

Welcome to 4th Grade! Meet the 4th Grade Team



Mrs. Austin

Hello fourth graders! Last year was my first year at Knapp, and I am so excited for year 2! Before working at Knapp, I spent a year working as a full-time resource room teacher in Byron Center. I graduated from Calvin College with a Bachelor's degree in Elementary and Special Education, and I am currently working on my Master's degree. Although neither my husband, Grant, nor I are originally from Michigan, we absolutely love exploring this beautiful state. In my spare time I enjoy camping, reading, cooking, and spending time outside with friends and family- especially at lakes! I also enjoy being active and have both coached and played various sports throughout my life. I am really looking forward to meeting you and your families in August!



Miss Budde

Hello fourth grade students and families! This is my first year at Knapp, and I couldn't be more excited to be joining this wonderful community! I am a graduate of Hope College with a degree in K-8 Mathematics Education. I've spent the last 4 years as a paraprofessional and a long-term substitute in various school districts around West Michigan. I have lived in the West Michigan area my whole life, and I love the area! In my spare time, I am an avid reader, especially with a hot cup of coffee or tea. I also love participating in outdoor activities like beach-going, boating, running, and skiing. I look forward to meeting you all in August and starting this journey together!



Miss Lehan

This will be my eighteenth year at Knapp, and I've taught fourth grade for all but one of those years! I feel so lucky to work at such an excellent school, with outstanding teachers, staff, and students. I'm a graduate of the University of Michigan (Bachelor's degree) and Western Michigan University (Master's degree). I have been blessed with a wonderful family- amazing parents, four sisters, two brothers, and lots of nieces and nephews! I spend most of my free time with my family and friends. I love traveling, going to the movies, cooking, reading, shopping, going for walks, and spending time at the lake as much as possible in the summer! I'm looking forward to meeting you and your families!

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4th Grade "Highlights"

We have a lot of fun in fourth grade! The main highlight is our trip to Camp Manitou-Lin in the spring. We go canoeing, rock wall climbing, do archery, crafts, and other fun games and activities. It's something that the students and the teachers look forward to all year long! Another highlight is our day trip to Lansing, visiting the Impression 5 Science Center, the Michigan Historical Museum, and the Capitol Building.

Exciting Opportunities

With school of choice, parents have an opportunity to choose a school for their child. With that in mind, parents have to look at many different aspects of a school and decide which would be the best fit for their child and allow their child to develop academically.

Knapp Academy has the best of both of these: a perfect fit for any child and exceptional academics. Knapp teachers greet students at their doors with a warm welcome and handshake making students feel appreciated and cared for as soon as they enter the classroom. With that mindset, students feel more comfortable to express themselves and try their best in class. Students also participate in activities where they get to know each other, respect differences, and learn from each other's strengths.

A Standard of Excellence

The Fourth Grade team is very focused on making sure your child meets all of their educational objectives. We take pride in giving every student the best educational experience and we do this by teaching the students at their own individual level.

We work closely with one another to make sure that we are sharing our strengths and weaknesses as a team. We meet weekly to plan strategies and resources that will best meet the state objectives as well as the needs of our students.

Supply List:

4 boxes of Kleenex	1 box of sharpened pencils
1 package of lined paper (wide rule)	A reusable water bottle
5 folders: 1 red, blue, green, yellow, orange	A pencil pouch- no boxes, please
Spanish Supplies: Grades 1-8 need a two-pocket folder	1 ream of 8 ½ x 11 copy paper
one pair of earbuds or headphones (labeled with student's name)	
an extra pair of shoes to keep at school for PE class	

We will label the folders by subject during the first week. If you have trouble finding a particular color folder, we will have a couple of extras of each color available.

It is preferred but not required for your child to also have the following:
coloring utensils, scissors, glue sticks

Donations of the following items at the beginning of the school year or throughout the school year are always appreciated: hand sanitizer, Clorox wipes, latex free band aids and paper towel

All fourth graders are expected to know their multiplication facts (1-12). This is something you should be working on over the summer, until they have mastered them. Thank you for your help in this.

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