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Dear Families,

I am writing to introduce myself and welcome you to the Hopkins Elementary family.

My name is Shelley Hall and I am looking forward to being your son or daughter's kindergarten teacher during the 2024-2025 school year!

I am married and have three daughters and one son ranging in age from 12-18. We live on the south end of the Plainwell school district. This fall, I will have two kids at Plainwell High School and two at Plainwell Middle School.

I grew up in Plainwell and graduated from GVSU with a psychology and special education degree in 2002. I completed my Master of Education also at GVSU in 2005. This will be my 22<sup>nd</sup> year at Hopkins Elementary. I spent the first 10 years of my teaching career in Early Childhood Special Education prior to making the switch to kindergarten in 2012.

Every school year provides new opportunities for learning and teaching and I can't wait to begin a new adventure with your child! I feel honored and excited to be in this role. I realize the importance of this first year of school for your child and will strive to provide a nurturing and stimulating learning environment for him or her.

Please pick up the following items and send them to school on our first day:

- a large backpack (full sized but without wheels is preferred),
- a pouch with a zipper labeled with your child's name, scissors, glue sticks,
- and a box of 24 Crayola Crayons. The supplies should fit and go in the pouch.

Open House is scheduled for Thursday 8/21 in the evening. Please stay tuned for more information.

**August 26** is the first day of KINDERGARTEN! Please write your child's name as well as how he or she is to get home on the first day of school (bus number or write "parent pick up") on a self stick name tag and put it on your child's shirt on our first day.

You will be able to provide further information as far as pick up etc on the questionnaire that will come home on the first day of school. Enjoy the last days of summer and get ready for a fun year ahead!!

Sincerely,

Shelley Hall