



Dear Fourth Grader,

Hi! My name is Mr. Bolen and I am SO looking forward to having an awesome time with you learning, having fun, and going on adventures in 4<sup>th</sup> grade! I cannot wait to learn all about you, but first here is a bit about me:

I was born in Guatemala where I was adopted by my parents at 6 months old and have lived in Big Rapids, Michigan ever since. I attended Ferris State University, did my student teaching in a fifth-grade classroom at Big Rapids Middle School, and graduated in May of 2016. In the past, I have taught 5<sup>th</sup> grade in Holland for 6 months and then taught Kindergarten for 6 weeks back around Big Rapids. I am in my **8<sup>th</sup> year** at Hopkins Elementary. I live in Plainwell with my wife: Sarah, our daughter: June, and our cat: Izzy.

Over the summer, I will be working hard to help make sure that our time together in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade will be the absolute best! I have had a very successful first seven years and will make year 8<sup>th</sup> even better!

See you at the Fall Open house – Wednesday August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024 from 5:00pm-6:00pm.

Sincerely,  
Mr. Bolen

Parents:

Please take a moment to e-mail me at [padrbole@hpsvikings.org](mailto:padrbole@hpsvikings.org) and tell me TWO-THREE things you would like me to know about your child.

If you do not have Internet access, please send a note in on the first day or at open house with the two pieces of information.

A few of my favorite things:

- Favorite color: Pink, Blue, Red, Black
- Favorite fruit: Pineapple
- Favorite Candy: Gummy Bears, Reese's Peanut Butter Cups
- Favorite Drink: Coke Zero
- Favorite Hobbies: Going to the movies, playing video games, and guitar
- Favorite animal: Cats
- Favorite movie: Star Wars
- Favorite Vacation: Hawaii