



Little Falls School No. 3

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Dear School 3 Families,

It is with great honor and excitement as your new principal that I welcome you to the **2022-2023 school year!** It has been so wonderful getting to know members of the community at various events this summer. It was so much fun connecting with students at Pops with the Principal, Movie Night, and the Little Falls Library as a guest reader this past month. I look forward to meeting the rest of our school family soon. If you missed my first communication, it is posted on our school webpage. Please make sure your contact information is current. This is key for a safe, successful school year.

Our district theme this year is **"Bee-lieve" You Can!** We all have something special in our lives that we want to try to accomplish, whether it is something as simple as reading a chapter book or something adventurous like skydiving. This school year we are putting our individual dreams into action through the use of a growth mindset. I would love for our third and fourth graders to share a picture of something they have accomplished this summer. This could be anything from riding a huge roller coaster to trying a new ice cream flavor! I read the One and Only Ivan and potty trained my daughter. To kick start our "Bee-lieve" You Can theme, please share your pictures on [@LFSchool3](https://twitter.com/LFSchool3) **#believeyoucan**, or email them to **Mrs. Najjar**, dnajjar@lfschools.org.

- Save the date for our **Open House for incoming third grade families on September 1st from 2-3 PM.** Incoming third graders and parents are invited to visit the classroom, meet their teacher, and drop off supplies.
- Also, save the date for **School 3's Back to School Night September 13th.** Come out to meet your child's teachers and visit with me, Mrs. Castrovinci, your new principal. The evening will be an open house event, where you will have the opportunity to visit your child's classroom, as well as have a meet and greet with their teacher and other important school/community members such as our PTA, LFEF, Child Study Team, and School Nurse. *Formal presentations for each class will be sent out to parents virtually to save and view at any time throughout the year.*

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!

Educationally yours,
Mrs. Castrovinci



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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 5 papers. There are emergency contact information, early dismissal letter, Policy #8601, Pride Guide/Pride Guide Contract, and health insurance. It is VERY important that ALL 5 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 webpage 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 12, 2022.

First Day of School 9/6/22

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 7, 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. Please have your child wear their first day of school sticker! It is enclosed in the envelope. This will serve as a reminder for your hive color.

Car Line (Start Date 9/7/22)

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. Students need to be in the building by 8:45 for attendance purposes. Any students entering the building after 8:45 am will need to be signed into the main office and will be considered late.

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. 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)**

Friday Meetings

We will continue to have schoolwide Friday meetings where we can come together as a school to grow and discuss exciting events and pressing issues within our building. We will set weekly/monthly goals for homerooms to achieve in order to earn a special reward at the end of the year.

