THE SPECIAL EDITION

Important Dates

Child Find 3/2

Spring Break 3/19 - 3/23

B.A.S.E.S 3/27

Professional Development

We are holding a Professional Development for all certified staff on March 9th in the PLC Room at the Coop from 8:00 AM to 11:30 AM. Please make sure that you are on time. We are bringing in a guest speaker, Rich Harrison, to speak about behavior and Behavior Intervention Plans. Please feel free to bring any questions that you may have about these topics.

We will also be addressing a few ESY topics as well.

We will have a more in depth meeting for those that will be teaching ESY later this year and will cover more information but if you have any immediate concerns about ESY, please grab one of the Coop members after the PD and we will be more than willing to help you out.

Coffee and breakfast items will be available so you may show up early to enjoy them if you would like. If you have any questions, please contact the Coop.

Thank you!!



March

Birthdays

Michelle Koehn	2
Sue Hennigh	3
Colleen McCarthy	4
Jackie Henderson	7
Jenna McCown	14
Cristina Hargitt	14
Kori Cromwell	19
Kelly Bechard	21
Seth Holliday	24
Heather Benton	26
Carole Hay	27
Jenny Constantino	
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Mariah Louderback	
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Kim Fund	30
Lori Mitchell	30

Chris Young

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SUMMER SUMMER SUMMER!!

For all those Paras who are wanting to work ESY, please let Jennifer or Molly know <u>PRIOR</u> to leaving for Spring Break. Teachers, please make sure that your Paras are aware that they need to let us know that they are interested in working ESY.

Letting us know that you are interested in working does not guarantee that you will work. There are a limited number of positions available for ESY and we are only able to use a certain number of Paras. Please remember that if you express interest in working, you are telling us that, if chosen, you are willing and able to work everyday of ESY.

The dates for ESY will be July 9th - 27th and it will run Mon - Thurs from 8:00 AM - 11:30 AM. If you have any questions, feel free to contact anyone at the Coop. Thank you and hold on!! Spring Break is almost here!!

Name: Callie Topper-Taylor
District: USD 329 Wabaunsee
Position: High School Tough
Mudder Trainer and if we have time
High School Special Education
Teacher

<u>Time with Coop:</u> Not sure, maybe 9 years, I think I came the same time Heather Petermann came.

Fact 1: We have two incredible kiddos, Colby, 9, loves soccer, animals, and nerf guns and Cait, 7, loves gymnastics, horses, and shopping:)

Fact 2: We split our time between two houses, The Raider house near Riley and the Chief's house near Alma.

Fact 3: I am a rancher at heart; I love the outdoors, I love horses, I love cattle, I love hard work outside, I'd love to 1 day do what my dad does!

Fact 4: I am a huge K-State, Michael Jordan, and NCIS Fan (Leroy Jethro Gibbs is the bomb, Jethro is the name of our SUV and Shannon is our GPS:)

Fact 5: Colby, Cait, and I are doing a Mini Mudder/Tough Mudder this year in Texas, my 3rd one:) SUPER PUMPED!!!!

Reminders!!

All Para In-service Logs are due by March 30th! Please have these <u>SIGNED</u> and turned into Jennifer by this date. All certificates (Infinitec, ALICE, Jason, etc.) should be turned in the logs as well. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer.

Para Evals are due March
30th! Please make sure
these are finished up and
turned into Jennifer by this
date. If you have any
questions or concerns,
please contact Jennifer.

Thank you!



Name: Cristi Wiegers

Position: Transition Coordinator

Time with Coop: This is my 5th year as transition coordinator. I taught 13 years as a special education teacher at Wamego High School before that. This is my 25th year in education.

Fun Facts:

1. I have a new grandson, Emerson, that I am obsessed about. If you are Facebook friends with me I am sorry about all the pictures!

- **2.** I have two miniature dachshunds named Harper and Truman that are helping with my empty nest. Again, sorry about all the pictures. :)
- **3.** I have two daughters- Madison who is married to Taylor and lives in Topeka and Berkley who is a sophomore at Fort Hays State University.
- **4.** My husband and I love to travel and enjoy going on cruises. Our family has been on 8 different cruises- to mostly different locations. I would like to visit all 50 states and working on seeing a few new ones this summer.

Name: Sara Edie

District: Rock Creek, St. George Elementary

Position: High Needs Special Education **Time with Coop:** 15 years of pure JOY!

Fun Facts:

- **1.** For some strange reason, my children don't eat peanut butter.... I'm awaiting a DNA test.
- 2. I do not follow child labor law guidelines, do they have guidelines? I force my children to scrub showers and toilets. Tears are permitted to be used in the cleaning process. I will video tape the torment for my personal viewing pleasure.
- **3.** I do enjoy "cutting a rug" every now and again... there may or may not be video documentation of me falling on my butt by the SG exit. Witnesses prefer to be left unnamed.
- **4.** Between the hours of 8-10 pm I am on a very strict liquid only diet. It's a great plan to detox the body of a stressful day.

IEP Completion Deadline

Chris asks that all remaining IEP's for the school year be scheduled to take place by Friday, April 13th. This was discussed as a requirement earlier at the beginning of year. This timeline allows meetings to be held, IEP's to be reviewed and any necessary corrections to be made prior to checkout at the end of the year.

This should include IEP's for those students who have been determined by the Team to qualify for ESY services.

The exception to this will be Preschool who has it's own unique set of requirements and timelines.

Chris also asks that IEP's due before 9/15 to be scheduled prior to the end of this school year.

Name: Kelly Bechard
District: All
Position: Early
Intervention, Infant
Toddler Services
Time in coop: 4
years

Fun Facts:

-I grew up in San Diego
-Met my husband in
Korea (he's not Korean,
he's super white and
he was in the army)
-I have four kids they're all crazy
-I was a professional
tight rope walker in
college (ok that's not
true...I have zero
balance)

Meetings

Dates and times of meetings are subject to change.

<u>Who</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Date</u>
Transition	8:30 - 9:30	3/6
Certified P.D.	8:00 - 11:30	3/9
Psych & Social	11:30 - 3:30	3/14
IEP Bootcamp*	8:30 - 11:30	3/27
Superintendent's	8:30 - 10:00	3/28
Gifted	8:30 - 9:30	3/29
OT/PT	3:00 - 4:00	3/29

^{*} Each month a different group of teachers will be selected to attend IEP Bootcamp. Those needing to attend in March will be notified on a later date. Those selected are REQUIRED to attend and MUST secure a sub.

