

THE SPECIAL EDITION

Important Dates

Child Find

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Christmas Break

20 - Jan 7

Christmas Eve

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Christmas Day

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Everyone here at the Coop would like to wish everyone a very Happy Holidays!! We know everyone works extremely hard all year and looks forward to this break so enjoy it and spend some well deserved time with your families! Come back refreshed and ready to hit the ground running! We're almost there!!

LETRS Training Dates

For all those that are involved with LETRS Training, we will be getting back into the swing of things once we come back from break. The first training date is Jan 7th

which is the first day back from break for some of us so make sure you have that on your calendars. The complete list of training dates are listed below.

Jan 7th

Jan 21st

Feb 18

Snow Day Protocol

As a quick reminder, the Coop follows USD 320's lead when it comes to Snow Days. This means that if USD 320 calls off school due to weather, we will not be open either. We will try to keep everyone informed as we know not everyone is aware of when the other districts call off school, however, please be patient with us as we will be making these notifications from home at times and may not always get them out.

The Coop will be closed from Dec 24th - Jan 6th. Our first day back will be Jan 7th. If you have any questions, please let us know.

Happy Birthday!

Name: Natalie Bender

District: USD 320

Position: Speech Language Pathologist

Time with Coop: Started in August 2018

1. My family moved to Topeka from the Twin Cities when I was in high school.
2. I've lived in Manhattan longer than I did in Topeka, so I consider Manhattan my home.
3. In my free time I take portraits for couples/families and re-watch episodes of The Office.
4. I graduated from K-State this last summer and have enjoyed being a part of the "real world."

There will be a Para PD on Jan 21st from 8 AM to 11 AM. Please make sure that all of your paras are aware of this and have this on their calendars. We will announce a location once we have it.

December

Keeli Adams	2
Amanda Hendricks	3
Sabine Ginavan	7
Brandy Watson	8
Tori Sieben	11
Kim Marquardt	12
Caitline Christenson	14
Tara Roberts	14
Mary Poe	15
Sarah Abitz	16
Teran Frick	16
Christy Roscovious	25
Christine Roberts	29
Kolby Harris	31

Name: Jennifer Nider

District: Special Services Cooperative

Position: Integrated Specialist (IEP compliance coordinator & para facilitator)

Time with Coop: 21 years (1997-2015 as Gifted Education Facilitator & 2015-current as Integrated Specialist)

- I am married with two children ages 23 & 17, two cats, one dog and one fish.
- My in-laws must have really liked the movies because I am married to James Dean and my sister-in-law is Ann Margaret.
- I am a card carrying member of the Cherokee Nation and have a Kansas American Indian Hunting-Fishing-Fur harvesting license.
- I was born in Honolulu, HI.
- My parents considered naming me Neilly because I was born two days before the moon landing and my maiden name was Armstrong. How terrible would that have been!?!

Name: Karen Morton

District: 320

Position: Gifted Facilitator

Time with Coop: This is my 6th year!

