



NEWSLETTER

Spelling Bee Winner/Runner Up



Kylie Shellabarger
WINNER

Kathryn Orr
RUNNER UP

Kylie spelled *receipts*, and Kathryn misspelled *begrudge*. After 26 rounds, Kylie spelled *precocious* for the win.

The winner of the spelling bee will compete in the County Spelling Bee on Monday, February 2nd. The County Spelling Bee will be held in the South Adams High School Library and will start at 6 p.m. (snow date Feb. 12). Parents enter Door S12.

Kindergarten 26/27

Kindergarten roundup will be held on Tuesday, April 7, from 4:00-6:30 p.m. To be eligible for kindergarten, kids must be five (5) years old on or before August 1, 2026. If you have a child you are planning to send to kindergarten in the fall, please contact Mikala Watson by email at mwatson@southadams.k12.in.us.

Please give us your child's full name, date of birth, Guardianship name(s), address, email, phone number, and if your child has attended preschool. This will give us an idea of how many students to expect.

This coming year, we will have a new online enrollment portal for registration. We will let you know as soon as the new portal is open for registration.



Winter Reading Challenge

Read a book in your closet, build a fort and read inside, listen to an audio book, find a joke book and tell one to your teacher...these are just a few of the reading challenges in the Winter Reading Challenge sponsored by the K-8 Library from January 26-February 27.

Complete 12 challenges and choose a prize from the library treasure chest and get an entry into the BIG PRIZE bucket. Complete all 25 challenges and choose a second prize from the chest and get another entry for the BIG PRIZE. At the end of the challenge, we will pull 7 winners from the BIG PRIZE bucket to get a cozy blanket and a book light! Have fun reading with your child.

*For easy picking, the library will have carts with books for several of the challenges.

[See page 5 of the newsletter for all the fun details.](#)

Elementary Yearbooks

Elementary yearbooks can be ordered for \$20 (deadline is March 20). After March 20, the price goes up to \$23.

To order a yearbook please send in your payment with the following information:

Student's Name _____

Grade _____ Home Room _____

Phone Number _____

Quantity of Yearbooks Ordered _____

Total \$ attached _____

Make checks payable to South Adams
Elementary School



Calendar



Monday, January 19

Staff PD Day - no school for students. Boys/Girls Club is closed.

Tuesday, January 20

3rd grade ELA checkpoint 2 testing -a.m. and p.m.

MS Girls Basketball vs. Monroe Central (home) - 6 p.m.

Thursday, January 22

4th grade Math Check point 2 testing at 9:40 a.m.

MS Intense Intervention. Field Trip to McDonalds in Berne

MS Boys Basketball vs. Jay County (home) - 5:30 p.m.

MS Girls Basketball at Jay County - 6 p.m.

Friday, January 23

3rd grade to the Shrine Circus (lv. at 8:10/ret. at 1:30 p.m.

8th grade to Ft. Wayne for JA Finance Park (lv. at 8:30/ret. at 2:30)

Saturday, January 24

MS Wrestling at Delta - 10 a.m.

MS Boys Basketball at A.C. - 9 a.m.

Monday, January 26

MS Boys and Girls ACAC Basketball Tourney - 5:30 p.m. - Location TBD

Wednesday, January 28

MS Hat Day - Pay 50 cents and wear a hat.

Thursday, January 29

MS Wrestling at Norwell - 5 p.m.

Monday, February 2

County Spelling Bee in the SA auditorium at 6 p.m. (snow date is February 12)

Tuesday, February 3

8th grade CTE Showcase during homeroom and periods 7 and 8.

Incoming Freshman Orientation in the HS Commons and auditorium from 5-6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 4

Mid-Term date for Quarter 3

MS Swim at Belmont - 5:30 p.m.

Quarter 2 High Honor Roll - ALL A's

3 – Samantha Bryan, Barrett Caffee, Lauren Caffee, Sienna Cramer, Grant Cressman, Vera Fear, Cassandra Hammitt, Luke Heckard, Solomon Hilty, Rowan Hirschy, Maddilyn Hofstetter, David Jones, Alexandria Martens, Milah Myers, Eleanor Provost, Drake Rupp, Amelia Schwartz, Matthew Schwartz, Pete Schwartz, Eden Sharp, Andrew Shetler, Gerrick Steiner, Allie Tomano

