



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.

IMPORTANT DATES*

Dec 3	Report Cards	
Dec 10	Student Gift Sale-Gym	3:30-6 pm
Dec 10	NO PISE program	
Dec 16	Winter Concert	6:00 pm
Dec 17	Winter Concert	1:30 pm
Dec 18	Last day of school before winter holiday	

**See amended SCHOOL DISTRICT calendar on the back of this newsletter.*

Principal's Message

Happy December! During these cooler, darker days, your continued support in ensuring that students have appropriate footwear, mittens and coats is appreciated. Daily physical activity outdoors is important to the health and well-being of us all.

Over the past couple of weeks we have seen a spike in absence due to illness amongst students and staff. Please talk with your children about the importance of hand washing, good nutrition and proper rest to support a strong immune system. To help prevent the spread of illness, especially due to viruses, we ask that you keep your child home if he/she is unwell. Please ensure your child is feeling healthy enough to participate in regular school activities before they return to school. Thank you for your support as we strive to keep our school a healthy learning environment!

Our winter concert this year will be presented on Wednesday, December 16 and Thursday, December 17. As usual, our dress rehearsal will be on Wednesday morning at 10:30 and is the only opportunity our students will have to watch the concert. The Wednesday 6:00pm show is reserved for those parents unable to make alternate arrangements to see an afternoon concert on Thursday at 1:30 pm. Parents,

grandparents and family members are encouraged to attend the Thursday afternoon concert. Door prizes will be awarded during the Thursday afternoon concert. Tickets will not be issued for either concert, but you are asked to let your child's teacher know which concert you will be attending. (Or, let your child know so they can inform the teacher). Thank you in advance for your support of our winter concert.

Report cards are coming home tomorrow. You will notice the new format that reflects the changes in the curriculum. Your feedback is welcome! Please take time to review reports with your child to celebrate their accomplishments, and encourage their future learning. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

Lori Burley



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.

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!

WE ARE HAVING A PARTY! ON Friday, June 3, 3:30-8:00 pm, **TILlicum CELEBRATES 100 YEARS!** A number of current and past staff, alumni and PAC representatives are working on plans for a celebration. Mark your calendars and come celebrate with us! If you know of anyone who might be interested in attending, please pass the word along.

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TILLICUM SPORTS CORNER



The Thundersharks are back! The team is swimming at Commonwealth pool on Wednesdays after school. Thank you to the volunteer drivers who are helping to make this happen!

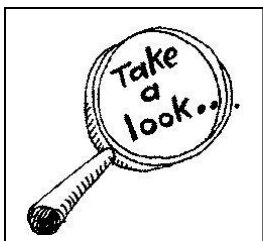


Steve Nash Basketball is being offered for Grade 2 and 3 students. Anyone interested is invited to register for this after-school, FUNdamental and skills program. The cost is \$55 and participants will receive a jersey, basketball, and 10 weeks of instruction. The session will run from January 5, 2016, 5-6 pm and is limited to 20 participants.

HOME READING PROGRAM



So far this school year Tillicum students have read for 3200 nights. Well done! At this rate, the goal of 5000 nights should be accomplished early in the New Year, and then students will enjoy a well-earned afternoon recess.



All lost and found articles will be displayed in the lower hallway during the last of school before the winter break. Please take the time to claim any lost items before December 18.

Please remember! There will be NO PISE December 10th due to the gift sale.

ALL PISE PROGRAMS end on December 11th. No PISE December 14 - 18. Stay tuned for intake information for programs starting in the New Year



DATE CHANGES AHEAD

As noted on the back page of this newsletter, there are two curriculum implementation days being added to this school year.

There will be NO SCHOOL for students on Monday, January 11 and Monday, April 4

PAC NEWS

Don't forget your loonies and toonies for the Candy Cane Lane Winter Concert performances on December 16 and 17. PAC will be running a couple of small fundraisers in conjunction with these events. There will be a 50/50 draw with tickets being sold for \$1/ticket or \$2/3 tickets. There will also be raffle for the front row couch seats. Tickets for the front row will be sold at the door for \$2/family (4 people).

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 10th, please consider helping out by wrapping a few gifts.



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.

The annual student gift sale is happening December 10th from 3:30 - 6:00 pm in the school gym. This evening provides an opportunity for children to buy inexpensive gifts for their families. Parents can enjoy a cup of coffee with other parents while the children shop. Volunteers will be available to help the children select and wrap their gifts. Please remember **CASH ONLY**.



Thank you for your support!

For safety reasons, it is important that you let us know if your child is going to be late or absent. Call (250)386-1408

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