

THE SPECIAL EDITION

Important Dates

Thanksgiving Break
(No School)

11/21-23

Thanksgiving

11/22

Fall is Here!

As we head further into the fall (and yes, winter) months, we have a few quick reminders for everyone.

Inclement Weather Day Policy

In the event that a Inclement Weather Day is called, Paras may use a Personal Day in order to receive pay for that day. They may NOT use sick leave. Using leave is optional, but if you choose not to, you will not receive pay for that day. Please refer to the Para Handbook for additional information.

The Coop Office will follow USD 320's call for weather. If they close or delay due to weather, the office will be closed or delay opening.

Para In-service

There will be a Para In-service day on January 21st from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM. The location has not yet been determined. We will announce the location once we are able to get a place booked.

Happy Birthday!

Betsy Tipping

Wabaunsee Schools

Resource Teacher at Maple Hill Elementary School

This is my 11th year here and 24th year teaching.

Fun Facts:

- ◆ I just became an Aunt this weekend on October 27.
- ◆ I have 3 kids, 2 dogs and an evil bearded dragon.
- ◆ I started out my teaching career on the Pre Adolescent Unit of Topeka State Hospital and loved it there.
- ◆ I love unicorns!

Amy Donahue

USD 329

Speech-Pathologist

I have helped the COOP with SLP needs in the past but this is my first time in 8 years having my own caseload.

Fun Facts:

- ◆ I am from Chicago
- ◆ My grandmother introduced me to my husband
- ◆ We have 4 children ages 16, 15, 14, and 10
- ◆ My favorite hobbies were sailing on Lake Michigan, running 5K races and gardening (before kids, lol). Now, I just love being a mom and attending all of their events. :)

I am very happy to be working with such wonderful co-workers within the COOP and I'm looking forward to a great year with all of you!

November

Stacy Lange	1
Krista Russell	4
Jan Heersink	5
Kathy Haller	10
Callie Topper-Taylor	10
Kelsey Boyden	12
Megan Clark	12
Deanna May	12
Barbara Bussart	16
Sara Edie	19
Stacey Williams	20
Heather Petermann	21
Jillian Tinkel	23
Natalie Bender	28
Doug Davidson	29

Name: Carole Hay
District: Wamego
Position: School Psychologist
Time with Coop: This is my 7th year!

Fun Facts:

1) My husband, Chris, is an amazing guitar player! Although, he isn't in a band anymore, he will still play for me my favorite 80's hair songs!

2) I have 4 daughters that make me extremely proud every day: Bailey 25, Abbey 23, Jayme 18, and Nikki 30.

3) I love dogs! I must pet every dog that I see. I have two dogs: Ringo and Jeni, and would have many more if Chris would agree! A typical Saturday includes a trip to PetCo to pet the shelter dogs and donate to the rescue group.

4) I love to read, especially crime and mystery books. My favorite kind of day off includes reading a good book with a cup of coffee, and my dogs.

Name: Racheal Hunt
District: USD 320 Wamego Middle School
Position: Special Education Teacher
Time with Coop: This will be my second year as a Special Education Teacher. I've been with the COOP before as a float para and then as a para for Sara Edie in St. George. :)

I went to school at Highland Community College, transferred to Kansas State University, and now I am working on my Masters in Special Education. I am married, three years in November! We do not have kids yet, but we have a dog. She is a German Shepherd. We live in an old farm house that we are remodeling. I enjoy Fixer Upper so this is perfect! I also enjoy running, being with family, the fall season, and chocolate. :)

Meetings

<u>Who</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Date</u>
Early Childhood	8:30 - 10:00	11/2
Gifted	8:30 - 9:30	11/6
OT/PT	2:30 - 3:30	11/14
Psych/Social	11:30 - 3:30	11/16
Speech	8:30 - 10:00	11/20
Superintendents	8:30 - 10:00	11/28
Transition	8:30 - 9:30	11/29
Early Childhood	8:30 - 10:00	11/30

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

Happy
Thanksgiving!