

# SEDOL NEWS



JULY 2026



**SEDOL  
Celebrates ESY &  
the Fourth of July!**

From engaging learning experiences and creative classroom activities to patriotic celebrations and plenty of smiles, our students and staff embraced every opportunity to learn, connect, and celebrate together.



**Ann Knebel** - Leads the July 4<sup>th</sup>  
Parade at Laremont School





# SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE



I hope you're enjoying a wonderful and restful summer! As the new Superintendent, I wanted to say how excited I am to join the incredible SEDOL community! Over the past few weeks, I've enjoyed meeting staff, students, families and community members while visiting our schools during the Extended School Year (ESY) programs. As you can tell from the pictures throughout the newsletter, students in ESY were engaged in learning and having a lot of fun.

Now that ESY has wrapped up, the SEDOL team is hard at work preparing our buildings, classrooms and programs to welcome everyone back in August. We're busy updating SEDOL's Continuous Improvement Plan (CIP) to continue to focus on supporting our students' success.

We've also received some good news—that students in all SEDOL programs will be eligible for free breakfast and lunch through the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs. More information can be found at this link [Free Breakfast/Lunch Info](#) or in the announcement attached to the mail.

I'm honored to be part of the SEDOL team and can't wait for the students to return! Enjoy the rest of your summer and we'll see you soon! Sincerely Dr. Jennifer Thomas.

**DR. JENNIFER THOMAS**

SEDOL Superintendent







# CELEBRATING A SUMMER OF GROWTH ESY PROGRAM



SEDOL officially wrapped up another incredible Extended School Year (ESY) summer session! Over the last few weeks, our classrooms and hallways were filled with learning, connection, and so many smiles. Our students continue to be our greatest teachers—their determination, joy, and growth inspire our entire community every single day! An achievement like this is truly a team effort, and we want to extend a massive thank you to everyone who made this summer journey a success:



## OUR DEDICATED STAFF

For your unwavering expertise, energy, and commitment to creating joyful, specialized learning environments where every student can thrive.

## OUR FAMILIES

For your deep partnership, trust, and continuous encouragement at home. You are our students' biggest champions!

## OUR MEMBER DISTRICTS

For your vital collaboration, support, and shared commitment to our students' lifelong success.



**THAT'S A WRAP  
ON ESY!**

Now, it's time for a well-deserved opportunity to rest and recharge! We look forward to seeing all of our families and staff back, energized and ready, for the start of the 2026-27 school year!



# RECOGNIZING OUR OUTSTANDING VOCATIONAL STUDENTS!



At the July 23rd Executive Board Meeting, SEDOL proudly celebrated a very special group of hard-working individuals who kept our cooperative running smoothly all summer long.

A massive shoutout and thank you goes to our incredible vocational students! This summer, these dedicated students rolled up their sleeves to clean, sort, and prepare hundreds of student devices. Thanks to their diligent work, our students had exactly what they needed for the Extended School Year (ESY) and will be fully geared up for a successful start to the 2026-2027 school year!

Through this hands-on summer experience, our vocational students did more than just help SEDOL—they built a foundation for their futures by learning and reinforcing vital organizational and technical skills that easily transfer directly to the community and future workplaces.

This initiative showcases a fantastic partnership that simultaneously empowers student growth and supports SEDOL's essential day-to-day operations.

A Special Thank You: We extend our deepest gratitude to Erin Tidd and Austin Robertson for their outstanding leadership in coordinating this invaluable opportunity for our students!





# SEDOL FOUNDATION SUPPORTING SEDOL STUDENTS

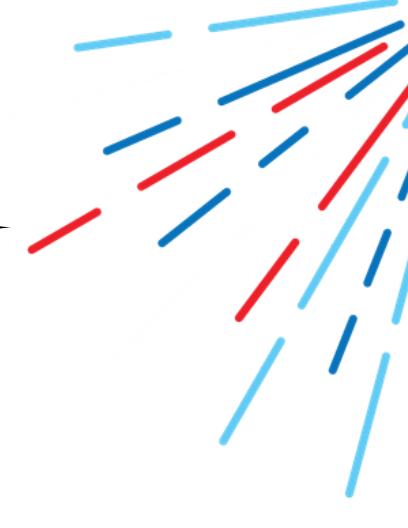


For children with special needs, summer should be a season of adventure, friendship, and unforgettable experiences. Every child deserves the opportunity to explore new activities, build lasting memories, and simply enjoy being a kid. Yet for many children with disabilities, opportunities to participate in social and recreational activities alongside their peers are limited.

Through the SEDOL Foundation's Send a Kid to Camp program, these life-changing experiences become possible. Summer camp provides more than just fun—it offers opportunities to develop confidence, build friendships, strengthen independence, and continue learning in a supportive environment between school years. For many families facing the financial challenges that often accompany raising a child with special needs, the cost of summer camp can be out of reach. Scholarship support helps ensure that these valuable experiences remain accessible.

This summer, the SEDOL Foundation awarded 48 camp scholarships totaling more than \$55,000, giving students the opportunity to enjoy enriching summer camp experiences. These scholarships are made possible through the generosity of donors and the Foundation's year-round fundraising efforts. One of the highlights is Ping Pong for the Kids, held each February, which brings the community together to raise vital funds and help make summer camp a reality for even more children.





