



Mid-Valley Special Education Cooperative

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mid-Valley Special Education Cooperative Executive Advisory Board

FROM: Marianne Fidishin, PhD, Executive Director

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RE: Special Olympics

The Mid-Valley Special Olympic program-Mid-Valley All-Stars-will commence the month of January.

In 1962, Eunice Kennedy Shriver invited young people with intellectual disabilities to a summer day camp she hosted in her backyard. She called it "Camp Shriver." The goal was to explore the children's skills in a variety of sports and physical activities. The idea behind that first Camp Shriver began to grow. In July 1968, the first International Special Olympics Games were held in Chicago, Illinois, USA.

Through the power of sports, people with intellectual disabilities discover new strengths and abilities, skills and success. Athletes find joy, confidence and fulfillment -- on the playing field and in life. They also inspire people in their communities and elsewhere to open their hearts to a wider world of human talents and potential. Special Olympics is the leading voice in raising awareness about the abilities of people with intellectual disabilities.

Below is a timeline of the Special Olympic program and events:

Activity	Date	Miscellaneous
Flyer announcing upcoming season; distributed via website and to students	January 12, 2018	
Parent-Coach meeting	January 29, 2018	Rotolo Middle School, Batavia 5:15 PM-6:45 PM
Practice begins	February 5, 2018	Rotolo Middle School, Batavia Mondays
Practice ends	April 16, 2018	Rotolo Middle School, Batavia Mondays
District Track & Field Meet	April 21, 2018	College of DuPage, Glen Ellyn 9:00 AM- ?
State Track and Field Meet	June 15-17, 2018	Illinois State University, Bloomington For any athlete placing 1 st at District meet