, SVE

Grade	September Average	October Average	November Average	December Average	January Average	February Average
Kindergarten	95.00	91.38	84.24	87.81	89.61	88.30
1st Grade	95.80	91.02	90.52	90.77	92.03	90.61
2nd Grade	95.95	92.23	90.72	91.48	92.59	93.95
3rd Grade	92.69	93.25	91.86	92.56	92.59	93.35
4th Grade	93.06	93.30	92.72	93.01	93.02	91.80
5th Grade	94.23	91.77	93.12	92.45	92.89	92.55
All Grades total	94.42	92.18	90.52	91.35	92.12	91.73

**At School and On Time.....Attendance Matters!**





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## Sams Valley Elementary Archery Club





## **SVE competes at the Oregon State NASP Competition!**

Sams Valley Elementary has been competing in the NASP (National Archery in Schools Program) regional and state competitions since 2019. In 2019, only 3 students competed at the Oregon State NASP competition from SVE. However, the archery club at SVE has grown to about 30 members. Of those members, we had a record 17 students compete at the NASP Oregon State Tournament in Albany on March 9, 2024! We are proud to tell you that two students from SVE brought home trophies!

Colton Godley got 3rd place in the elementary boys division and Taylor Trosi got 2nd place in the elementary girls division (pictured below). Congratulations to these NASP Oregon State winners and to all of our students who competed in this event! We couldn't be more proud!

*Archery Club at SVE is open to all fourth and fifth grade students. It is an after school club offered by Mr. Lee. Archery club usually begins in January and goes up to the Oregon State Competition in March.*







## Character Development

### March Character Trait--COOPERATION

During the month of March, we have had a school-wide focus on Cooperation. Cooperation is working together to reach shared goals.

Below is a family newsletter about cooperation that you might want to download. Additionally, there is a "Community Cooperation" activity suggested by our curriculum, *PurposeFULL People*. With our Sams Valley Community Carnival coming up on May 17th, I thought this would be a great time for you to consider getting involved. We need all the help we can get! Please read the information in this newsletter on how to get involved with our school carnival!

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People

## Community Cooperation

We've all heard the saying there is no 'I' in team. Schools rely on parents and teachers working together and supporting the students' academic learning experience. This week's challenge is to volunteer to join a committee at your school, sign up for an upcoming PTA event, or organize a group to work on an improvement project around the school.

If you aren't able to fit in a new commitment or attend one this week, write a thank you note to those courageous collaborators that help make your community that much better!

COOPERATION

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## The Sams Valley Community Carnival--Coming May 17th

### GET INVOLVED--We SERIOUSLY need your help!

The Sams Valley Community Carnival is a long-standing event that this community looks forward to every May. Not only is it an incredible fundraiser for our school, it's also a great way for people to come together and enjoy some food, fun, music and games!

This event takes people though. Last year, in all honesty, the Sams Community Organization struggled pulling this event off because of the lack of people willing to volunteer. We don't need people to help all night, we just need people to be willing to give an hour of their time to work in the game booths, to make cotton candy, bag popcorn, sell, water, sell raffle tickets, to help clean up, etc.

Please, help make our carnival a success by signing up through the following link:

<https://helpcounterweb.com/ci/signup/156b5a883fb>

If you are not yet a volunteer, it's not hard to become one! Just go here to fill out the information online. [helpcounterweb.com/ci/volunteer](https://helpcounterweb.com/ci/volunteer)

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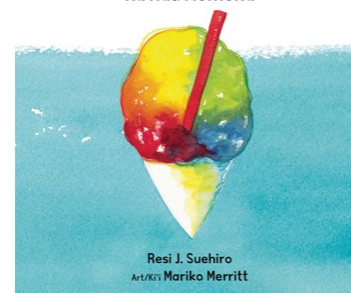


### Literacy Night--April 24th

Come enjoy literacy night at Sams Valley Elementary on April 24, 5:30-7:00 p.m. This year it will be extra COOL and you won't want to miss out! Along with all of the exciting literacy activities to participate in, you can purchase some new books at the book fair or get yourself a shave ice from Kona Ice! What is more cool than reading a book and eating a shave ice?

Put it on your calendar now!

### Shave Ice Ka Hau Momona



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### January Student of the Month and Perseverance Awards

Congratulations to the following students for earning the January Student of the Month and Perseverance Awards.





