### THE SPECIAL EDITION

**Important Dates** 

Child Find 12/15

Christmas Break 12/20 - 1/3

Christmas Day 12/25

New Year's Day 1/1

## Almost There!!

Everyone at the Coop would like to wish you all a Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year!! We are so thankful for all that you do and that we get the chance to work with each and every one of you each day. Take this well deserved time off to spend time with your families and come back refreshed and ready to finish out the year!!



The Coop will be closed from December 20th through January 2nd, with our first day back being January 3rd. Please let us know if you have any questions.

We know that this is a very busy time of the year and if you need help with anything to help wrap up the semester, please reach out ASAP.

The more notice we have of any issues, the less chance there will be of delaying your break.

# <u>December</u>

<u>Birthdays</u>

**Amanda Hendricks** 

3

**Benetta Foster** 6

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

Chenoa Phillips 16

**Christy Roscovious** 

25

**Christine Roberts** 

29

Kolby Harris 31

## **Update Your Address**

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Please make sure that the address that you have listed for your mailing address in Skyward is correct before leaving for break.

This is important so that W-2's can get sent out in a timely manner and to the correct locations. If there is an issue you cannot correct on your own, please contact Kati Wolfgang at wolfgangk@usd320.com.



### **Para In-service Logs**

Please be sure to turn in a <u>COPY</u> of all Para In-service logs prior to leaving for break to Jennifer Nider. Paras should have half of their hours completed. If you have any questions, contact Jennifer at niderj@usd320.com.

## Para Professional Development Day

Date: January 15th Time: 8:00 AM - 11:30 AM Place: Wamego HS Commons Area

Coffee and breakfast items will be provided.

This presentation will explore, in depth, two foundational supports, relationship and emotional regulation techniques, to better keep kids safe and emotionally feeling safe. The group will discuss their own relationships and what elements are part of a solid relationship. We will also define emotions and how they affect our everyday life. We will discuss how emotional responses bias us towards decisions. This understanding will lead us toward containing the escalation cycle.



Name: Erin Moody

District: Wamego - 3rd grade through high school

Position: Speech-Language Pathologist

Time with Coop: 5th year

#### **Fun Facts:**

- **1.** Yes, I was born in the car on the way to hospital! The best to use for random, weird facts. :)
- **2.** I have a 9 year old step-son, 3 year old daughter, and another daughter on the way!
- **3.** I grew up on a farm/ranch in western KS with three brothers. I raised bucket calves and drove a tractor. Never forget your roots! :)



Name: Richard Dugan
District: USD 323 Rock Creek
Position: Jr. High Special Education Teacher
Time with Coop: 11 years

#### Fun Facts:

- 1) I am the Head Cross Country Coach for Rock Creek Jr. High and High School
- 2) I am the Rock Creek Assistant Boys Basketball Coach

- ★The final NCI training of the year will be held
  January 3rd from 8 AM 4 PM at Alma Elem.
  This will be an Initial Training so anyone who would like to be trained may attend. Please let Annie Frank or Molly Piha know if you or any of your Paras would like to attend.
- ★There will be an SPED Professional Development on March 9th in the PLC Room from 8 AM - 11:30 AM. Please make sure to mark this on your calendars and request a sub.



**Kelly Estes** 

District: USD

320

#### Position:

Special Education Teacher

#### Time with Coop:

This is my 6th year with the co-op, but my 15th year of teaching

#### Fun Facts:

1. I had perfect attendance all throughout high school (I'm a nerd)
2. I danced for 12 years (and have nothing to show for it....)
3. I'm an only child:)



## Name:

Brandy Watson

<u>District:</u> USD

329

Position: SPED

Teacher

Time with Coop:

First year!!

#### Fun Facts:

- I have lived in five different states and have moved 6 times.
- I have three kids.
   Will is 16, Jack is 15 and Abby is 12.
- 3. I have attended 4 colleges.
- 4. I have been with my husband since I

was 14

## Meetings

\*\*\*Dates and times of meetings are subject to change.\*\*\*

<u>Who</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Date</u>
Early Childhood	8:30 - 10:00	12/1
Psych & Social	11:30 - 3:30	12/1
IEP Bootcamp*	8:30 - 11:30	12/12
Transition	8:30 - 9:30	12/15
Speech	8:30 - 10:00	12/18
Gifted	8:30 - 9:30	12/19

<sup>\*</sup> Each month a new group of teachers will be selected to attend IEP Bootcamp. Those needing to attend in Dec were notified on 11/29. Those selected are <u>REQUIRED</u> to attend and <u>MUST</u> secure a sub.

