

September 2022



Welcome to Harry F. Abate Elementary School!
As an **Intermediate Sister School Grades 3-6**, it is an honor to have your child(ren) join us for the 2022-2023 school year as we enter into our 2nd year as the **Intermediate Sister School**.

At Harry F. Abate Elementary School, our primary goal is to create a safe learning environment that develops successful, self-directed learners while working together to build collaborative relationships between our school, community and your home.

Our staff members would like to maintain an open line of communication with you. Please be on the lookout for a "Contact" from teachers & staff members. Feel free to reach out to us if you have any questions or concerns. If your contact information changes, please notify the Main Office staff.

School contact may include, but is not limited to:

- Monthly newsletters and notes from teachers
- Howlers/Brag Tags/Star Charts
- Class Dojo/Remind 101 text messages
- Phone calls, automated phone calls and E-mail
- Communication (Home School) notebooks
- "Celebration" notices of events, dates and times
- Harry F Abate District Webpage and Facebook

We believe in student-centered learning and recognize that students must continue to learn to work together and think critically to solve problems in order to be successful in this technologically advanced society.

Our school-wide goals will include maintaining a school environment that supports:

- a safe school-wide environment that promotes a healthy learning experience for ALL
- a positive school culture where kindness matters!!!
- a student-centered instructional focus with high levels of student engagement
- a collaborative atmosphere which fosters empowerment for all

The Niagara Falls City School District's first priority is to keep our students and staff safe through our layered security approach at all our schools. Keeping safety and security in mind, we have updated the Visitor's Policy, as follows:

Anyone entering a school must be prepared to present a Driver's License or Government Identification and be checked in utilizing the Raptor Visitor Management System. Before visiting the

school, please call the school's main telephone number and make an appointment for your visit. If you just need to leave something for a student, there will be a space provided for you to do that without entering the school. Once a visitor clears security, they are to go directly to their named location.

We have been very productive this summer preparing for our student's safe return. New procedures and policies have been established in regards to student and staff health, wellness and safety while adhering to all NYS guidelines (subject to change).

Many of our teachers engaged in professional development on student engagement, checking for understanding, and in ELA, Science, Social Studies and Math to study the core curriculum standards to address the lingering learning gaps due to the Pandemic. Our School Comprehensive Educational Plan (SCEP) Committee met to plan for school-wide initiatives to include: Academic Achievement, Instructional Programming and Building a Positive School Culture while supporting Social Emotional Learning. Our Trauma Informed Care (TIC) Champion team will continue to implement a task force to support the social emotional wellness of our students to include Trusted Adult Mentors for our students in need.

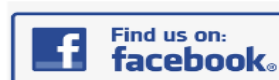
Important note on monitoring student health: As always, **student daily attendance** will continue to be a priority. I would like to thank you in advance for your support in monitoring your child(ren's) health prior to them leaving for school. As we have done in the recent past, we ask that you **do not send your child(ren) to school if they are unwell or experiencing COVID-like symptoms**. Your child's teacher will work with you to offer support while they are absent.

Parent Group: Our first Parent group meeting will be held at Abate in Café A on September 19th at 5:30 pm. We hope you'll join us so we can work together for the new school year😊

Upcoming dates:

- Sept. 6 First day of school Gr. 2E, 3-6
- Sept. 7 Open House 5:00-7:00pm
- Sept. 19 Abate Parent Group meeting 5:30 pm
- Sept. 29 Dads take your child to school day

We are looking forward to a wonderful school year with your child(ren) offering a rich learning experience and a continued positive school culture. If I can be of any assistance, please E-mail or call; thank you for leaving your child(ren) in our care!
Warm regards,
Mrs. Lynne Tompkins



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