

Mrs. Gapinski's Memorial Pieces

March 19, 2018

Dear Board of Directors,

Our dear friend and colleague, Kelly Gapinski, passed away unexpectedly on September 18, 2017. To honor and keep her spirit alive in our school, we would like to create and design a memorial. Our proposal includes a friendship buddy bench with a mounted canvas art piece that would reside the school's vestibule between the school gym and recess exit/entry.

Below is an outline of each dedication piece for you to review.

*Mounted Art Canvas

This is an example of the type of artwork we wish to have a local artist paint with the help of Apollo students who have had Mrs. Gapinski as a teacher.



An art piece is important because it will send a spiritual message of love, friendship, and peace within the Apollo walls. It will be a constant reminder of her commitment and dedication to the students in our school. The birds will represent the students that she made an impact on each day. Students will be able to reflect on their dear teacher by participating in the creation of this art piece that will hang for all to see.

Budget for the Art Piece

*Canvas (4ft x 5ft): \$100

*Acrylic Paint of Various Colors: About 15 tubes of BASIC paint \$75

*Paint Dabbers for students: \$10

Approximate cost of art piece: \$200

***Buddy Bench**

This is an example of the buddy bench we wish to purchase and paint for a selected place in our school beneath the art canvas. If one reflects on what Kelly was truly passionate about, it would be meeting the social and emotional needs of Apollo students. It is reflected by her participation as a team member of Apollo's PBSES Committee; her weekly lunch dates she had with former students; and morning check-ins with colleagues and students. Kelly was about relationships and time spent with students and friends; that legacy has influenced us all.

The bench is a safe and secure haven for students during the school day when someone needs to talk things out with a supportive adult.

Kelly's husband, Chris and her parents, Tammy and Rob would love to see a bench in honor of their loved one too.



Budget for the Buddy Bench

To be purchased through Amazon.com

**Current Cost of the Bench \$451*

**Paint will be used from the art piece costs*

Mrs. Gapinski's legacy will live on in this special spot in our school. We hope you accept our proposal. On behalf of Kelly's family and the Apollo staff, thank you for considering our request.

Sincerely,

The Apollo "KG" Committee