



UNIVERSITY HIGHLANDS ELEMENTARY

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Dear University Highlands Families,

Welcome back! I hope you all have had a restful and enjoyable summer break! It's amazing how quickly the summer flies by. We are busy preparing the classrooms and organizing the first week back, and I have some information to share with you.

First Day

Who: Returning Students in grade 1-7

When: Tuesday, September 5th at 9:00-10:00am

- Please line up at the same place you lined up last year. If your child is returning to UHE but not able to attend on the first day, it is VERY important that you call the school (604-296-9036) or email Head Secretary, Ms. Lawler (Jennifer.Lawler@burnabyschools.ca) to let us know.
- *Parents/Guardians:* Our PAC (Parent Advisory Council) will be welcoming you back this year with coffee and treats! Look for them outside in the garden area (end of the soccer field, opposite the playground) and come say "hello"!

Who: New UHE Students

When: Tuesday, September 5th at 10:30-11:30am

- New UHE students: please meet our staff in the library, which is just through the front entrance by the flagpole. Our school principal, Ms. Holliday, as well as other members of staff will be there to meet you, tell you about our school, and give you a tour.

Who: Kindergarten Students

When: 11:30am-12:00pm (A-M) OR 1:30-2:00pm (N-Z)

- Welcome to UHE! Kindergarten students are invited to join us for a meet and greet at the Outdoor Learning Area

Wednesday, September 6th – Friday, September 8th

On Wednesday, **returning students** will meet last year's teacher at their line-up spot. After attendance, they will be moved into temporary groups and assigned a temporary homeroom teacher for the remainder of the first week. Students will bring home temporary room/teacher information Wednesday afternoon.

New UHE students can meet in the library on Wednesday morning. Staff will help them find their temporary classes for the remainder of the week. They will be dismissed from the library so that families can meet them there.

Kindergarten students will begin their Welcoming Conversations at their scheduled times.

****We hope to be approved by the district and moving into our permanent classes early in week 2.**

2023-2024 Bell Schedule

8:50am Welcome Bell
8:55am Instruction begins
10:25-10:40am Recess
12:00-12:57pm Lunch + outdoor play
3:00pm Dismissal

School Supplies

Information about school supplies can be found on our website:

<https://universityhighlands.burnabyschools.ca/school-supplies/>

Once the students are in their permanent classes, they will be invited to pay for school supplies (K-grade 3) or bring their school supplies to school (grades 4-7). Please see the website for the intermediate lists (Unfortunately, the supplier for intermediate supplies lost their warehouse during the fires this summer, so no new orders can be fulfilled. Student will need to get their supplies locally. Orders submitted before the fires are expected to be completed).

Other Items to Bring

As we know, the typical West Coast weather in Burnaby is unpredictable but usually we experience rain and/or snow during the Fall and Winter months. Sometimes it

can be cold and very wet. Please ensure that your child comes to school properly dressed for the weather. Unless we experience severe weather conditions, students will go outside to play during recess and lunch, rain, shine, or snow. Please send a change of clothes with your child(ren) so we can promptly address any situation that may arise, allowing your child(ren) to feel cared for and supported.

Students need to bring a fillable water bottle, a small healthy snack, and lunch each day. Please avoid sending in peanuts/nuts as many students have serious allergies.

Staff Updates

For the 2023-2024 school year, we are excited to welcome to UHE:

Cara Taylor... non-enrolling teacher (welcome back!)
Madeline Deis... head teacher/intermediate teacher
Lara Sutton... intermediate teacher
Christine Yee... intermediate teacher (welcome back!)
Rachel Macphail... primary teacher
Sabrina Hunger... Teacher Librarian (Thursdays)
Irene Worobets... Learning Support Teacher
Liz Staub ... Education Assistant
Jessica Ladd... Education Assistant
Amber Wang... Education Assistant
Camilla Nordin... Education Assistant
Onora Stefanucci... Student Lunch Supervisor

We are looking forward to welcoming your child/ren to the 2023-2024 school year. See you on the 5th!



Lindsay Holliday
Principal, University Highlands Elementary