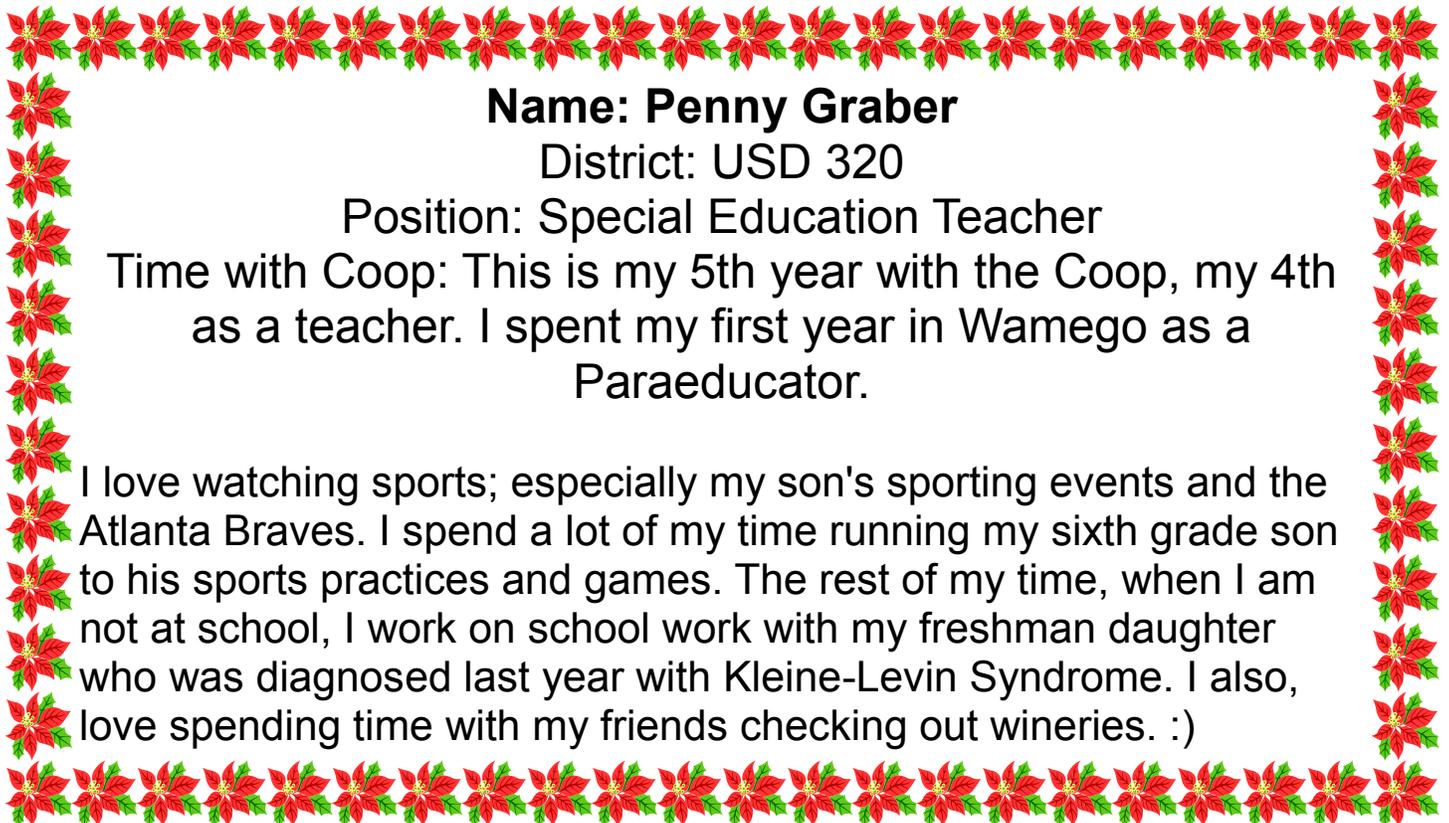
- I am a retired (not retired!) Gifted Services teacher who worked at Wamego Special Services Coop many years ago and came back to my favorite district. I am smiling when I see EL materials in the Wamego buildings with my name written on it from the 1990's.
- I live on a cattle and grain farm with my husband Steve, and have 3 married children and 6 grandchildren.
- I have many amazing pets including a Border Collie named Ripley and a spoiled cat named Nala that I rescued from an animal shelter.
- I love to go "junk and antique" shopping but my real passion is traveling to exotic places. I am also a certified yoga teacher through Yoga Fit International and teach yoga 3 nights a week.



Meetings

<u>Who</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Date</u>
Psych/Social	11:30 - 3:30	12/7
OT/PT	2:30 - 3:30	12/12
Gifted	7:45 - 8:45	12/14
Speech	8:30 - 10:00	12/19

****Meeting dates and times are subject to changes and cancelations. Please watch for emails with any changes. If you have questions about a meeting, please contact the Coop. Thank you.****



Name: Penny Graber
District: USD 320
Position: Special Education Teacher
Time with Coop: This is my 5th year with the Coop, my 4th as a teacher. I spent my first year in Wamego as a Paraeducator.

I love watching sports; especially my son's sporting events and the Atlanta Braves. I spend a lot of my time running my sixth grade son to his sports practices and games. The rest of my time, when I am not at school, I work on school work with my freshman daughter who was diagnosed last year with Kleine-Levin Syndrome. I also, love spending time with my friends checking out wineries. :)