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**NEWS RELEASE**

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**Steel Valley Students Raise over \$2,500 for St. Jude's...  
Teachers & Staff Raise close to \$700 Additional Funds**

*Munhall, PA* – Steel Valley School District Middle School and Park Elementary 4<sup>th</sup> grade students recently raised \$2,513.92 for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital through participation in the 2018-19 Math-A-Thon. This was the 28<sup>th</sup> consecutive year that the Middle School participated in the event contributing nearly \$70,000 during that time towards St. Jude's helping with their fight against childhood diseases. This is the 6<sup>th</sup> year of 4<sup>th</sup> grade participation.

In addition, Steel Valley School District teachers and staff contributed towards "St. Jude's Jeans Days" raising \$665.

The Math-A-Thon is an educationally-based fundraising program where participating students obtain sponsors for the number of math problems they complete in special workbook or online.

To add to the competitive nature of the project, Middle School Teacher Amanda Olson's 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes competed against one another working towards a prize of donuts for the class bringing in the most donations. Together, Mrs. Olson's classes brought in \$851.

Math Department Chair Beth McCallister and the Steel Valley math teachers coordinated the Math-A-Thon.

"We're very proud of the students for working so hard to make the event a success," said McCallister. "St. Jude will be able to use Steel Valley's contribution to help them in their fight against cancer and other childhood diseases. We are also very thankful for our teachers and other staff members who participated in the 'St. Jude Jeans Days.'

Each participating student will receive a certificate of appreciation. Additionally, students who raised \$25 or more will receive a St. Jude light-up bracelet, those who raised \$50 or more will receive a St. Jude t-shirt, and those raising more than \$100 will be able to choose from a variety of other prizes. The math teachers will provide a pizza party for all contributing students.



Park Elementary School 4<sup>th</sup> grade students who participated in this year's Math-A-Thon.  
(l-r): Talia Tozzi, Riley Albert, Kylie Paskevicius, Sara Nguyen, Mason Rager, Aubrey Seibel and Leah Hahn.



Way to go Ms. Olson's classes for bringing in \$851!



Our Middle School did an outstanding job with this year's Math-A-Thon by raising \$2513.92 for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital! The students pictured here each raised at least \$50 in donations. Thank you to everyone who helped to support this service project.

*(back row):* Aston Mitchell, Erica Keeley, Haneef Capers, Michayla Rager, Madison Blasko, Joe Nguyen, Mason Watson  
*(front Row):* Darren Blasko, Nathan Fisher, Rebekah Kleiber, Madeline Wedig, Ta'Niyah Johnson  
*Missing from picture:* Ewan Olson and Chelsea Bulger.