



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! The staff and I have been back in the building this week unpacking our classrooms and getting set up so we can welcome your children back to school. I have some information to share with you about what to expect next week:

First Day- Tuesday, September 2nd

Who: Returning Students in grade 1-7

When: 8:50(welcome bell)-10:00am ONLY

- 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! Look for them outside in the rainbow area and come say "hello"!

Who: New UHE Students in grade 1-7

When: 10:30-11:30am

- New UHE students (parent/guardians are invited to join): 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-K) OR 1:00-1:30pm (L-Z)

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

Wednesday, September 3rd – Friday, September 5th

Regular School Hours: 8:50am (welcome bell) – 3:00pm (dismissal bell)

Who: Returning students:

- 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.
- On Wednesday, all students will be dismissed from the rainbow crosswalk area
- Students will bring home **temporary** room/teacher information, with their line up location and dismissal spot for the remainder of the week.

Who: New UHE students:

- Line up by the flagpole (near the front office) Wednesday morning. Staff will help them find their **temporary** classes for the remainder of the week.
- They will be dismissed from the rainbow crosswalk and will have a paper that will indicate their drop off and pick up locations for the remainder of the week.

Who: Kindergarten students:

- Begin their Welcoming Conversations and gradual entry as scheduled.

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

2025-2026 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.

Other Items to Bring

As you know, 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 2025-2026 school year, we are excited to welcome to UHE:

Peter Gaitens..... Intermediate Teacher
Kelly Gourley..... Intermediate teacher
Kevin Yang Music Teacher
Fiona Joyce..... Education Assistant
Brian Leung..... Education Assistant

We are looking forward to welcoming your child/ren to the 2025-2026 school year. See you on the 2nd!



Lindsay Holliday
Principal, University Highlands Elementary