# UPCOMING EVENTS

↓ **AUGUST** ↓

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## GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

Gages Lake School Community Room

**6:50PM PUBLIC HEARING / MTG START TIME 7PM**

**20**

## FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL (SEDOL CAMPUS & FAIRHAVEN)



**STUDENT ARRIVAL 8:45AM**

**27**

## EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

SEDOL Administration Bay Room

**MTG START TIME 8:30AM**

↓ **SEPTEMBER** ↓

**14**

## SEDOL FOUNDATION GOLF OUTING

Stone Wall Orchard - Grayslake, IL



**SHOTGUN START 10:30AM**

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## SEDOL FOUNDATION MAKING STRIDES FOR SPECIAL KIDS

Independence Grove - Libertyville IL

**RACE START TIME 8:30AM**



FOR MORE INFO VISIT: [WWW.SEDOL.US](http://WWW.SEDOL.US)





## 2026-2027 DISTRICT BEGINNING OF SCHOOL DATES FOR SEDOL SECTOR CLASSROOMS

| DISTRICT                                                        | TEACHER INST | STUDENT 1ST DAY                                        | 1ST FULL DAY |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| #24 MILLBURN<br>• Millburn Elem                                 | AUG 17-18    | AUG 19                                                 | AUG 19       |
| #41 LAKE VILLA<br>• Martin                                      | AUG 17-18    | AUG 19<br>Grades 1-8<br>Kindergarten 1st day is AUG 24 | AUG 19       |
| #50 WOODLAND<br>• Woodland Middle                               | AUG 17-18    | AUG 19 - ½ Day                                         | AUG 20       |
| #56 GURNEE<br>• Spaulding<br>• Prairie Trail<br>• Viking Middle | AUG 17-18    | AUG 19 - Early Dismissal                               | AUG 20       |
| #70 LIBERTYVILLE ELEM.<br>• Butterfield                         | AUG 17-18    | AUG 19                                                 | AUG 19       |
| #79 FREMONT<br>• Intermediate<br>• Middle                       | AUG 18-19    | AUG 20                                                 | AUG 20       |
| #116 ROUND LAKE<br>• Village Elem<br>• Round Lake Middle        | AUG 10-12    | AUG 13                                                 | AUG 13       |
| #127 GRAYSLAKE<br>• GLN                                         | AUG 10-11    | AUG 12                                                 | AUG 12       |

## 2026-2027 DISTRICT SCHOOL HOURS FOR SEDOL SECTOR CLASSROOMS

| DIST | SCHOOL                                                    | TEACHER HOURS                             | SCHOOL HOURS                                                           | STUDENT HOURS                                      | PARA/PAID - HOURS                                           |
|------|-----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| #24  | Millburn Elementary<br>• LASSO EC - AM<br>• LASSO EC - PM | 7:30 - 3:00                               | 8:00 - 2:30                                                            | 8:00 - 2:30<br>8:05 - 10:35<br>11:50 - 2:20        | 7:45 - 2:45 = 6.5                                           |
| #41  | Martin                                                    | 7:40 - 3:10                               | 8:15 - 2:55                                                            | 8:15 - 2:55<br>*Each Friday early dismissal 1:55pm | 7:40 - 3:10 = 7.0                                           |
| #50  | Woodland Middle                                           | 7:40 - 3:15                               | 8:30 - 2:50                                                            | 8:30 - 2:50                                        | 8:00 - 3:15 = 6.75                                          |
| #56  | Spaulding<br>Prairie Trail<br>Viking Middle               | 8:00 - 3:30<br>8:15 - 3:45<br>7:15 - 2:45 | 8:45 - 3:20<br>8:35 - 3:25<br>7:35 - 2:25<br>*each Wed 1 hr late start | 8:45 - 3:20<br>8:35 - 3:25<br>7:35 - 2:25          | 8:30 - 3:30 = 6.5<br>8:15 - 3:45 = 7.0<br>7:15 - 2:45 = 6.0 |
| #70  | Butterfield                                               | 7:45 - 3:15                               | 8:15 - 2:45                                                            | 8:15 - 2:45                                        | 7:50 - 2:50 = 6.5                                           |
| #79  | Fremont Intermediate<br>Fremont Middle                    | 8:40 - 4:05<br>7:45 - 3:15                | 8:50 - 3:38<br>7:55 - 2:43<br>*Every WED 30 min early release          | 8:50 - 3:38<br>7:55 - 2:43                         | 8:35 - 3:50 = 6.75<br>7:45 - 3:00 = 6.75                    |
| #116 | Village Elem<br>Round Lake Middle                         | 7:30 - 3:00<br>7:15 - 2:45                | 8:25 - 2:50<br>7:25 - 1:56                                             | 8:25 - 2:50<br>7:25 - 1:56                         | 8:00 - 3:00 = 6.5<br>7:15 - 2:15 = 6.5                      |
| #127 | GLN                                                       | 8:00- 3:45                                | 8:15 - 3:20<br>*each WED 1 hr late start                               | 8:15 - 3:20                                        | 8:00 - 3:45 = 7.25                                          |

