Apalachin Elementary School

2026 Heart Challenge

Congratulations to our 4th and 5th grade students and families for donating an incredible **$8,800** to the American Heart Association—WOW! It's truly inspiring to see how people open their hearts to support the hearts of others. Thank you to everyone who helped and/or donated to this year's Heart Challenge.

Throughout the month of February, students learn about heart health, including the importance of exercise, proper nutrition, hands-only CPR, and being a contributing citizen. Our culminating activity is the annual Heart Challenge, organized by the American Heart Association.

This event began at Apalachin Elementary School in 1993, and since then, our community has come together in an extraordinary way. To date, AES has raised an amazing **$205,100**—an outstanding accomplishment for our small but mighty community!

During the event, all 4th and 5th grade students jump rope in teams of six for 90 minutes. Students showcased impressive jump rope skills, performed creative tricks, and demonstrated their commitment to heart-healthy activity. In our "jump-off" competitions, a few students even outlasted some of our AES adults!

We are incredibly proud of our students and their families for supporting such a meaningful cause.

A special thank you to Tom Donovan for serving as our DJ and keeping the energy high with fun, motivating music. We also appreciate Mrs. Sunderland for volunteering her time to help organize paperwork. Thank you as well to the many AES staff members who stepped in throughout the event—your support makes all the difference!

Top Individual Contributors:

- Hudson Spatola – $1,641
- Camden Masse – $621
- Noah Hatfield – $372

Top Contributing Class (5th Grade):
Mrs. Hans' Class – $2,759

5th Grade Top Contributors (by class):

Hudson Spatola, Julianna Ward, Maddox Hoover, Blake Waite, Logan Griffin, Parker Gleason, Amelia Young, Danica Anthony, Jocelyn Sargent

4th Grade Top Contributors (by class):

Camden Masse, Noah Hatfield, Kiya Malewicz, Camden Lane, Savannah Donnelly, Pasley Buck, Emma Stanley, Troyer Reynolds, Mackenzie Sorber

Top Contributing Class (4th Grade):

Mrs. Hodges' Class – $2,208

Way to go, 4th and 5th grade!

Thank you to our AES families for your continued support—

AES IS AWESOME! 🎉






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LET THE GAMES BEGIN!
NEW YORK CITY
LET THE GAMES BEGIN!

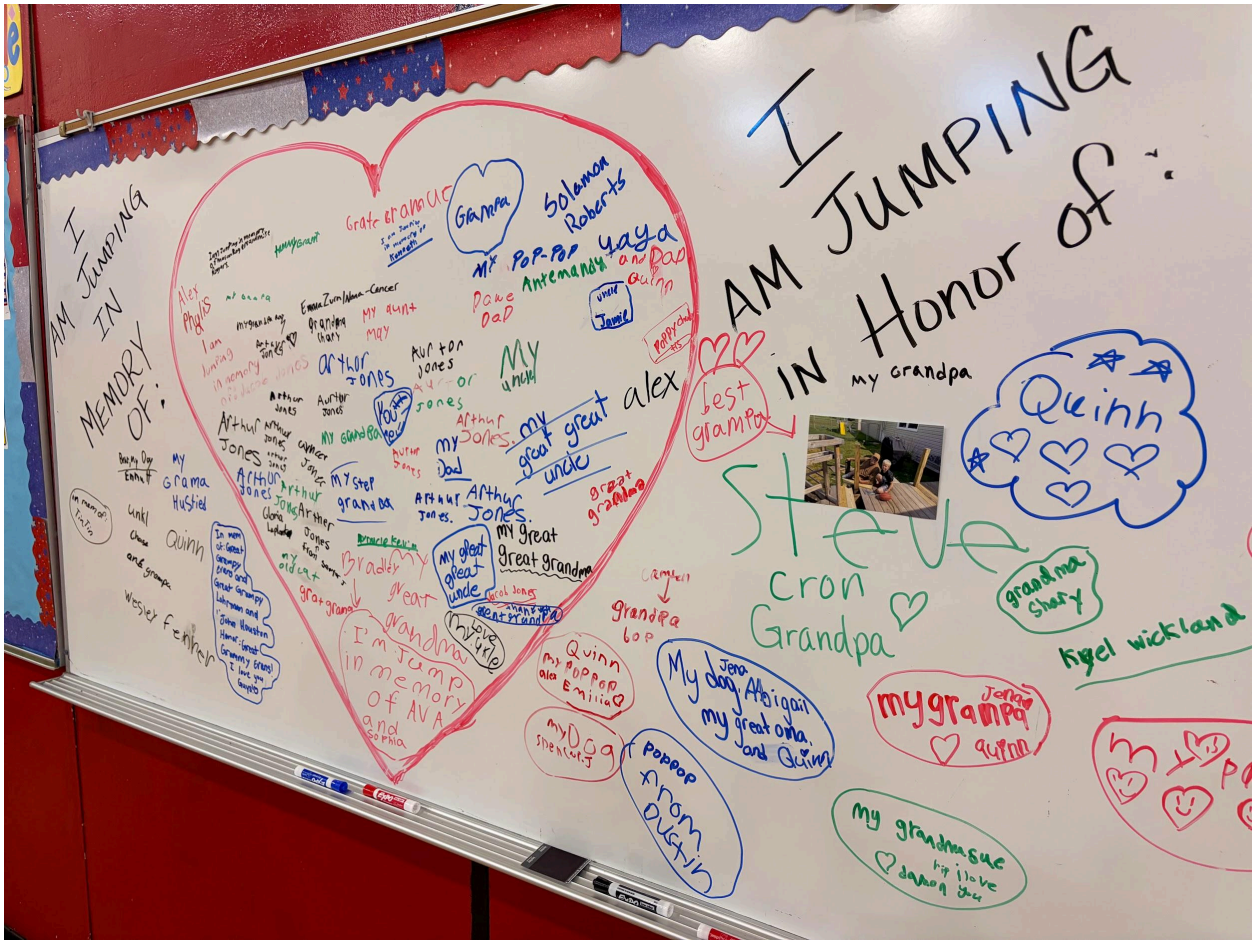

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THANK-YOU GIFT
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I AM JUMPING IN MEMORY OF:
Steve
Quinn
Grandpa
Arthur Jones
my great great uncle
my great great grandma
Bradley
I'm Jump in memory of AVA and Sophia
Solomon Roberts
Yaya
Dad
Quinn
Alex
Phyllis
My uncle
Grama Hustied
Quinn
Wesley Fenhar
Grandpa Bop
Quinn aka Emilia
My dog, Abigail my great onna, and Quinn
my grandpa
Quinn
poppop from Dustin
my grandma sue
Nigel wickland
grandma Shary


JUMPING JELLY BEARS
2026
Success ATTITUDE is so important


is as important as ABILITY
NO SMOKING