

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

*Mr. Robert Giering
Principal*

August 2025

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to 5th grade! My name is Frank Chindemi, and I will be your ELA teacher for reading and writing for the upcoming 2025-2026 school year. 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 22nd year of teaching. I taught 4th grade for two years, and I have been teaching 5th grade for 20 years. Prior to teaching, I worked for 13 years as a computer programmer and analyst for Shared Medical Systems (and later, Siemens) from 1987-2000.

My family includes my wife, Susan, our daughters, Gabriella and Francesca, our dogs, Milo and Max, and our one-eyed, black cat, Thackery. Mrs. Chindemi retired last year after over 40 years in Healthcare-related sales. Gabi graduated from West Chester University with her undergraduate degree in Psychology and a Masters in Psychology. She just completed her first year of a 5-year Doctorate of Psychology program at PCOM in Philadelphia. Francesca is a nursing major at Temple University. She is also a medic in the Pennsylvania Army National Guard. She was on deployment in Kenya, Africa last year, and she will return to Temple in the fall to continue the nursing program.

This summer, we did a little traveling. Our family trip was to Hilton Head Island in June. In July, Mrs. Chindemi and I traveled to Alaska. Following the Alaska trip, we also drove to Iowa to visit her family.

The students' first day of school is **Monday, August 25, 2025**. Please see the recommended supply list for the 5th grade. As the 5th grade team, we hope 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 exciting 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 night on Tuesday, August 19th**. Open House times are 6:00-7:00 pm. Please enjoy the remainder of the summer.

Respectfully yours,

Frank Chindemi

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Welcome to 5th Grade!!!

Dear Students,

Welcome! My name is Mr. Chindemi, and I will be your ELA teacher this year. I am really excited to meet you and to work with you this year! I also can't wait to hear all about **YOU** and **YOUR** summer break. Below are a few things to know about **ME** (my favorites).



these are a few of my
FAVORITE THINGS



COLOR: Blue and Purple
BOOKS: The Harry Potter series
GENRES: Fantasy, Science Fiction, Historical Fiction
HOBBIES: Travel, reading, taking pictures, and drawing
FOOD: Italian...and all others, too! I love food!
PLACES: Italy, Hawaii, and Hilton Head Island

Important Dates
and **INFORMATION**

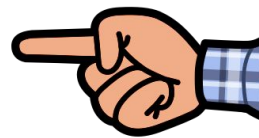
Aug. 19: Back to School/Open House
-More information to come

Aug. 25: First Day of School

SEPT. 1: School closed - Labor Day

Sept. 23: School closed - Rosh Hashana

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5th Grade

Things To Expect/Look Forward To:

- Chromebooks
- Schoology - to get ready for 6th
- Safeties
- Reading Olympics
- Yearbook Club
- Intramurals
- Fun activities & End of Year FUN!