## UNIVERSITY HIGHLANDS ELEMENTARY



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Dear Families,

We are very pleased to welcome your child to Kindergarten in Burnaby. Our full day Kindergarten program offers young children meaningful learning opportunities in a play-based environment. For many children, Kindergarten is the first step in transitioning from preschools, daycare settings, or home environments to a formal school setting where there is one adult with up to 20 children.

In order to help children in this transition, we offer and support a gradual entry process, which includes smaller groups, an increasingly longer day and an opportunity for you and your child to have a *Welcoming Conversation* with your child's teacher. We have found that this proactive approach to school entry provides a safe and comfortable start to your child's school career.

Gradual Entry allows children to connect with their teacher, feel comfortable at school, make friends and understand routines. If you believe your child requires a longer period to transition to a full day Kindergarten program, please discuss this with your child's teacher so that school staff can collaboratively plan with you to ensure your child is successful.

It is anticipated that in September, schools will return to Stage 1 of the BC Education Restart Plan. In Stage 1, students attend full-time in-class instruction five days per week. Following gradual entry, all Kindergarten students will begin full time instruction on **Monday, September 20** (with unique exceptions determined by parent/teacher/school).

We are looking forward to having your child as part of our school community.

Yours sincerely,

M. Harding

Mark Harding
Principal
University Highlands Elementary



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