



# Little Falls Township Public Schools

Dana Sprague  
32 Stevens Avenue  
Principal of School No. 1  
973-256-1033  
[dsprague@lfschools.org](mailto:dsprague@lfschools.org)

---

August 26, 2019

Dear Students, Parents, & Guardians,

It is with great pleasure and humbled honor that I introduce myself as the new principal of School No. 1 starting in September! Over the course of the summer, Mrs. Marinelli and the leadership team have assisted me with a smooth transition into the new position. So far, I have had the pleasure of meeting many students, parents, and faculty members of School No. 1. I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the wonderful community of Little Falls. In the short time that I have come on board, I can say without a doubt that I've "hit the jackpot" in being chosen to join this amazing school community. I am looking forward to meeting even more families as the school year gets started!

As this new adventure begins, my hope is to get to know all of you and welcome you to get to know my educational journey, passions, and philosophies. For a brief snap-shot, I am a 15 year educator with great passion towards building positive relationships with staff, students, and parents in order to build a positive dynamic school culture conducive to learning and growing. I believe in always maintaining open communication, therefore my door is always open to you. Finally, I am an avid promoter of spreading kindness and creating learning environments that are safe and free of judgement in order to optimize student learning experiences. In the world we live in today, the social and emotional well-being of children is a top priority.

We kick off our exciting new school year on **September 5th, a full day for students**. All students are asked to report to the playground area between 8:10-8:20AM. Parents are invited to come and take pictures. Weather pending, 5th graders will remain on the playground after the 8:20AM bell to check-in with their teachers. While 5th graders remain outside, 6-8th graders will line up in the hallway with their teachers to prepare to give a warm "clap in" welcome to our incoming 5th graders. The "clap-in" will begin at approximately 8:25AM and will be followed by a 5th grade meeting in the multi-purpose room. The remaining grade levels will proceed to 1st period classes.

As we enter a new year with new goals, we will also embrace our new district-wide theme, "Everyone Counts". It is essential for every one of our School No. 1 family members to know that they count - this means you! In an effort to support this district theme, I have enclosed my example T-Shirt with the hopes that we can wallpaper the halls with creative T-Shirts that show the passions and personalities of all students. Please bring your T-shirt to school with you on the first day and give it to your first period teacher.

A few reminders:

- Please take the time to review the contents of the Hornet Pride Guide together as a family, prior to the first day of school.
- Students in grades 6-8 will utilize the same lockers/combinations as last year.
- Review schedules in Real Time once more prior to the first day.

---

One District... One Team... One Vision...

[www.lfschools.us](http://www.lfschools.us)

I hope you all enjoy the remaining days of summer vacation. Savor each and every moment with your family and make as many memories as you can. Before you know it, we will be in full-swing of the school year! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call or email me at the school. Again, I am elated to start this new journey with all of you at Little Falls School No. 1. Let the adventure begin!

Kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dana Sprague". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Dana" being more prominent than the last name "Sprague".

Ms. Dana Sprague  
Principal, School No. 1