Drake – Aurora Gee, Rozlyn Cheyne, Christian Fogel  
Perseverance – Skye Ortiz

Rees – Henry Hinman  
Perseverance – Aria Stevens

Lee – Paige Young  
Perseverance – Roy Lee

Kanahele – Klara King, Zachary Kube  
Perseverance – Andrea Steele

Odom – Reid Deutschman, Fontanna Calvary  
Perseverance – Ricky Seaton

Ratty – Steven Seaton  
Perseverance – Emmitt Villalobos

Gentry – Harper Hefley  
Perseverance – Darien Solis Quirarte

Ziemann – Allyson Edwards  
Perseverance – Lillie Sallee

Smith – Heidi Serrano  
Perseverance – Aiden Yovan

Jenkins – Cheyenne Henney  
Perseverance – Michael Nelson

Beck – Perseverance – Prince Verzosa

### **February Student of the Month and Honesty Awards**

**Congratulations to the following students for earning the February Student of the Month and Honesty Awards.**

Drake – Alexis Nolan, Paisley Fort, Landon Douglas  
Honesty – Peter Record

Rees – Ansel Kowalczyk, Adeline Mcdaniel  
Honesty – Brooke Henderson

Lee – Harlan Kime  
Honesty – Tucker Moore

Kanahele – Honesty- Hayden Hopper

Odom – Joey Johnson, Ellawin White



Honesty – Jameson Schultz

Ratty – Arya Tran, Isaiah Copley

Honesty – Harlee Enloe

Gentry – Shelby Cunningham

Honesty – Riley Watkins

Ziemann – Gauge Hunsaker

Honesty – Grace Herringshaw

Smith – Kaycie Jones

Honesty – Prince Verzosa

Jenkins – Honesty – Malaya Worthen

Beck – Honesty – Nathaniel Hayes



**Mrs. Drake's Class**



**Mrs. Rees's Class**



**Mr. Lee's Class**



**Mrs. Odom's Class**



**Ms. Kanahale's Class**



**Mrs. Ratty's Class**





**Ms. Ziemann's class**



**Ms. Gentry's class**



**Mrs. Smith's class**



**Mr. Jenkins' class**



**Mrs. Beck's Class**

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## **Staff Recognition--Ms. Katie Ellis**

Ms. Ellis is our new Student Wellness Specialist here at Sams Valley Elementary. The Student Wellness Specialist is responsible for helping students with Social/Emotional learning needs and overcoming barriers such as school attendance. When a student just needs someone to talk to or someone to help them with a struggle they may be having, she is definitely the person they want to engage with!



Ms. Ellis is not only the SWS at Sams Valley Elementary, but also at Patrick Elementary School as well. Although she is only at SVE on Mondays and Tuesdays, we are thankful for her passion for kids and her ability to connect with them.

Ms. Ellis was a former student at Patrick Elementary, Hanby Middle School and Crater High School. She enjoys sports, music, and being a mother of her two little kids. We welcome Mrs. Ellis back to CPSD6!

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## **A Message from the School Nurse--Angela Parker**

You have probably noticed that it takes a very long time on a waiting list to get a primary care provider. As our valley becomes more populated and providers have become fewer and fewer, our access to healthcare is challenged. La Clinica School nurses are placed in the schools to serve the school families and try to bridge this gap. At the same time, many parents cannot leave work to take their child to a provider visit. A single child can become sick several times a year and when this is multiplied by a few kids, it can become difficult to make it to the office visits.

This is where our Telehealth system can be extremely helpful. When an illness/injury such as an earache, sore throat, swollen glands cut, scrape, sprang, infections, cough, pink eye, headache, allergies, rash, head injury, etc. happen, the parents can have the option of a virtual telehealth visit from the school.

With proper consent, the child can come to the School Based Health Center located within your school, and the nurse they are familiar with can assist with an office visit. This visit is in real time with a local La Clinica school-based provider through the video system. The parent or guardians are invited to join in person or by video chat on their phone. No travel time is needed, and the child can go back to class after the office visit. If a medication is needed, the provider will send in the script, and it can be picked up from your pharmacy on the way home from work all in the same day. This is a "game changer" for the schools who have been operating with only a nurse and for schools in rural areas.

If you are interested in this service or have some questions please contact me through your school office or through email at [aparker@laclinicahealth.org](mailto:aparker@laclinicahealth.org).

To Better Health,

Nurse Angie

**Angela Parker RN BSN**

**School Based Health Center**

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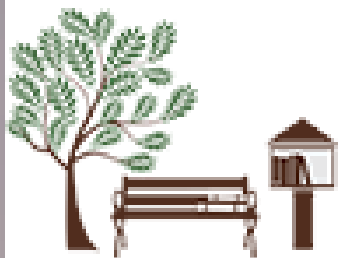
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*"It always seems impossible until it is done"*

*-Nelson Mandela*



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Our Little Free Library is right out in front of the school office. Please bring a book and take a book as you wish, but please make efforts to sanitize what goes in and out. There are books for all people, so take a look!

### Bus Transportation--Ride 360 App

RIDE 360 is a website and cell phone app that allows parents to access their child's school bus number, drop off and pick up locations and times confidentially. As students move in or out of our schools, add bussing or new routes are created, RIDE 360 will keep parents up-to-date on any bus time changes. Traversa also provides the Transportation Department the ability to alert parents about weather delays, school cancelations and if the school bus is running late.

We encourage ALL parents of students that ride a bus to or from school to download the app and/or website guidebooks below to learn how to begin using this new software as soon as possible.

Central Point School District 6 Ride360 URL: <https://ORCentralPointSD6.myridek12.tylerapp.com/>

**Ride 360 App**

**Ride 360 Websites**

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**Tammie Collom**

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