



Gardner Elementary Board Report, May 2026

Team Member of the Month



Mrs. Pam Lloyd, fifth grade teacher and retiree, has earned our team member of the month award.

As an educator, Pam exemplifies the qualities of an exceptional leader, mentor, and supporter. Since joining Gardner, Pam has dedicated herself to guiding and nurturing new team members with unwavering enthusiasm and care. Her expertise and willingness to share knowledge have been instrumental in my growth and development as a teacher within our school. Pam's tireless efforts to foster a collaborative and supportive environment have positively impacted our entire teaching community. She consistently goes above and beyond to ensure that each member of our team feels valued and supported in their professional journey. Pam's passion for teaching and her commitment to excellence serve as an inspiration to us all. I wholeheartedly believe that Pam Lloyd is deserving of this recognition for her outstanding contributions to our educational community.

Recent Events

- Over 250 2026-2027 Gardner family members attended our Kickoff Night on April 23 to learn that our current fourth grade class voted for *The Wild Robot* to be our Kickoff Book for next year. All student visitors left with a copy of the book to read over the summer. Community organizations such as the Girl Scouts, Morrison-Talbot Library, 4H Extension Office, PowerHaus, and Camp Wartburg shared information about their summer services and opportunities for families. Brooke Mitchell's generosity offered an Oh Sugar ice cream surprise to end the night.
- Thank you to Lisa Gilbert and other reading teachers who helped us accomplish Benchmarking on May 5.
- Bill Pawlak, Jessica Washausen, and Jen Hall attended the Science of Writing Conference in Naperville on May 6. We are excited for our focus on writing next year.
- Thank you to Alex Brake and the choir and band students for their outstanding spring concert. Fourth grade families visited Gardner on Thursday night to select a band instrument for next year. Mr. Brake currently has 72 students signed up for choir and 70 signed up for band. 35 of these students will be in both groups. On May 15, our 5th grade choir performs *Take Me Out to the Ballgame* at Busch Stadium.

Looking Forward

- You are invited to attend our end of the year awards assembly on Thursday, May 21 at 8:30 am where we will name the winner of our Sunshine Award in honor of Jenny Eckenfels.