



Wednesday EXPRESS

Tillicum Community School

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Our Website: <https://tillicum.sd61.bc.ca/>

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 11	Pro D - No school for students	
Jan 13	Recognition Assembly	2:00 pm
*Jan 18	Pro D - No school for students	
Jan 20	PAC Meeting in the library	6:30 pm
Jan 27	Recognition Assembly	2:00 pm

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back and Happy New Year. Students and staff have returned to school full of energy and enthusiasm for learning.

We welcome Ms. Kathleen O'Malley who is returning from maternity leave and will be teaching kindergarten in Division 16, and Ms. Jeanette Lesiuk who will be providing learning support for our grade 3, 4 and 5 students.

A reminder to all grade 2&3 students who are registered for the Steve Nash Basketball program, your session started yesterday and will run every Tuesday from 5-6 pm in the gym, right through until spring break (10 weeks). