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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Tomorrow is a non-instructional day for students and a day of professional learning for staff. Teachers are focused on ways to implement the revised curriculum and engage students in creating learning goals and assessing their progress. Technology is being explored as a way to access curriculum, develop skills, collaborate and document learning.

Teachers have scheduled conferences to involve you in your child's learning. These are important opportunities to share information, ask questions and celebrate growth. I'll look forward to seeing you at conferences on October 24th and 25th. Bring your wallets with you – The Usborne Book Fair will be happening in the foyer.

Thank you so much in helping your child to arrive at school on time each day. Continued efforts are needed to keep the school drop off zone moving and the handicapped parking spots free. Walking or biking is still the best option if that is possible.

The integration of subject areas in the New Curriculum in British Columbia lends itself to outdoor learning. Students are making observations of clouds or mushrooms or weather patterns, creating videos or patterns, collaborating and playing outdoors rain or shine at UHill Elementary. Please be sure your child is arriving with appropriate clothing for the weather.

Next week, we are participating in the Walk N'Roll to School Celebration with Norma Rose Point. Mustafa Aktar is our very enthusiastic coordinator from UBC who has brought together some fun activities for the coming week. Passports have been handed out to students to earn a class participation party and bike tune-ups will be provided free of charge on Monday after school. Check out the school website for more details.

The Lunch Smart Hot Lunch Program is available as a convenience to parents for \$4.95 per day. It is an **optional** program that 138 students are participating in currently. Many families choose to pack lunch each day. You are free to make that choice if it works better for you as a family.

I am always happy to chat with parents. If I am not available when you pop by, please leave your name and number with Corinna so I can call and talk on the phone or make an appointment for us to meet. Unfortunately, the days are not always long enough to fit in all that I'd like to get done ☺



As you begin planning for Hallowe'en celebrations at school, please remember that weapons are not allowed as part of costumes. Excitement is always high on these days but we aspire to maintain a focus on peaceful play.

Please remember to check the website regularly for up to date information. Have a great weekend. Sincerely, *Ms. Carrie Froese*, Principal