

July 2017



SPEED S.E.J.A. #802

Special Olympics Summer Games

The SPEED Racer Special Olympics Track Team took great pride in representing SPEED School District #802 and Area 7 as they paraded across the Illinois State University Football Field for the Summer Games Opening Ceremonies. The lighting of the torch declared the games officially open, and the torch run was very exciting to watch for our student-athletes. This was a proud moment for new and returning athletes participating in Summer Games.

The SPEED RACERS had four state qualified athletes to compete in the athletic track and field events in Bloomington on June 10th. Stephen Henley was awarded a Silver Medal in the Softball Throw. DeCarlos McMillian earned the Gold in the Softball Throw and a Silver Medal in the 50M Run. Brandon Eric Jackson won the Gold in the 50M Run, and Ibrahim Camara earned a Participation Ribbon. The team showed great pride, courage, determination, and a fearless competitive edge at the State Games. The Racers engaged in friendships, and had a lot of fun participating in all the events! It was so rewarding for the athletes, parents, and coaches to see the improvements made from Wednesday night practices show up at full capacity at the state-wide event! The SPEED Racers represented as true CHAMPIONS!

Special thanks to all the parents, Coach John Lewis, Assistant Coach Rebecca Bruckner, Program Supervisor Janet DeBruin, Liz Gebbia, and the Young Athletes Coaches for making this a valuable and memorable experience for our athletes.



Summer School Learning is Fun at SPEED

The 2017 ESY Theme was **Farm to Table**. Each classroom studied the benefits of growing the food in which you eat, as well as learning about the life cycle of seed and/or plant. In addition, all ESY classrooms shared two garden beds. The students planted, watered, and weeded their crop and were able to incorporate the items into their weekly tasting menus . The students enjoyed learning about the benefits of growing their own food.



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