4 – Hannah Adams, Vivian Bailey, Grady Beer, Madisyn Biagi, Theodore Bonner, Easton Caffee, Kaizley Cunningham, Nora Diveley, Miles Feaster, Nolan Fleming, Laila Gentis, Abigail Gonzales, Waylon Herriford, Marilyn Hilty, Paxton Hirschy, Khloe Hough, Olive Huey, Olivia Hunt, Jenna Kiefer, Kohen Litwiller, Reagan Lofton, Brody Mann, Brooklynn McClure, Harper Miller, Brady Rediger, Dorothy Rockwell, Noah Schwartz, Morgan Shellabarger, Bailey Smith, Myriam Sprunger, Ava Tavzel, Frances Walker, Brady White, Parker White

5 – Griffin Goodman, Naarah Helmlinger, Katieann Hilty, Yuyuha Kitamura, Finley Lautzenheiser, Sawyer Lehman, Adalynn Lengerich, Harper Moser, Scarlett Moser, Lane Rediger, Henry Salinas-Roque, Brinlee Schwartz, Logan Schwartz, Spencer Schwartz, Kellan Seip, Brynlee Sprunger, Kayden Wagner, Brylee Wanner, Madison Weaver, Milam Wilson, Dominik Yoder

A/B Honor Roll for Quarter 2 for Elementary Students

3 – Maddox Aponte, Vincent Balsiger, Rowan Beitler, Lanie Bollenbacher, Everly Buckingham, Lilliann Carn, Griffin Cincotta, Sophie Cobb, Mitchell Dailey, Zachary Dubach, Brentley Eicher, Lindsey Gerber, David Girod, Liam Gregg, Louis Hardesty, Ruben Hilty, Larkyn Hinshaw, Hank Huber, Sylvia King, Alaina Kling, Greyson Lautzenheiser, Cooper Neal, Hayes Neuenschwander, Ryder Nolan, Jesselin Noonan, Lukas Rediger, Novalynn Reed, Harrison Reinhard, Dominic Roush, Grayson Schonefeld, Amos Schwartz, Oakley Shuck, Nevaeh Sikes, Braden Smith, Scout Sprunger, Zoey Sprunger, Keirra Steffen, Brea Steiner, Brinley Steury, Elliana Thomson, Logan Vanover, Milana Viderska, Gibson Walker, Zaxxzus Wanner

4 – Ava Brockman, Dayanna Carrejo, Wyatt Combs, Gabe Cressman, Sadie Dull, Joe Eicher, Brinkley Evans, Natalie Fickert, Clayborn Fosnaugh, Rebel Fox, Gemma Genth, Elena Glenn, Zayne Harrington, Vic Hernandez, Jackson Hough, Laney Hummel, Madisyn Kiser, Waylon Mann, Lorelai O'Reilly, Avary Pimentel, Gabriel Rector, Moddalyn Reef, Forrest Reusser, Layken Roth, Jonah Saxman, Sofia Saylor, Emersyn Schwartz, Susan Schwartz, Raelynn Shaffer, Nora Sprunger, Freyja Swygart, Mackynzie Toland, Kiyoto Tsukada, Addaleigh Weiland, Jayda Wietfeldt

A/B Honor Roll - continued for elementary

5 – Gus Adams, Hazleigh Amstutz, Addilynne Andrews, Atticus Billington, Daegan Brinkley, Reece Brockman, Miriam Eicher, Tinley Fox, Aliyah Gerber, Amos Graber, Gabriel Heflin, Loretta Hilty, Davyd Hlukh, Titus Jenkins, Paisley Keller, Dennis Martens, Sawyer McAlhaney, Marlee Morris, Lyndsey Myers, Hiyori Nakamura, Cuyler Prince, Garrett Rhoades, Maksym Romasiuk, Karson Schwartz, Jack Scott, Rebecca Seeker, Levi Shetler, Anastasia Smuts, Mason Sommer, Corbin Sprunger, Jayelyn Steffen, Lidia Vazquez

South Adams Middle School - Quarter 2 – A Honor Roll

6 – Raigan Brandt, Kaylynn Bryan, Elizabeth Buckingham, Leigha Cressman, Sylvia Eicher, Cooper Feaster, Zane Fickert, Tracer Hammitt, Grace Hofstetter, Myles McGill, Emily Romero Martinez, Carlie Runkle, Brooklynn Schwartz, Alena Sprunger, Marcus Sprunger, Britt Steiner, Mya Summersett, Christopher Thomson, Sawyer Watson

7 – Adelyn Bailey, Renna Beitler, Chloe Bercot, Silas Brown, Nora Fonte, Esther Hilty, Dylan Langston, Adalyn Lehman, Kaedin Litwiller, Zoe Litwiller, Alexa McPeck, Jude Provost, Kaylin Rediger, Kyleigh Rediger, Caleb M. Schwartz, Caleb R. Schwartz, Joel Schwartz, Julianna Schwartz, Luke Schwartz, Michael Schwartz, Caelyn Seeker, Jacob Shetler, Willis Shetler, Grady Steiner, Charlotte Thieme, Elsie Wilson

