

# The Special Edition

March 2023



Hi Coop Family!

The sun is shining a little brighter, the temps are a bit warmer and daylight savings time is quickly approaching! All are welcome signs spring is just around the corner! As many of us are gearing up for spring parent/teacher conferences, we reflect on this great opportunity for time well spent with our families to connect and strengthen the relationship and support between home and school for our students. Enjoy your time as you celebrate all the growth your students are having because of your hard work day in and day out teaching and supporting them. Reminder, Progress Reports must be done for ALL IEP goals (and benchmarks for all students who take or may qualify to take the DLM) for all students at all schools AND be sent home with all families for all quarters.

As we know, challenging behaviors have been on the rise and we are all working endlessly to continue to discover the interventions that work best for each of our students. Working in a classroom last week gave me the opportunity to utilize some regular go to interventions for supporting challenging behaviors such as: giving specific praise, adding hands-on learning opportunities, brain breaks, soothing music, using humor, chunk and chew by doing a small task with direct instruction, and physical activity. If you have a student that is struggling with behaviors and your team needs additional support, please reach out to me so we can talk about having our TASN behavioral expert, Jennifer Paxton, come to observe and offer ideas for interventions and programming.

Thank you for your hard work and dedication in providing high quality special education services for our students. Your specially designed instruction meets their individual needs to help them continue to grow in all skills. Their future is brighter because of the time they spend learning with you to develop academic, social, emotional and life skills to help them thrive in their life they will live outside our schools. THANK YOU for being the difference!

I hope your spring break plans include plenty of time just for you to rejuvenate and recharge. Whether your time will be spent on a vacation or a staycation...I hope you can get in some major relaxation! Enjoy!

~Deb





**ESY PAPERWORK:** If you haven't already, **PLEASE** turn in your ESY paperwork for your students who qualify **IMMEDIATELY**. If you are not recommending students, Form A still needs to be returned stating such, which includes names of paras that might be interested in working ESY.

**IMPORTANT REMINDER:** If you are referring any students for ESY, you **MUST** provide daily lesson plans and all materials for student learning for the whole duration of ESY. These lesson plans and materials must be turned in no later than your check-out time with the Coop, and can be left in the Coop for pickup.



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## TRANSITION SERIES WEBINARS

Join us for our first-ever webinar series relating to the topic of secondary transition. Please use the registration link below to register for one or more of the sessions:

**Registration Cost:**  
\$10/session

**Times:**  
3:00pm-3:45pm

**Dates:**  
March 7th: Post-Secondary Goals  
March 21st: Services/Outside Agencies

**Location:**  
Zoom Meeting information will be sent after registration.

Even if you are not a WebKIDSS user, you can still attend these virtual sessions!

[Register Here!](#)

## STAFFING UPDATES

### Resignations/Retirements:

- \*Doug Davidson - SGES: Heather Petermann transfer to fill position
- \*Lindsey Lull - West - Unfilled position
- \*Heather Niehues - Central - Unfilled position
- \*Renee Pachta - Wabaunsee: Amy Donahue shifting to full time to fill position
- \*Maggie Strait - WHS - New Hire Suzette McGuire
- \*Jill Tanner - WMS: Jill Garetson transfer to position

### Transfers:

- \*Amy Donahue from part time to full time
- \*Jill Garetson (from WJHS to WMS) - Unfilled position
- \*Heather Petermann (from WHS to SGES) - Unfilled position



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## IMPORTANT WEBKIDSS CHANGE - MUST READ

We received an email from Webkidss with information regarding the version newest update. **The biggest change that you will notice will be in the progress reporting area.**

When completing Progress reports from this point forward...

**STATUS: Y OR N REMAINS THE SAME:** As a reminder Y or N indicates if progress is sufficient to enable the student to meet the goal by the date of the annual IEP.

**STATUS DATE:** THE DATE THAT YOU COLLECTED DATA TO DETERMINE THE STUDENT'S STATUS OF GROWTH ON THE GOAL

**DATE PROVIDED:** THE DATE THE PROGRESS NOTE WAS PROVIDED TO THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN AS PER THE COOP'S REQUIRED PROGRESS REPORTING GUIDELINE OF QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORTS AT EVERY SCHOOL AND DISTRICT IN THE COOP.

**METHODOLOGY:** How was the progress note provided to the parent or guardian? (Mailed, Emailed, Hand Delivered or Other) If you choose OTHER a box will appear and allow you to specify..such as SENT HOME IN CHILD'S BACKPACK.

