

**Uwchlan Hills Elementary School**  
**50 Peck Road**  
**Downingtown, PA 19335**

*Mr. Robert Giering*  
*Principal*

August, 2022

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to 5<sup>th</sup> grade! My name is Frank Chindemi, and I will be your homeroom teacher for the upcoming 2022-2023 school year. I will also be teaching ELA. I am looking forward to working with you this year. I hope you have been enjoying your summer with family and friends, and I look forward to hearing all about your summer when we return to school.

I have been teaching in the District since the 2003-2004 school year, and I have just completed my 19<sup>th</sup> year of teaching. I taught 4<sup>th</sup> grade for two years, and I have been teaching 5<sup>th</sup> grade for 17 years. I have spent the past 14 years at Springton Manor Elementary, but I've also taught at Brandywine Wallace, East Ward, and Uwchlan Hills. I am excited to be returning to Uwchlan Hills Elementary School as it is where I started my teaching career. I completed my student teaching at Uwchlan Hills in the spring of 2003, and I also taught 5<sup>th</sup> grade as a long-term sub for the 2004-2005 school year. I am also excited to be returning as Uwchlan Hills is where my daughters, Gabriella (23) and Francesca (almost 21) attended school. Prior to teaching, I worked for 13 years as a computer programmer and analyst for Shared Medical Systems (and later, Siemens) from 1987-2000.

This summer, we traveled to Hawaii for two weeks of rest and relaxation as well as swimming with turtles and sharks. My daughter, Gabriella (Gabi), currently works as a Learning Support aide at Springton Manor Elementary, and she is pursuing a Master's degree in Psychology at West Chester University. Our younger daughter, Francesca, will be starting her 2<sup>nd</sup> year at Temple University. She completed her first year as a student in the College of Public Health. In March, 2022, she was accepted into the nursing program at Temple, so she will start pursuing that degree this fall. Francesca is also enlisted in the Army National Guard as a Combat Medic Specialist. My wife, Susan, works in healthcare-related sales and works from home when she isn't traveling.

The first day of school for students is scheduled for **Monday, August 29, 2022**. Please see the recommended supply list for 5<sup>th</sup> grade. It is our hope as the 5<sup>th</sup> grade team that these supplies will assist you in meeting the challenges of 5th grade. We have a busy year ahead of us, but we also have a lot of interesting and fun activities planned as well. I am looking forward to meeting you when we return to school. I hope I will see you at our **Open House on Tuesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Look for more details from Mr. Giering regarding the Open House times. Please enjoy the remainder of the summer.

Respectfully yours,

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