# Welcome To Fourth Grade!

Dear Parents/Guardians,

My name is Kathleen Bortz, and I'm very excited that I will be your child's teacher this year! After teaching first grade for 11 years, I moved up to fourth grade in 2025. When I joined the Butler Team (because that's truly what we are!) back in 2014, I was told what a special place this is — and every day, I'm still amazed by our incredibly supportive, inclusive, and inspiring community. I feel very grateful to work here!

My top priority this year is fostering a strong classroom family where all students feel respected, safe, connected, and valued. I'd like to share a bit about myself to help us build that community. I have a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership from Delaware Valley University and a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary and Early Childhood Education from Temple University. I love to read, travel, cheer on Philadelphia's sports teams, and spend time with my loved ones. In the classroom, you can expect me to be positive, kind, and honest with your child. My classroom management combines firmness, consistency, and open communication with you, the parent. Your involvement and support are key to a successful, rewarding school year.

More of your questions will be answered at Back to School Night. We will have time to discuss curriculum, procedures, policies, and the like. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns! My email is kbortz@cbsd.org, ☺ . Enjoy the last few precious weeks of summer, and I'll see you in September!

Looking forward to a fantastic fourth grade year!

Sincerely,

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*Teachers who love teaching, teach children to love learning.* - Robert John Meehan

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