Hello and welcome to Pod 61 6th grade science! I will be your children’s science teacher. My name is Meghan Moriarty. I am really excited to be a part of your children’s educational growth.

**About Ms. Moriarty**

I am a graduate of Purdue North Central, I hold a Bachelors in teaching and a minor in biology. This will be my 4th year teaching. I am very excited for our science adventures, we will be discovering as a class. I have 3 children, who love to keep me busy at home and in sports. My hobbies at home are long distance running with my dogs, and cheering my children on at their soccer games!

**My mission statement for my classroom**

As your children’s 6th grade teacher, I will maintain a civilized curriculum that is enriched through parental and community participation to the highest academic standards, extending to multiple learners, evolvement of good character, and nurturing of culture. In preparation for a diversified society, my students will be supported academically, physically, and mentally. Developing shared responsibility, proper engagement, problem-solving skills and positive values for contributing members of society.

**Contact information**

With the transition into 6th grade, I am sure there are many concerns. I am here for any questions that you may have. Please feel free to contact me anytime. My email is mmoriarty@kv.k12.in.us and the phone number is 219-987-8810 ext. 3601 My web address is; [http://520700798620098223.weebly.com](http://520700798620098223.weebly.com/). To be current on your child’s homework and upcoming events, please check my website and For a prompt response, email is the best tool to reach me. I check it multiple times a day. You also can check it by going to KVMS website, scroll down for teachers websites, and search my name. My calendar is also there for daily homework assignments.

**Expectations For Ms. M’s Science class**

**BE……..respectful, responsible, quiet, helpful, prepared**

Students signed behavior contracts honoring these. When students are not meeting the classroom expectations, the first strike is a warning, the second strike is a phone call home, and the last strike is a detention during lunch. If the behavior persists, detention after school and/or a visit with the principal will be decided.

I also believe in rewarding positive behavior, students can earn tickets. They may earn these tickets by helping a friend, being on task, and performing above the expectations. Students may save them up and turn them in on Fridays for a shot per ticket in the basketball net, they can win candy and/or 1 extra credit point per basket made.

Extra credit can be earned as I assign it. Students will have multiple opportunities to obtain points that will improve their grades. Please keep check regular on the calendar and in their agendas.

I strongly honor the ZAP program for missing/late homework. The most common reason for students in middle school not fulfilling their academic potential is **Late or Missing Homework**.  The **ZAP** Program emphasizes the belief that **homework assignments/projects are important and must be completed**

**\*Middle School Grading Scale**

**A 95 - 100 %**

 **A- 93 – 94%**

 **B+ 91 – 92%**

**B 85 – 90%**

 **B- 83 – 84%**

**C+ 81 – 82%**

 **C 75 – 80%**

**C- 73 – 74%**

**D+ 71 – 72%**