

# Meet your Gamma Teachers

2024-2025

Dear Gamma Student Families:

We are excited to begin a new year in Gamma Pod and we are pleased to have your son/daughter with us. As a helpful introduction to seventh grade, we'd like to tell you a little bit about the classes we teach.

## American History



Mr. **Kyle Fodness** will teach American History, focusing on the Pre-Civil War Era through modern times. Students will investigate our nation's past and how it has shaped America into the country that it is today through a variety of means that will include: projects, discussions, notes, tests and written assignments.



## Mathematics

**Parker Beighley** is the math teacher. Students will study geometry, pre-algebra, fractions, decimals, percents and graphing. Students will also have the opportunities to work in groups, on projects, and learn through games.

## Special Education Inclusion

Mr. **Corey Boen** is the Special Education teacher. He will be in charge of the IEP's and the academic support in the classroom for these students. If you have an email address, that would be very helpful in communicating back and forth with him.

## Language Arts



Mrs. **Dannon Kietzman** teaches Language Arts. Students will read short stories, novels and essays. Students will study poetry and complete a variety of writing assignments, including the five-paragraph essay. We will work toward completing the Common Core Standards in Language Arts.



## Science

Ms. **Chelsea Knutson** teaches Life Science. Life Science will emphasize the study of the environment, cell, genetics, human anatomy, the kingdoms of living things as well as how living things interact in our world. Students will be exploring science by doing a number of hands on activities such as labs and projects.

## Materials



### *For Personal Use*

- Pencils, blue or black pens
- 2 red correcting pens
- Five college-ruled notebooks
- 5 pocket folders or trapper
- 3 composition notebook
- 4 pack of highlighters

### *For Pod Use*

- 1 ream of paper
- 2 boxes of facial tissues
- 24 pack of colored pencils
- pack of #2 pencils
- Donation - \$10 science labs



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**BMS Website:**

<https://www.bemidji.k12.mn.us/bms/>

**Family Access / Skyward:**

<https://parentweb.bemidji.k12.mn.us/scripts/wsisa.dll/WService=wsFam/fwemnu01.w>

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## Attendance and Make-up Work

Students are encouraged to be in class every day. Assignments are posted on the Gamma Remind each day. Students should ask their teacher for any handouts, instructions, and deadlines necessary to complete the make-up work on time. Information for Google classrooms for each class will be provided in the fall.

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