

Dear Families,

Welcome to my class! My name is Kelli Higgins. I have been teaching at Bolin School for sixteen years. Fifteen of which were spent teaching 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. This is my first year as a 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher! I received my bachelor's degree from Southern Illinois University. My master's is from Aurora University. I continue to take classes to further my education and help me to be the best teacher that I can be.



My family lives here in East Peoria. My husband Jason works for AT&T. My daughter Taylor is a freshman at Greenville College where she is majoring in chemistry. My son Jake is a 4<sup>th</sup> grader here at Bolin where he is the resident bird expert!



I have the greatest job on earth! Teaching your child and helping them reach their potential in a safe and fun learning environment is my goal. For those of you who don't know me...I love science! I spent ten days of my summer with Steve Spangler Science on their Science at Sea Alaskan Cruise. We traveled the inside passage of Southeastern Alaska with our very own naturalist. The trip reminded me that creating "experiences" for my students is the best way to help them learn.



I apply for several grants each year in an attempt to provide my students with hands-on lessons and authentic learning experiences. You can help support our class by donating to our projects at DonorsChoose.org (<http://www.donorschoose.org/donors/proposal.html?id=608812&challengeid=124211>) and by donating gift certificates from [www.stevespanglerscience.com](http://www.stevespanglerscience.com).

Thank you for taking the time to find out a little more about me! I look forward to working with your child this school year! Please contact me with any questions or concerns!

Sincerely,

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