

THE SPECIAL EDITION**Important Dates**

Easter

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Para Appreciation
Day

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B.A.S.E.S

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Thank You Paras!

Para Appreciation Week is the first week of April and we would like to take a moment to thank all of our paras for everything that they do. Without you, we wouldn't be able to do what we do. You help out our students and are by their side day in and day out. The job you do may not be easy all the time, but it is extremely rewarding and we thank you for helping our students through the rough times and celebrating with them in the good. We can't wait to see what next year brings and hope to see everyone back, as you are one of our most invaluable resources. Again, thank you for everything that you do and we appreciate you more and more everyday!



April

Birthdays

Sally Breymeyer

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Krista Caffey

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Jessica Huwiler 9

Lori Teel 9

April Bayless 11

Kristen Jackson 12

Jean Tracy 12

Stephanie

Scroggin 23

Sara McCarter 24

Becca Boyd 26

Marsha DeHart

30

Jill Tanner 30

Name: Pam Hendricks

District: USD 320

Position: Paraeducator

Time with Coop: 26 years

1) I raised 3 sons but have 5

granddaughters.

2) My dream vacation is a trip around the US looking at historical sites.

3) I enjoy baking and cooking with my granddaughters.

Name: Jacqueline Henderson

District: USD 329

Position: Paraeducator

Time with Coop: 4.5 years

Fun Facts:

1. I love unicorns and mermaids.

2. I enjoy drawing and coloring in coloring books.

3. I love snorkeling in the ocean and watching wild dolphins, my family.

4. My favorite holiday is Halloween!

Name: Kera Jo Riedel
District: USD 320 Wamego Middle School
Position: Paraeducator
Time with Coop: 1.5 years

Fact #1: I have 2 handsome little boys; Jed is 9 and loves baseball and Kiptyn is 5 and he brightens my world of how much he loves everything brother does and is his Grandpa Glen's little shadow.

Fact #2: I am a die hard KSU fan!!! Red and blue may run through my veins but I bleed purple! HAHAHA! Also is my favorite color! :) I also love the Kansas City Royals, Kansas City Chiefs and the Seattle Seahawks!

Fact #3: I have an obsession with taking pictures of the moon! One of my favorite things to photograph and also I have taken 2nd place at the Pottawatomie County Fair. Photography is one of my favorite things to do in my spare time with my boys even though they look at me like why are you taking pictures of us again?

Name: Brianna Thummel
District: USD 320
Position: Para educator
Time with Coop: 6 months

Fact 1: I have a 1 year old son named Carson, who loves to run around at the park.

Fact 2: I am currently a Junior at Kansas State University, earning my undergraduate in Elementary Education with a emphasis in Special Education.

Fact 3 : I grew up in western Kansas in a small town called Colby.

Fact 4: I am 6'2" so I am extremely tall. I get asked very often how tall I am and if I play sports.

Fact 5: No I do not play sports. I'm extremely uncoordinated!

Resignation - Policy GBO

The board shall consider any certified employee's resignation which is submitted to the board in writing. The board may accept resignations from employees under contract when the resignation will be in the best interests of the district. The board does assess monetary penalties for resignations occurring two weeks after the third *Friday in May*. Teachers resigning after the legal date of two weeks after the third *Friday in May* through June 30th will be assessed \$1,000 in liquidated damages. Teachers resigning *July 1 – July 31* will be assessed \$2,000 in liquidated damages. If the teacher resigns or fails to honor the terms of the contract on or after *August 1* and before the end of the contract term, the liquidated damages shall be \$4,000. See Policy GBO/GBO-R.

Rich Harrison

Sadly, I need to inform everyone that we will no longer have the services of Rich Harrison. He has left his position with Project Stay and has taken a position in the Topeka area. I know we will all miss his wonderful guidance and support.

Good luck Rich!

Save The Date!!

The tentative dates for Back to School Professional Developments are as follows. These dates and times are subject to change so please watch for any updates!!

New Teachers	August 2nd	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
All Certified Staff	August 3rd	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Paraprofessional	August 9th	8:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Name: Christine Roberts

District: USD 323

Position: Para

Time with Coop: 2 years

Hi, I am Christine Roberts and I was born and raised on a farm outside of Grinnell, KS.

I am happily married to a guy named Kurt and we will celebrate our 25th anniversary in September. We have 4 children. Victoria is graduating from University of Arkansas in May. Zane is a senior at Rock Creek and will graduate in May as well. Gabriel is a sophomore at Rock Creek. Jonah is a 6th grader at St. George Elementary. My youngest, Jonah, was born with Down Syndrome and is the light in our life! He is one of the biggest reasons why I became a para. I have always appreciated those who work with our special needs children. As a parent, I want to say thank you!

I enjoy running, DIY projects, landscaping...anything creative.

My co-workers, especially CC Jahn and Seth Holliday, consider me a prankster. I must say, I do enjoy making people laugh whether it is at their expense or mine! "What's that, CC?" OK, CC is looking over my shoulder and wants me to add that is mainly at their expense!

◆ Nikki Boswell

◆ Westmoreland
Elementary

- ◆ SPED Paraeducator
- ◆ I started at the end of January so I have only been with the Coop a couple of months.

Fun Facts:

- ★ I love cheeseburgers, pizza and Funyuns!
- ★ I love to travel! My favorite places so far have been Africa and Canada.
- ★ I enjoy planting flowers and gardening but I struggle to keep anything alive.

Meetings

Dates and times of meetings are subject to change.

<u>Who</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Date</u>
Transition	8:30 - 9:30	4/12
IEP Bootcamp*	8:30 - 11:30	4/17
Psych & Social	11:30 - 3:30	4/20
Speech	8:30 - 10:00	4/23
Superintendent's	8:30 - 10:00	4/25
Gifted	8:30 - 9:30	4/26
Early Childhood	8:30 - 10:00	5/4

* Each month a different group of teachers will be selected to attend IEP Bootcamp. Those needing to attend in April were be notified on a 3/28. Those selected are REQUIRED to attend and MUST secure a sub.

