



Wednesday EXPRESS

Tillicum Community School

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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*

Jan 20	PAC Meeting in the library 6:30 pm
Jan 25-29	Kindergarten registration for fall 2016-2017 8:30am-3:30pm
Jan 27	Recognition Assembly 2:00 pm
Feb 2	Ready, Set, Learn in the library 9:30-11:30 am
Feb 3	Transition Day Grade 5s at Colquitz 1:45-3:00 pm
Feb 8	Family Day - School is Closed
Feb 10	Recognition Assembly 2:00 pm
Feb 11	Jump Rope for Heart

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It's hard to believe that January 2016 is already more than half over! We have had some staffing changes. Welcome to Ms. O'Malley, Division 16 teacher, and Ms. Lesiuk, Learning Support teacher.

Students and staff have been busy with learning both in and out of the classroom. Some of the extra-curricular activities currently being offered for students at recess, lunch and after school include arts and crafts, Steve Nash basketball (GR. 2/3), Junior Choir (Gr. 1 & 2) and choir (GR. 3,4,5). Our grade 4/5 students have the opportunity to play basketball on Wednesdays at noon. Justine, from BGCA is offering new programs this term for our grade 3/4/5 students on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Fridays after school. We are also pleased to welcome back our partners from the Pacific Institute for Sports Excellence (PISE) who will continue to offer after school sport opportunities for our students Monday to Thursday. Thank you to the many community and staff members who make these opportunities possible for our students. Tillicum is a busy place both in and out of class time.

Thank you to all families supporting our home reading program. Every class participates in Home Reading in some format. Your child should be reading with/to an

adult or discussing the book they are reading at home with an adult for about 10 – 20 minutes daily. Please check with your child's teacher if you are not sure about specific Home Reading expectations for the class. We have accomplished our goal of collectively reading for 5000 nights and will be celebrating this Friday with an afternoon recess (weather permitting). I am happy to report that students already have read 1200 hours toward our next goal!

Our Ready, Set, Learn event, for 3 and 4 year olds, will be on Tuesday, February 2, from 9:30 to 11:00 am in the library. Three and four year-old children and their caregivers are invited to attend to learn more about kindergarten as well as services available in the community.

Kindergarten Registration for September 2016 will be underway next week. Any student born in 2011 is eligible to register for kindergarten for September 2016. It is important that if you have a student currently attending Tillicum who has a sibling coming for fall 2016 that you let your child's teacher know in advance. We strongly recommend that you attend the office to register your child as early during registration week as you can.

A reminder that the Foundation Skills Assessment is scheduled province-wide for Grade 4 students from January 12 to February 12. Notices with details of the assessment process have gone home with students.

On Wednesday, February 3rd, grade 5 students will be visiting Colquitz Middle School in the first step toward their transition to Grade 6.

Please keep in mind that my office door is always open to discuss any concerns or questions you may have about our school or the programs/ services we offer. Thank you for your continued support and involvement in your child's education.

Lori Burley, Principal

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GETTING READY FOR NEXT YEAR!



Kindergarten registration for 2016/17 is January 25-29, from 8:30am to 3:00 pm each day, in the office. As space is limited, we urge all current Tillicum families with new students (birth year 2011) to attend as promptly as possible to register their children. To complete the registration process a proof of address (utility bill, rental agreement, etc.) and child's ID (birth certificate, passport, or citizenship card) must accompany the two-sided registration form. We ask that you also bring your child's care card. Registrations and transfers are processed in the order in which they are received and are also available at the office or on the District website. Please note that **transfers must be submitted to the Board Office prior to February 1, 2016 at 4:00pm.**

Middle School Parent Information Nights

are:

- *Colquitz - February 10, 7 pm
- Rockheights - February 11, 6 pm
- **Shoreline - February 4, 7 pm

*Colquitz Middle School is the Tillicum pathway school. All grade 5 students will automatically be transferred to Colquitz unless a transfer has been requested.

Shoreline offers a Late French Immersion option and is the Tillicum pathway school if you decide to choose French Immersion for your child. Other schools offering late French Immersion programs are Cedar Hill and Lansdowne. Student Transfer Application forms will be available in the general office **beginning February 11th and should be submitted to the School District office as soon as possible. Transfers will be processed from **February 11 to 19, 2016**. After February 19th elementary and middle school students wishing to attend outside of catchment/pathway schools are asked to go their school of choice to have their names added to a wait list. Please see the District website for complete information.

READY SET LEARN

February 2

9:30-11 am in the library

All neighbourhood children aged 3 and 4, and their parents, are invited to this informational open house. Please tell family and friends with young children!

SPORTS REPORT

Tillicum Thunder Sharks participated in their first swim meet of this season at Commonwealth Pool on Saturday, January 16th. Congratulations athletes!

PAC NEWS

Bottle Drive

Thank you to all those who helped with our bottle drive on January 9. We raised almost \$500! If you would like to donate your refundables to Tillicum Community School now, or in the future, there is an account set up at the bottle depot in order so you can do so at any time. This is available at all Bottle Depot locations. Simply return your bottles/cans/etc and donate the funds to Tillicum Community School Parent Association.

Fairway Market Grocery Cards

If you shop at Fairway you can help the PAC by using a Fairway Grocery Card. These are available in the office. Load the card with whatever dollar value you would like. Use it to buy your groceries and 5% of total purchases are donated to Tillicum School. This is an easy way to contribute to field trips and curriculum enhancement opportunities for our children.



*Toast is available every Tuesday morning from 8:15 until 8:30. Supervision is provided.



*Grade 3s will be going to Esquimalt Pool every Tuesday afternoon until the end of February. Please remember to bring a bathing suit, towel, and quarter for the lockers!

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