8 – Emmaline Buckingham, Brayton Geiger, Elyana Jones, Evans Jones, Lena Lehman, Lucas McGill, Maggie Mettler, Catelynn Noonan, Kathryn Orr, Gavin Richards, Kylie Shellabarger

South Adams Middle School - A/B Honor Roll

6 – Maevyn Amstutz, Xavien Archer, Jessadee Bergman, Kerrigan Brinkley, Jaxon Brooks, Ava Brotherton, Myles Caffee, Arianna Cunningham, Palmer Hirschy, Anika Holtrey, Emmalyn Hough, Aubrey Hunt, Cashton Huntley, Zoey Kemp, Tyler Lehman, Hadley Lengerich, Benjamin Maxwell, Brogan Miller, Eli Neuenschwander, Ethan Ramirez-Salinas, Shane Roll, Keyton Runkel, Lila Selimovic, Evelyn Smith, Conrad Studebaker, Carter Swygart, Carter Tinkham, Aidan Tomano, Jonathan Wengerd, Kent Whitacre, Brooklyn White, Adalynn Wombaker, Charlotte Wurster

7 – Danielle Adams, Brianna Babcock, Violet Bodle, Reece Cobb, Sophia Cramer, Cael Gentis, Grady Goodman, Lucas Heflin, Verena Hilty, Carter Huntley, Emerlynn Moore, Emmett Myers, Dylan Patch, Hank Ringger, Emmit Seip, Jimena Silos Rodriguez, Kinzey Smith, Kiana Weiland

8 – Camdyn Bauman, Ashlee Beer, Hadley Brown, Ainsley Caffee, Bentley Clark, Katelyn Dubach, Nolan Fields, Genesis Hernandez, Lela Holmes, Jouslyn Hough, Jordan Hunt, Samuel Johnson, Avangeline Martens, Cooper McAlhaney, Stella McAlhaney, Madalyn McIntosh, Benjamin Mickem, Gracelyn Moser, Jamison Patterson, Christopher Ramirez-Salinas, Cecily Rigby, Kannen Schwartz, Hadley Sprunger, Harper Sprunger, Jaelyn Sprunger

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Name _____

WINTER READING CHALLENGE: JAN. 26-FEB. 27

Complete at least 12 of the reading tasks below to choose a prize from the Library's Treasure Chest and get 1 entry for the BIG prize!

Complete all 25 tasks for 2 prizes and 2 entries for the BIG prize!



Don't forget to cross off the squares you complete. An adult should initial each box.
One 15-minute reading session = one task

Read a book with a flashlight 	Read a book instead of watching tv 	Read a book from before you were born 	Build a fort and read in it! 	Read to someone younger than you 
Read a book about a penguin 	Read a book on Saturday 	Check out a craft book and make something! 	Read a book with a blue cover 	Read a Young Hoosier book 
Read while wearing a winter hat 	Read a Valentine book 	Read a book with snow on the cover 	Read a book by a window and listen to the cold wind blow 	Read a book with a cozy blanket 
Read a book taking turns with a partner 	Read a book in your closet! 	Read while in your favorite pajamas 	Check out a joke book and tell one to your teacher! 	Read a book about a snowman 
Listen to an audio book 	Read a book that is also a movie 	Read to a pet or to a stuffy 	Read a book about an animal that hibernates 	Read a book about kindness 

2026

Daddy/Daughter Dance

Saturday, Feb. 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the elementary.

\$20 per couple/\$5 for each additional daughter

Raffle tickets will be \$1. Box of individual snacks=5 raffle tickets.



Keep It Real - MS Guest Speaker

The next Keep It Real guest speaker is scheduled for Monday, January 26 during homeroom. Any students wishing to hear someone's story of HOPE and VICTORY regarding substance use and addiction, should pay attention to the following instructions before Friday, January 23.

Students should check their class canvas page for the PURPLE link/form called Keep It Real or locate the list posted in the MS hallways.

- The parent must fill out a permission form one time for you to attend. If your name is on the list, then that part is done. If not, print a consent form or look for one on the MS hallway table. Get it signed and turn it in to Mrs. Graber.
- After your parent gives permission, you must RESERVE YOUR SEAT for the meeting. This is the PURPLE FORM on your canvas page.

That's it! We hope to see many of you there—it's inspiring to hear the true story of someone who OVERCAME!

Staff PD Day - January 19, 2026

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Incoming Freshman Orientation

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