



**SHAY ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL
MISSION STATEMENT**

*Academic Excellence in a Family
Atmosphere*

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U.S.A. Outstanding Elementary School



Shay Elementary School is accredited by
North Central Association



4TH GRADE TEAM

**Mrs.
Barb Austin**



Ms. Kilar Mr. Joneson Mrs. Austin





A NOTE FROM MRS. AUSTIN

I am pleased to be your child's teacher for the coming school year. I would like to take this opportunity to tell you a little about myself. I know we will become better acquainted as the year progresses.

I've had various teaching experiences, including teaching 3rd and 4th grade at Shay. I graduated from the University of Minnesota and taught 4th grade and 1st grade in Buffalo, Minnesota, for 11 years. Because of my husband's job transfers, we moved to Wisconsin and then to Michigan. When we moved to Harbor Springs 18 years ago, I started substitute teaching, taught math in the Title I program at Shay and Blackbird, and then moved into a classroom at Shay. I'm really looking forward to teaching 4th grade again this year.

My husband and I have 2 sons – both graduated from Harbor Springs High School. One is married and lives in Kansas City, Missouri and has a beautiful baby girl. The other son graduated from University of Minnesota and is living in Portland, Oregon. We enjoy living and working in this beautiful northern Michigan area.

See you in September!



4th Grade Classroom Highlights

This year our 4th graders can look forward to many fun-filled educational experiences, both in and out of the classroom.

To enhance our study of Michigan, we have several field trips and activities planned, including:

- Sleeping Bear Dunes
- Michigan Antique Flywheelers Day
- Fort Michilimackinac and Historic Mill Creek
- Soo Locks
- AuSable Institute of Environmental Studies
- A Michigan Celebration, which includes making a book about Michigan and building a ceramic lighthouse

Three very popular events connected to our science curriculum are:

- Predator/Prey Survival Day at Nubs Nob
- 24-hour Overnight Adventure at Camp Daggett
- Building Bluebird houses

A highlight of our reading curriculum this year will be:

- Battle of the Books, a team reading competition

We also plan to have several guest speakers and other trips to local places of interest.