The comment section remains the same as does the requirement of listing your NAME and TITLE after your comments.

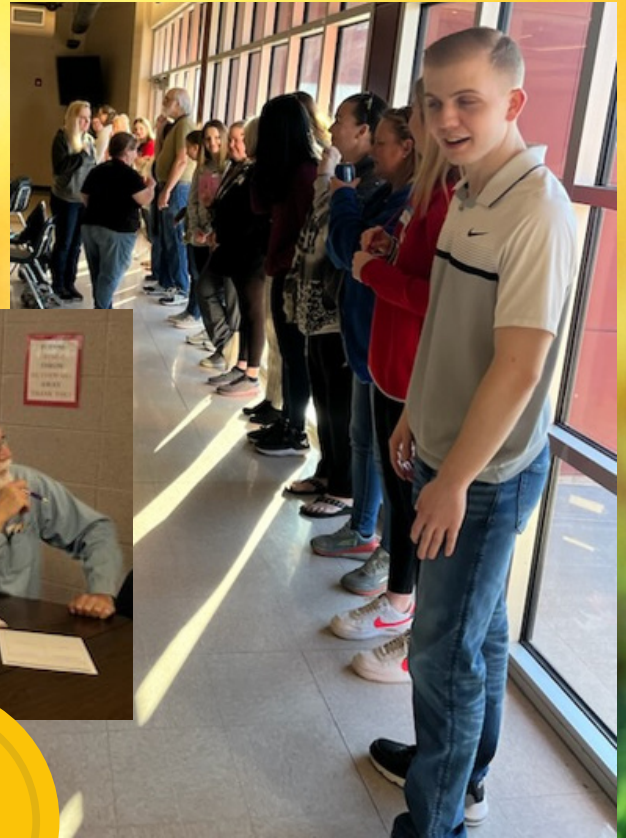
**IMPORTANT REMINDER FROM DEB:** Quarterly progress reports **MUST** be done for **EVERY GOAL & BENCHMARK AS APPLICABLE** for **EVERY STUDENT** in **EVERY BUILDING** at the same time of gen ed progress reporting and **NO LATER.**



Do you need additional support when working with a student(s) with extreme behaviors? You are not alone! Reminder, we have a partnership with Jennifer

Paxton, an Autism/Behavior expert from TASN. She is in her second year as a Coop partner and can provide knowledge and expertise by observing students, creating a program for intervention, modeling interventions, providing data collection methods, reviewing impact of interventions, etc. Parent/guardian/ed advocate signed consent is needed to provide this collaboration with Jennifer. Please reach out to Dr. Nauerth if you feel this would benefit your service.

**A HUGE SHOUT OUT AND THANK YOU to our paras that attended the PD on supporting challenging behaviors on Monday, February 20th.**



***Para Appreciation Day is Wednesday, April 6, 2023!***



**Paraeducator evaluations are due March 31, 2023.**

**[Click here](#) for the link.**

**Para inservice hour logs are also due March 31.**

**\*\*Para inservice is tied to funding. Paras MUST complete ALL inservice time.**

**All district offices will be closed for spring break, March 10-17.**

**The Child Find Screening is on Friday, March 24 at Trinity Baptist Church, Wamego. Be sure to refer families to the Coop.**

**ATTENTION ALL RELATED SERVICE PROVIDERS: Medicaid Replacement Aid Window opened on Wednesday, February 22 and will close on Wednesday, March 8.**

One of our seniors, Rebecca Jones, is involved with the organization Kansas Miss Amazing and is doing wonderful things in her community including community service activities. This organization has been a great opportunity to improve confidence and self-esteem in young ladies with disabilities. Several of you probably already know her or had her as a former student. She would love to come talk with you and interested girls about this great organization. Students with disabilities can join as early as age 5. They will also have a booth set up at the Tulip Festival. Please consider reaching out to her to set up a time to meet or share this information with your students.



GET STARTED AT [WWW.MISSAMAZING.ORG](http://WWW.MISSAMAZING.ORG)

**Miss Amazing provides opportunities for girls and women with disabilities to build confidence in a supportive environment.**

We're a cultural force that dispels stereotypes and shapes the world into one that values and invests in the abilities of women with disabilities.

**OUR APPROACH**



**NURTURE A SISTERHOOD**

We offer a chance for women from different walks of life to learn from each other and develop a valuable support system.



