

Welcome Letter from Mrs. Bucolo, Principal

August 19, 2020

Dear Harbordale Parents,

We are extremely excited to welcome you to the start of the 2020-21 school year. As you know, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, our district and school was thrust into distance learning for the last quarter of the 19-20 school year. The pandemic transformed how teachers teach and students learn. Despite our challenges, we saw many elements of greatness that will undoubtedly fit nicely into our traditional classes in the future. We celebrate and acknowledge our staff's dedication, diligence and hard work to ensure our students received the same level of education they've always received. It remains to be seen how education will evolve this year, but after seeing what our school accomplished last year, we are confident we can take on any challenge and succeed!

The beginning of each school year is a time filled with great energy, enthusiasm, and excitement and we are confident we are destined to have another outstanding school year. Our staff is a collection of talented individuals working together to create a caring, nurturing and challenging learning environment! Harbordale students are active participants in their education. Their achievement is the product of their hard work, commitment and team effort. We are proud to say we are one of the "Best Kept Secrets" in Broward County, celebrating more than 60 years of academic excellence.

We anticipate this school year to feel and look a little different. No matter the model, our major focus this school year is to build on Harbordale's many successes and accomplishments as we strive to continue our positive academic performance and meet individual learning needs. We feel confident that through our team approach and the hard work of students, teachers and parents our goals can be achieved and surpassed.

We encourage you become part of our school family by joining Harbordale School Association (HSA), our terrific parent organization. Over our many years, HSA has provided many opportunities for all parents and families to become involved in their child's education and plays a vital role in the success of our students. With COVID-19 guidelines, however, we are unsure as to how parents and visitors may visit the campus and the types of activities permitted. We will do our best to create a learning environment that promotes success and a spirit of unity. It is with pride I announce that for the 34th consecutive year, Harbordale Elementary has been awarded the prestigious Golden School Award for parental and community involvement! Your time and energy is needed, encouraged and always appreciated.

Communication is key and vital to our success! We encourage all parents to bookmark our websites, [Harbordale... harbordale.browardschools.com](http://www.harbordale.browardschools.com) and [HSA... http://www.harbordalehsa.com/](http://www.harbordalehsa.com/). In keeping with our philosophy, "to keep our world clean, Harbordale goes green" we hope to decrease the number of informational flyers sent home through the use of our websites, regular e-mail messages and our parent-link telephone to inform and share pertinent information.

We know this year will bring many challenges for families, but we look forward to working together as a team to continue our commitment of providing the best learning environment and educational experiences for all our students. Let's make this the best year ever!!!

Sincerely,

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