



Little Falls School No. 3

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Dear School No. 3 Families,

It is with great excitement that I welcome you to the **2023-2024 school year!** *Have you heard the buzz?* Our district theme this year is **The Hornet Way!** *School No. 3 students, what do you need this year on your journey to succeed?* Enclosed you'll find a suitcase and bumper sticker template. Please use this to "get ready & motivated" for an amazing journey together this school year! I look forward to displaying your packed suitcases and/or creative bumper stickers in our main hallway. Check out what I have packed for our journey this year on our School No. 3 webpage at www.lfschools.org! **Return your project to your homeroom teacher on the first day of school.**

Important Dates to Remember

- **September 6th:** **Open House** for incoming **THIRD GRADE** families from 2:30 - 3:00 PM. Incoming third graders and parents are invited to visit the classroom, meet their teacher, and drop off supplies.
- **September 7th:** The first day of school is a **full session day**.
- **September 21st:** **Back to School Night** - This evening will be a traditional Back to School Night with a presentation from your child's teachers. More information is forthcoming.

Before you know it, we will be back to school setting new routines and goals to achieve. I *bee-lieve* in the ancient African proverb, "It takes a village to raise a child." With trust, communication, and teamwork we will continue to make great strides for our Little Falls Hornets! My door is always open, and I value the relationship built between home and school, so together we can help our students find their *WAY*. I hope that the remainder of your summer is filled with sunshine, smiles, and laughter.

Educationally yours,
Mrs. Castrovinci



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Please make sure your contact information is current. This is key for a safe, successful school year.

Below you will find some helpful information for a successful start to our school year together!

You can also refer to the Pride Guide and Parent Handbook on our district website at www.lfschools.org.

Parent Portal/Important Information

Before the start of the school year, parents must go into your child's parent portal and review several papers. These include emergency contact information, early dismissal letter, Policy #8601, Pride Guide Contract, and health insurance. It is VERY important that ALL papers are reviewed and acknowledged for your child. We need to have every students' paperwork accounted for.

Lunch

When ordering lunch scroll to the bottom of the page and click on PaySchools Central. You can order weekly or monthly. If you need more information, you can visit the Food Service page under the Parents Tab on our school webpage.

The Hive Before & After Care

The Little Falls District has shared an eblast communication regarding the before and after care program. Please refer to that if you are interested. The Hive program will begin on Monday, September 11, 2023.

First Day of School 9/7/23

The first day of school is one of School 3's favorite days of the year! It is a day filled with friends, family, music, pictures, and lots of energy & excitement. **Our drop off begins at 8:30.** Parents must park and walk their students to their HIVE door. The car line will NOT be available the first day of school. We will begin our car line **September 8, 2022**. Please be mindful that the first few days of school we expect an increased amount of traffic. As students and families utilize their traditional drop off routines, we anticipate a decrease in this traffic.

On the first two days of school, teachers will greet students outside on the black top. Signs will be available to find your class. Third graders will line up closer to the double doors near the main office (Riker Avenue Side). Fourth graders will be lining up near the Garrabrant Avenue entrance.

Car Line (Start Date 9/8/23)

Families are welcome to drop-off their child at the Garrabrant Avenue gate between **8:30-8:45**. Do not drop your child off prior to 8:30. There is no supervision available prior to this time. This is a rolling drop off, and it is helpful if your child is seated on the passenger side of the car, so they may get out as safely as possible. For pick-up at dismissal, please park your car along the surrounding streets and come to the playground to pick up your child.

Arrival and Dismissal

Early morning drop off is available starting at 8:30 in the morning. Please drop off students at Garrabrant Avenue gate. All students will enter through the double doors next to the main office.

Attendance is taken at 8:45. Late students will need to be walked into the main office by an adult to sign in.

For afternoon pick up, students being picked up by a parent/guardian will be dismissed from their HIVE door. Please park your car and walk to us to meet your child. Please be mindful not to double park or block our School No. 3 neighbor's driveways. Remember that child safety is always our top priority.

Yellow Hive- Grade 3 (double doors near the main office) Green Hive- Grade 4 (Garrabrant Avenue side)