**BUILD LIFE SKILLS**

We provide opportunities for girls and women with disabilities to test their boundaries and take on new challenges.



**INCREASE VISIBILITY**

We provide a public platform for girls and women with disabilities to define themselves on their own terms and dispel stereotypes.

**19%**

of the world's girls and women have a physical or intellectual disability.



However, self-esteem of girls and women with disabilities remains significantly lower than that of girls and women without disabilities

**MISS AMAZING WANTS TO CHANGE THAT.**

**1,700**  
girls and women with disabilities have benefited from our programs

**2,000**  
volunteers have stepped forward to celebrate diversity and girl power

**30**  
states across the country host Miss Amazing programs

We're making the world a more inclusive place. **AND WE'VE ONLY JUST BEGUN.**

**BE AMAZING!**



**FUNDRAISE**

Use the power of community to make an impact. We provide the tools. You make the world a better place.



**DONATE**

We deeply appreciate every gift. Make a direct impact on the lives of girls and women with disabilities by donating online today.



**VOLUNTEER**

Experience the magic of Miss Amazing firsthand. Contact your local chapter and we'll find a rewarding position for you.



**PARTICIPATE**

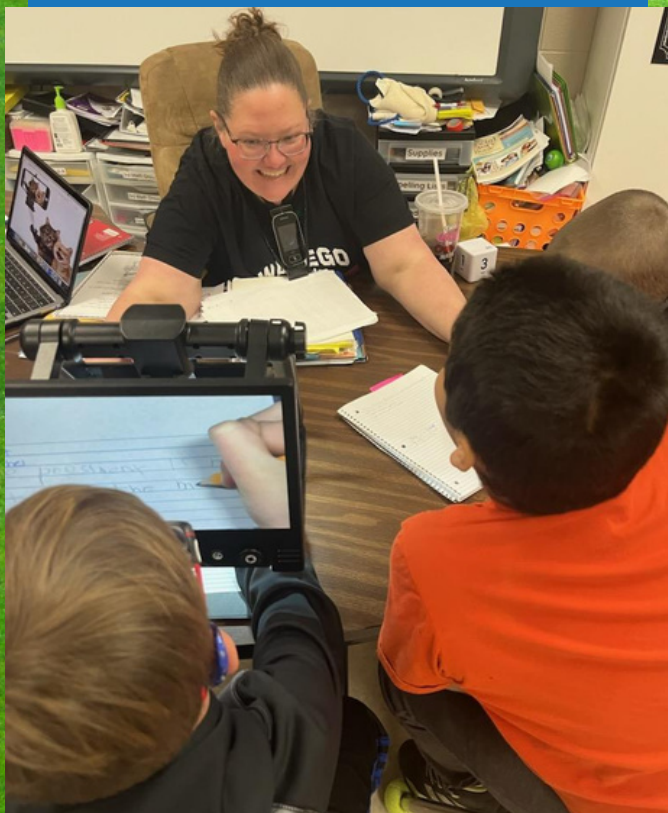
Are you ready to reach your fullest potential? Those who qualify can complete our simple application process.



**SHARE YOUR VOICE**

By talking about disability, gender, and the points where they intersect, we can dispel harmful stereotypes that perpetuate inequality. Join our community and share your story!

Writing accommodations in action with Mrs. McCarter.



**Related Service Providers:**  
Your daily logs for January, February, and through March 10 are due March 20.

**New Teachers/Service Providers**

Mark your calendars for our meeting on Tuesday, April 11 2:30-4:30 pm in the PLC Bldg.

If you are in need of 3-ring binders or student file folders, stop by the Coop. We have an abundance of various sizes from which to choose.

Mrs. Hay and Mrs. Marfield enjoying some collegial evaluation collaboration.



**FYI - Did you know...there are 252 IEPs in draft?**

**End of Year Check-Out 2022-2023**

It's hard to believe our Coop check-out process will be here before we know it. Be looking for an email with a sign-up and checklist from Robin. Every sped teacher and provider **MUST** complete the check-out process at the Coop. Reminder: You will meet with Coop office staff and do a final reflection meeting with Deb.

