



Bismarck Middle School students raise \$ 5,216.31 through St. Jude Math-A-Thon to help kids battling cancer

BISMARCK, AR (April 11, 2012) – Students at Bismarck Middle School recently participated in the St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital® Math-A-Thon® program and raised \$5,216.31 to help kids battling cancer and other deadly diseases at St. Jude, one of the world’s premier pediatric cancer research centers. The Bismarck community and surrounding areas supported students by making donations in honor of their participation in the program.

“We are very proud of our students for working so hard to raise money for St. Jude through Math-A-Thon,” said Karen Payne, coordinator of the event. “Never underestimate what kids with big hearts can do when they work together. I set a goal of \$1,500 and the students far exceeded my expectations. Our school, students and community have helped St. Jude in its work to find cures and save children since 1998. Our fifth and sixth grade students have contributed \$51,486.15 over the years. That is an impressive total for such a small number of students.”

This year we had 56 students participate in the Math-A-Thon. Math-A-Thon allows students to build and practice essential math skills while they raise funds for kids battling cancer at St. Jude. The program works in the following way: Teachers serve as volunteer coordinators for Math-A-Thon at their school. Participating students solve math problems in a printed or online Funbook. Students ask family and friends for donations in support of their participation in the Math-A-Thon. All donations are sent to St. Jude, where no child is ever turned away because of the family’s inability to pay.

After more than 30 years, Math-A-Thon is America’s largest education-based fundraiser. Each year, thousands of schools participate in Math-A-Thon, helping raise millions for the patients of St. Jude.

For more information, please visit www.stjude.org.