



*Preparing students for success in a global community
Preparando a los estudiantes para el éxito en la comunidad global*

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Dear Parents and Families,

Welcome back to a new school year! I am thrilled to be getting started as your new principal. My family and I recently moved to Grass Valley from Sonoma County and are enjoying getting to know the community and discovering all the natural beauty of the area. Having worked for a number of years as a bilingual teacher, both the Global Studies and Dual Immersion Programs are of great interest to me. In collaboration with the wonderful teachers and staff at **BHA**, I will support the school community in continuing to develop these innovative programs that strengthen student achievement.

The first day of school will be here before we know it. Here are some important dates to keep in mind during the first month of school:

- **Kindergarten Parent Orientation** on Thursday, August 17 at 5:30pm.
Remember, this orientation is required for parents whose children are in Dual Immersion. Childcare will be provided.
- **All Students: Meet and Greet Your Teacher and the New Principal** on Friday, August 18 from 2-3pm. Popsicles will be provided!
- **First Day of School** on Monday, August 21 at 9am.
 - *Kindergarten only--for the first two weeks of school, the kindergarteners will be **dismissed at 1:50** so that parents can attend Share and Care Conferences with the kindergarten teachers. Childcare will be provided during the Share and Care Conferences.*
- **Labor Day** on Monday, September 4 is a school holiday.

One of my priorities for this year is to facilitate strong family involvement in your children's education. I look forward to working with all the **Bell Hill Academy** families and teachers to ensure that we have strong communication between home and school. I will send out the first Parent Newsletter in September to share what is going on at school and to let you know how to get more involved.

I hope you enjoy these last couple of weeks of summer vacation with your children. The beginning of the school year is such an exciting time! We look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely,

Heather Graham