**\*All paperwork and files must be complete by your check-out appt.**

**\*\*The IEP Due Date Is Friday, April 14!\*\***

Check-Out dates and times are as follows:

USD 329

Wednesday, May 17: 1:00 - 4:00 & Thursday, May 18: 8:00 - 12:00 and 1:00 - 4:00

USD 320

Tuesday, May 23: 8:00 - 12:00 & 1:00 - 4:00, Thursday, May 25: 8:00 - 12:00 and 1:00 - 4:00

USD 323

Tuesday, May 23: 8:00 - 12:00, Wednesday, May 24: 1:00 - 4:00, and Thursday, May 25: 8:00 - 12:00 and 1:00 - 4:00



## Job Olympics March 7, 2023 - UPDATE

GOOD LUCK TO OUR STUDENTS: Wamego- 20 students, Rock Creek- 7 students, and Wabaunsee- 4 students

Judges include: USD 320 Board Members-Corey Meyer, Sheryl Wohler, Terra Miller; Admin-Deb Nauerth, Scott Meitler and Julie Schrum; Coop judges- Carole Hay, Diana Phillips, Erin Hudson; Wamego High judges- Taylor Roacho, Katie Stream, Crystal Brunner Wamego- Molly Campbell (Three Rivers) and Darci Hildebrand (Wamego Public Library)

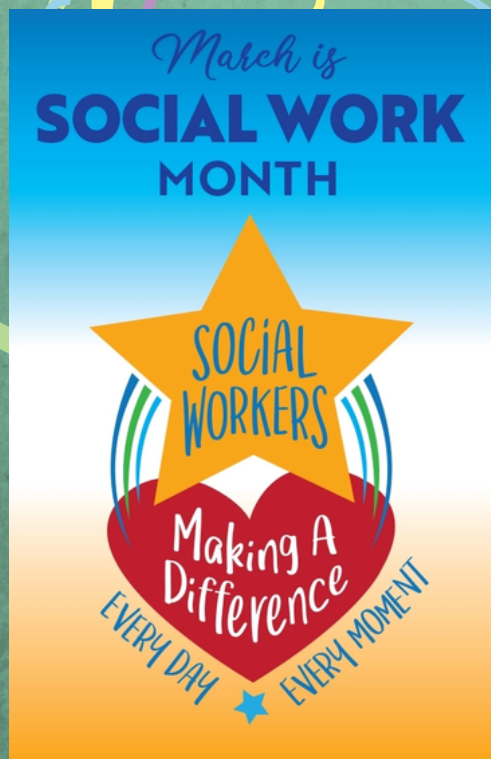
This year we add two new high schools and have 144 students registered from 18 area high schools. We are bringing Willie the Wildcat and cheerleaders to our awards ceremony this year which is new. Thank you to the teachers who work on the curriculum in their classrooms supporting students, our transition council, our judges, the Kansas State University Recreation Complex, and our generous donors who make this event possible.

# March Celebrations

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Joni Webster - 9  
Maggie Strait - 12  
Trevor Keller - 12  
Becky Thomlinson - 13  
Brenna Ebert - 14  
Cristina Hargitt - 14

Will Watson - 21  
Rick Fisher - 24  
Seth Holliday - 24  
Taylor Huston - 24  
Carole Hay - 27  
Chris Young - 31  
Olivia Swift - 31



**A BIG shout out to our fantastic and dedicated Social Workers:**



**Annie Frank  
Erin Hudson**

**We appreciate all you do to support our students!**

# Be Encouraged

You can't go back and change the beginning, but you can start where you are and change the ending.

—  
C.S. LEWIS

The best things in life are the people we love, the places we have been and the memories we have made along the way.

WHAT YOU TEACH  
»→ **teach**  
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may someday  
light ☆  
the world.

*"Everyone of us needs to show how much we care for each other and, in the process, care for ourselves."*

—Diana, Princess of Wales

IF YOU see SOMEONE  
WITHOUT a smile  
give THEM  
ONE OF yours!

Keep going  
Keep growing

**International Day of Awesomeness  
Friday, March 10**

No doubt about it, **YOU ARE AWESOME** and today is an absolutely awesome day! Take some time to identify things in your life that are awesome and strive to make things in your life awesome!

"Yesterday is not ours to recover, but tomorrow is ours to win or lose." - - Lyndon B. Johnson

## MY SELF-CARE RULES

Always try

Learn from my mistakes

Trust my feelings

Don't be afraid to say yes

Love myself

Laugh often

If something seems wrong, don't do it

Forgive, even if it's difficult

NO Don't be afraid to say no

Do everything possible to make my dreams come true

Keep my head high

Believe in myself

Enjoy life, every day