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Gardner Elementary Board Report, August 2026

On Monday and Tuesday

We are so thankful for the time and commitment of our maintenance and custodial staff who worked so hard this summer to prepare Gardner for teachers and students. Our new mulch near our entrance greeted families on Monday night when we welcomed families to our Supply Drop Night. On Tuesday, teachers and I met to review our SIP Goals, our future learning walks, and our new SIP Notebook LM. We are excited about Dr. Rob Thornell's impact on our learning lives this year.

Our Kickoff Week

This year, our teammate theme inspires us to Bring Your Best, Bulldogs as a guide for school culture. During the first three days of school, we spend time reviewing procedures and expectations to help students feel confident and comfortable about how to live at school. Some new ideas for this year include a Power Play on Fridays during IF Recess for our leading bulldog dollar savings team, our Nature Nook at recess for creative play, and lunch and recess has been improved to have the cafeteria only half full at one time. We are hopeful about the positive impact of these changes.





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Collegiate Visitors

Gardner has eight visiting SIUE students this year, including a student teacher in Tammy Anderson's room. Grace Anderson, a current paraprofessional at Gardner, is student-teaching with Kay Bieber through her coursework at McKendree.

Looking Forward

September 2. John Schu Author Visit at 9:15 am

January 6. [Musial Moments Assembly](#) at 10:15 am.