

# Wednesday EXPRESS Tillicum Community School

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Our Website: http://www.sd61.bc.ca/school/tillicum/

**Mission Statement** 

Tillicum Community School staff, in partnership with the students, parents and members of the community, is committed to providing a safe, healthy learning environment.

	<b>IMPORTANT DA</b>	TES
Nov 20	PRO D Day - no school for students	
<i>Nov 20</i> Nov 24	ArtStarts performance - Axis Theatre	
	Company	1 pm
Nov 27	Food for FUN	
Dec 2	<b>Recognition Assembly</b>	2 pm
Dec 3	Report Cards	
Dec 10	Student Gift Sale-Gym	3:30-6 pm

## Principal's Message

Winter has definitely arrived! Colds and flu are affecting many of our students and staff. Please talk with your children about the importance of hand washing, good nutrition and plenty of rest to help minimize illness. Dressing appropriately for the weather is also very important at this time of year. Children enjoy the opportunity to play outdoors and there are learning benefits from fresh air and exercise, so it is also very important at this time of year to ensure that your child is dressed appropriately to enjoy outdoor activities comfortably.

Please obey the law by *not* parking or stopping in the bus zone and observing drop off/pick up times: 10 minutes maximum, Mon-Fri from 8-9 am and 2-4 pm. These times are in effect on Albina from Maddock to the staff parking lot, and on Orillia from Burnside to the bus zone. Darker, wetter conditions make visibility difficult, especially after school, so it is important to reduce traffic congestion in front of the bus zones to ensure student safety. Supervision on the playground begins at 8:30 each morning and ends at 3:00 each

afternoon. Please arrange for your child's arrival at school no earlier than 8:30 am and pick up no later than 3 pm.

Report cards will be coming home on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please take time to read over your child's progress report carefully and discuss the results with your child. We have much to celebrate and some very important learning goals for all our students for next term.

We have many exciting activities to look forward to in the coming weeks. I'd like to thank students, staff and parents for their hard work and support in all aspects of life at Tillicum Community School.

#### Lori Burley



There are NO DOGS allowed (neither on nor off leash) ON SCHOOL GROUNDS DURING SCHOOL HOURS. If your dog is accompanying you, please wait outside the fence for pick-up



Mrs. Dagg's grade one class will be collecting granola bars in support of the Q Radio Station's Food Drive to support the homeless. We hope to reach the goal of **500** bars. If you have granola bars for donation, you can put them in the Christmas train box outside Mrs. Dagg's class room.

They will be delivered to the radio station's event at Mayfair Mall between 6-9 am on December 4th

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#### **SCHOOL MEALS**



TOAST is served every Tuesday from 8:15-8:30 am. All students welcome! Supervision is provided. Thank you to Coast Capital for generously supporting and facilitating this program!

LUNCH is available for students who wish to participate in our school lunch program. Menus and registration forms (orange with a white envelop attached) will be sent home with students on a monthly basis.

#### **TILLICUM SPORTS CORNER**

THE THUNDERSHARKS ARE BACK!

Calling all interested grade 4 & 5 students who are able to swim continuously for a minimum of 25 meters.

We have the opportunity to form a school swim team again this year. The team is limited to 12 athletes so priority will be given to grade 5 students. The commitment is on Wednesdays for 11 weeks starting November 25<sup>th</sup> and ending on February 24<sup>th</sup>. Practices will be after school and there are meets on January 16<sup>th</sup>, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, and 24<sup>th</sup>. If our swimmers qualify, the School Championship Meet will be held on February 28<sup>th</sup>. In order to make this happen, we need volunteer drivers who are able to make this *very big* commitment. It is an excellent and worthwhile opportunity for students and we appreciate your help!

Please contact Meghan Kushir by email at: <a href="mkushnir@sd61.bc.ca">mkushnir@sd61.bc.ca</a>



BASKETBALL season is right around the corner. Grades 4 & 5 noon hour practises and Jamboree will be happening in January.

Also, beginning in January, the Steve Nash Basketball program for grades 2 & 3 will be offered on Tuesdays from 5-6 pm for ten weeks. Registration forms will be distributed soon. Please make sure to return these as soon as possible, as space is limited!

### **PAC NEWS**

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE AFT FAIR.

We would like to acknowledge all of the volunteers whose hard work makes this important annual fundraiser a big success!

#### **SaveAROUND COUPON BOOKS**

Our fundraising drive is now finished. Please return any outstanding coupon books and/or payments.

#### Tillicum School's Annual Gift Sale

We continue to accept donations of gently used items for Tillicum's Annual Gift Sale For Students. Items, in "like new" condition, such as: books, toys, puzzles, candles, candle holders, small household tools/gadgets, etc. are welcome. We also need donations of tissue paper, wrapping paper, gift bags, gift tags and scotch tape. All donations can be dropped off in the office.

The PAC is also seeking volunteer gift wrappers for the night of the event. If you have 20 minutes to spare on December 10<sup>th</sup>, please consider helping out by wrapping a few gifts!



The sale will be held on
December 10<sup>th</sup> 3:30-6:00 pm in the gym.
Parents are invited to enjoy a cup of coffee while
their children shop for gifts for their families. Prices
range from \$0.25 - \$2.00. Students look forward to
this opportunity to buy gifts for their family members.
Thank you for your support!

#### **Fairway Market Gift Cards**

Fairway cards are available in the office. Simply pick up a card, fill it at Fairway with whatever amount you choose, and use the card to purchase your groceries. Five percent of purchases will be returned to Tillicum



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