



Dear Cheetah Families,

Welcome back to the 2023-2024 school year! I am excited to begin my 3rd year at H. Allen Hight as your principal! I'd also like to welcome our new Assistant Principal, Kim Stepp! She has worked at our site as a Teacher on Special Assignment and also served last year as Teacher in Charge while I was out. She is a great asset to our Hight team and we are excited to have her join us as our Assistant Principal! Hight continues to be a special place for our scholars with an amazing team of educators and classified staff who are trained and ready to support your scholars' success.

H. Allen Hight is an International Baccalaureate (IB) World School and our concept-based instruction promotes critical thinking and considers multiple perspectives and is also in alignment with our district-wide focus on literacy. This translates into a rigorous classroom education for your child. You can learn more about IB by visiting www.ibo.org.

We also use Positive Behavior Intervention Supports (PBIS) to promote a positive school climate. Our teachers set school-wide positive expectations and behaviors at the beginning of the year and throughout while also establishing classroom expectations aligned with school-wide expectations. In this way we encourage expected behavior and discourage unwanted behaviors. Students can earn Cheetah Roar Cards that may be submitted in the office for a daily prize drawing by our Student Council Team. They can also earn Scholar Dollars which can be saved and spent in our Cheetah Student Store once each month.

We will be hosting our Welcome Back to Hight event on Friday, August 4th from 4-6 PM. This will be held in our cafeteria where you can find out your scholar's teacher, pick up a sports packet, and find out about our afterschool programs (4th R and our NEW LEAP Academy). We will also provide you with information about 3 new programs, Parent Square, WatchDOGS and Let's Get Moovin Lunch Recess Program! There is more information provided below about these programs. We will also be providing a light snack so come and join us and meet some new friends!

Getting Started! Important Dates and Information:

- **To Do: Sign up for ParentSquare to receive important information from our school and district (see below for more details).**
- **Our school office will open August 1st at 1 pm.** If you need immediate assistance, contact [Constituent and Customer Services](#).
- **Summer Enrollment Nights will each be from 5-7 PM on the following dates: July 26th, August 2nd, and August 7th.**
- **Class assignments will be available through Infinite Campus on August 4th by 4pm. Class assignments will also be posted outside on the large conference room windows to the right of the front office on August 4th by 4pm.** If you do not have an Infinite Campus account set up yet, you can find instructions on how to do that by going to these [Parent Instructions](#). If you have already set up an account, but do not remember your login information, you can click "forgot password" to retrieve your password. For more help: Visit natomasunified.org/icportal; contact your school; or email icportal@natomasunified.org.
- **First day of school: Thursday, August 10th. Start times:** All grades, TK-5 @ **8:00 a.m.** We will be rolling out the RED CARPET for our scholars on this day so you may want to have them dressed to impress!

- **Attendance:** Success in school starts with attending school every day, on time. Students who have regular school attendance have higher levels of achievement and self-esteem. They also have more opportunity to develop positive relationships with staff and other students and have higher rates of being college and career ready. Our school-wide goal is to have a 95% attendance rate throughout the year.
- **Parent Square:** NUSD is launching the use of Parent Square at all schools district-wide as our primary communication tool to share information with families. This change is a result of feedback from NUSD families who requested that we streamline the way we communicate. All information from our school, as well as the district office, will be provided using ParentSquare. We encourage all families to download the app in the Apple or Google Play store as soon as possible to be able to access all the features and benefits. One feature that we are extremely excited about is access to 125+ languages. Families can choose the language of their preference to receive and send messages with school and district staff. Please visit the NUSD [website](#) that has a page dedicated to all things ParentSquare including how to access it, training, how-to-guides, frequently asked questions, multiple videos, handouts, printed documents, and more. Please be sure to sign up! **While ParentSquare will be used for communications, student's class assignments/schedules, grades and attendance information will continue to be shared via Infinite Campus so we encourage parents to keep the IC Portal to have access to those two items.**
- **WatchDOGS:** Who are WatchDOGS (Dads Of Great Students)?
WatchDOGS are fathers, grandfathers, uncles, and other father-figures who volunteer for at least one day each year at an official WATCH D.O.G.S.® school. During the day, WatchDOGS may read and work on flash cards with students, play at recess, eat lunch with students, watch the school entrances and hallways, assist with traffic flow and any other assigned activities where they actively engage with not only their own students, but other students as well. Many school principals have reported that the mere presence of a WatchDOG dramatically reduces reports of bullying. On the day of their participation, WatchDOGS are given a brief review of their involvement and they wear an official WATCH D.O.G.S. t-shirt with a disposable 'Dog Tag' identifying them as WatchDOGS.
- **Let's Get Moovin Lunch Recess Program:** This is a new program from Coach Ed Garcia who has brought our students after school sports for years. Coach Ed and another adult will be on our campus every Tuesday and Thursday beginning August 22nd to play organized sports with our 1st through 5th graders. Students will learn good sportsmanship as they play! Coach Ed and his employee will also provide another 2 sets of eyes on our playground at lunch recess making it even safer for our students!
- **LEAP Academy:** Our LEAP Academy is a new afterschool program paid for by state funds to provide enrichment and learning opportunities after the regular school day for students in grades TK-6 , Monday - Friday until 6 PM. Students participating in the LEAP Academy will engage in art, athletics, cooking, science, technology, and also receive additional academic support. While there are guidelines that we must follow that includes priority enrollment for scholars who meet certain criteria, we will open enrollment to additional students pending space availability. Space is limited, so complete the [registration](#) as soon as possible if your family is interested. After completing the registration, families will be notified of their scholar's enrollment status.
- **4th R:** In addition to our LEAP Academy, we also have 4th R, which offers both before and after school care. 4th R accepts children TK to 5th grade. They are located on campus and conveniently placed for drop off and pick up for families. They are open 7:00am -6:00pm Mondays -Fridays. Their program offers a variety of activities that speak to children's interest and developing needs. Check out their web-site: www.4thRChildCare.com or contact us at: (916) 566-6422. Hight4thr@cityofsacramento.org
- **Traffic Reminders:** As we enter and exit campus, please remember the following safety guidelines:
 - Pull your vehicle up as far as possible upon entering the school loop
 - Stay in your car at all times at drop off or dismissal

- Park in the neighborhood if you wish to walk your child to school
- Do not park in the firelane where the cones are as this is a safety hazard.
- Give yourself plenty of time, be patient and courteous to staff.
- **Immunizations:** Please remember that regular childhood immunizations are required by the State of California unless your child has a medical exemption ([CAIR-Medical Exemption](#)). If your child does not have current immunizations, NUSD offers free immunization. [Click here](#) for more information.
- Our Back to School Night will be held on **September 5th from 6:30-8PM.**
- Please see our [digital backpack](#) for more resources, which also contains the [Daily Bell Schedule](#).

See you all on August 10th!

Sincerely,



Andrea Mitchell

Proud Principal of H. Allen Hight