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## **August 2026**

Dear School No. 2 Families,

I hope this letter finds you enjoying a memorable summer. On behalf of our entire staff, I want to extend my warmest welcome as we prepare for another exciting school year at School No. 2. We can't wait to welcome our bitty bees back into the hive!

I also want to thank Superintendent Marinelli for sharing the **"Beeyond the Classroom" Summer Project**. This optional activity encourages students to continue learning through meaningful family experiences during the summer months. If your child hasn't had the opportunity to complete it yet, there is still time! While participation is completely voluntary, we encourage families to take part and celebrate the many ways learning happens beyond the walls of our classrooms.

This year also brings some exciting additions to our school community! Please join me in welcoming two new staff members:

- **Mrs. Golden, Full-Day Preschool Teacher**
- **Ms. Gannon, LLD I Teacher**

We are thrilled to announce the opening of our **brand-new Art Room!** This beautiful new space will provide our students with even more opportunities to explore their creativity and express themselves through art. We can't wait to see the amazing masterpieces our students create this year!

As many of you know, construction continues around our school. We appreciate your patience and flexibility as we work through these improvements. Please allow yourself a few extra minutes during arrival and dismissal as everyone adjusts to the new procedures.

## **New School Hours**

**School Day: 9:10 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

## **Rolling Drop-Off K-2**

8:50am-9:10am

## **Car Line K-2**

8:50am-9:10am **begins Wednesday September 2nd**

## **First Day of School Reminders – Tuesday, September 1, 2026**

### **Preschool**

- **Full Day and AM Session Preschool** begins at **9:10 a.m.**
- **PM Session** begins at **11:30am**
- All preschool families are welcome to escort their child inside their classroom on the first day.

### **Kindergarten**

**Signing Day-** Kindergarten Families will visit School No. 2 at their assigned time to officially sign their child in as a Little Falls Hornet! Students will enjoy a classroom visit, take special photo opportunities, drop off school supplies, and participate in a guided tour of the school before the first full day of kindergarten.

### **Grades 1 & 2**

- We will have our rolling drop off times in place, however, **there will be NO car line**
- Families should bring their child to the blacktop and meet their classroom teacher at their class sign.
- Be reminded that September 1, 2026 is an early dismissal day **(times listed below)**.

## **Beginning Wednesday, September 2nd**

Our rolling drop off and car line will be up and running. Students in K-2 will enter the building directly after they are dropped off.

There will **ONLY be two student entrances** this year:

- **Gym Entrance** (Long Hill Road)
- **Main Entrance/ formerly known as green hive** (Blacktop) all car line students will use this door.

***Both entrances will be staffed by School No. 2 teachers who will warmly welcome students and escort them to their classrooms.***

If you are **not using the car line**, please park in the designated parent parking lot or side streets and walk your child to one of these two entrance locations.

We know that the first few days of school can bring excitement, a few nerves, and lots of smiles. Our staff will be throughout the building to ensure every child feels safe, welcomed, and ready for a fantastic school year.

## **Dates to Remember**

### **Tuesday, September 1**

- Kindergarten signing day - use scheduled class times
- First Day of School for **Preschool, Grade 1, and Grade 2 Early Dismissal- 1:30pm**
- **Early Dismissal Half Day preschool**

*AM session 9:10am-11:10am*

*PM session 11:30am-1:30pm*

### **Wednesday, September 2nd**

- **First Full Day of School**
- **Car Line Begins (8:50am–9:10 am)**

Thank you for your continued partnership and support. We are honored to be a part of your child's educational journey and look forward to a year filled with learning, laughter, growth, and wonderful memories.

Enjoy these final days of summer, and we'll see you very soon!

With warm wishes,

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