

The Special Edition

September 2020

Welcome back!



Welcome Back, Special Services Coop Family!

The 2020-21 school year kick-off has been exciting even though it looks very different from any other year we have experienced! Truly we are making history as we move forward with bringing students back to schools across the Coop. It's fun to feel the synergy of teachers and students so happy together once again. Your efforts to support students in fostering a sense of valued belonging in their school community while forging new ways to provide the best learning opportunities and social-emotional supports for each student are already evident and are much appreciated.

What a great joy it has been for me to join the Coop family! Thank you so much for the warm welcome! To say we have hit the ground running doesn't begin to cover our journey together already so far. As we embark upon this new school year, our commitment to excellence is renewed as we continue a solutions-based team approach while tackling any challenge that comes our way. We will continue to move forward with a determination and guarantee to provide high-quality special education services to each child, in any learning mode, in a nurturing environment to inspire life-long learning.

It is with an unwavering assurance to support student growth, despite this pandemic, that we are here to serve our students prioritizing in-person essential special education services. By providing specially designed instruction to meet IEP goals will empower our students to reach their fullest potential while fueling independence and self-advocacy to support a transition into their bright future. Our high expectations are solidly built upon a foundation of data to inform our special education services that are tailored specifically to meet the individual needs of each child with access to equitable, meaningful instruction to enhance student engagement.

As a team we will continue to forge strong relationships with parents and guardians, our valued partners, through ongoing communication and collaboration to sustain family partnerships in an effort to build capacity for supporting learning together both at school and at home.

I am excited to celebrate the many successes we will enjoy together this year. I am always here for you to support in any way possible. My admiration and gratitude for you and your dedication to students is beyond words! Thank you for moving forward with opening this year with an unending resolve to make a lifelong difference in the hearts and minds of our students. Let's move mountains, we are CHAMPIONS for children!

Dr. Deb Nauerth Director of Special Education



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A HUGE welcome to the following:

- Deb Nauerth-Coop Director (nauerthd@usd320.com)
- Erin Hudson-Social Worker at USD 320 (hudsone@usd320.com)
- Bekah Meitler-Preschool at USD 323 (meitlerr@rockcreekschools.org)
- Andrew Mosby-Gifted at USD 320 (mosbya@usd320.com)
- Shayton Clark-USD 320 (clarks@usd320.com)
- Justin Smith-USD 323 (smithj@rockcreekschools.org)
- Melissa Ginavan-SLP at USD 323 (ginivanm@rockcreekschools.org)
- Holly Britton-SLP at USD 323 (brittonh@rockcreekschools.org)

Reach out to our new team players and welcome them to the team! We are all SO EXCITED to have you here!! WELCOME!!

### Reminders:

- Mileage forms are due on the 25th of every month.
- The next Child Find Screening will be held at Westmoreland on October 2nd.
- There will be an Initial NCI Training on September 25th, please contact Sandra at koons@usd320.com to sign up.
- Please submit your schedules to the coop office if you haven't already!
- Please submit para schedules to the coop office.

### Negotiated Agreement:

Teachers, if you are wanting to move horizontally on the salary schedule for the 20-21 school year, you must have original/official transcripts sent to Kati Wolfgang no later than September 15th. **Transcripts received after that deadline will not be accepted for horizontal movement until the following school year.**



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Happy, happy birthday to...

June:

Racheal Hunt	7
Jil Thiemann	7
Tara Shaw	11
Bekah Meitler	13
Katie Childs	14
John Frank	14
Michelle Stuhlsatz	17
Ashley Tilton	18
Stephanie Mocabee	21
Amanda Marfield	22
Kayla Thomas	22
Laurie Temple	27

July:

Melanie Stone	2
Aimee Ralph	4
Stephanie Hegarty	7
Tammy Wallin	11
Stephanie Downs	11
Shayton Clark	12
Betsy Tipping	13
Brenda Bryant	16
Jennifer Nider	18
Kelley Estes	18
Skyler Suther	18
Monica Kasselmann	19
Erin Moody	21
Tanji Cassatt	21
Sarah Fiehler	27
Terry Brownell	31





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August:

Susan Koupal	1
Aleasha McKinney	7
Kaylee VanPelt	10
Holly Britton	17
Morgan Schuman	17
Andrea Leonard	18
Melissa Phipps	18
Mary Bates	23
Ashley Rodgers	27

September:

Erica Scott	1
Sally Sharp	2
Wayne Gros	5
Ciara Dutton	7
Sandra Koon	10
Jo Dee Tarbutton	13
Cheryl Flear	16
Christian Jahn	17
Tami Weaber	19
Marcia Bleacher	20
Amanda Oakley	26
Casey Meinhardt	26
Tanya Haller	30

