



UNIVERSITY HIGHLANDS ELEMENTARY

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Welcome Back to University Highlands School 2016-17!

Welcome to our new and returning families! We hope you had an adventurous and relaxing summer and are now ready to continue learning and filling your days with wonder and inquiry! We are excited to begin our *seventh* year!

This notice offers information about our first week of school. Please read it carefully.

This year's First Week Theme is **Identity**. Who are we as individuals and as a collective? Students will work in grade groups and with buddy classes to explore this question in a variety of ways. We will weave the personal and social competencies outlined in BC's curriculum (<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/competencies/ppci>) into our activities this week, opening thinking about positive personal and cultural identity. Students will be in multi-aged groups of grades 1-3 and grades 4-7. Group lists will be posted throughout the school.

Parents are welcome and encouraged to join us anytime. Come in, stay awhile and see what we are doing. University Highlands is an exciting place to be! Please come to our **assembly on Friday at 1:00** where we will share our learning. It is our intention to have students in permanent classes on the afternoon of Friday, September 9th.

Kindergarten:

Please note that although Kindergarten students are not at school during regular hours this week, they are more than welcome to visit, with their parents, anytime to see what is happening throughout the week. Please see this week's Kindergarten Calendar inside this newsletter.

Grades 1 to 7:

You do not need to bring any school supplies this week. If you are paying \$20 for communal supplies, please do not send the money until the second week of September. If purchasing your own supplies, please consult your child's teacher the second week of September for a list.

Let's get started!

Lori Driussi, Principal

SAFETY IS OUR PRIORITY: If your child will be absent or late, please call the office to advise us. If your child is marked absent, and we do not receive a call, we will be calling you to ensure that your child is safe. If your child arrives to school late, ensure s/he checks in at the office. *School attendance, with punctual arrival, is a strong predictor of academic success. Help your child be his or her best!*

Meet the Team

It is my pleasure to announce the current staff assignments for University Highlands. Our staff members are innovative and committed to a collaborative culture and the wonder of learning. Please note that our classroom and school organization should be completed by Friday, September 9th. Students will begin with their classroom teachers on Monday, September 12th.

Position	Name	Position	Name
Principal	Lori Driussi	Primary Teachers Gr. K-3	Crista Stead, Susan Tsang, Janice Keys, Trista Cowan, Kim Timothy, Leah Dixon & Clare McGivern (gr. 3/4), Tania Forbes
Head Teacher	Brad Winterlik	Intermediate Teachers Gr. 4-7	Brad Winterlik, Carolanne Oswald, Nicole Hamilton, Ceri Brophy, Emily Ginter, Leah Dixon & Clare McGivern (gr.3/4)
Administrative Assistant	TBA	Counsellor	Rani Gill
		Teacher-Librarian	Carol Lynka
Office Support	Liz McKay	Education Assistants	Mary Malcolm-Desmond, Jamie Beers, Rachelle Goss, Marcela Baranova, Dior Lau
Custodians	Wilfred Lopez (day) Scott Farrell (evening)	Noonhour Supervisor	Janice Beecroft

PARKING AND STUDENT DROP-OFF REGULATIONS

Our school is a LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Gold School. To achieve LEED Gold status the school was designed and built to meet strict environmental criteria. Encouraging walking or riding a bicycle to school, using public transportation and carpooling meet such criteria and with limited parking, are more likely to be chosen as transportation options. University Highlands is situated within UniverCity – a community built on principles of sustainability. The residences around our school were located so that families could walk to school in less than 5 minutes. Eventually all our students will come from the residences in UniverCity. Please consider the following:

1. If you work on the mountain, park your car in your employee space and walk your child to school from the parking lot.
2. Talk to other parents, meet in a lot and take turns walking all the kids to school.
3. You may park under Nesters Market for 1 hour for free! Be sure to buy a 1 hour ticket & take it to the store for reimbursement.
4. You are encouraged to use the designated drop-off zone on University High Street. *It takes about 2 minutes* to drive east, past the Tower Road turn-off, head North at the roundabout and come up the North side of University High Street to use the designated drop-off zone.

For more detailed information about parking and general road safety around our school, please visit the school website. Thank you for your cooperation.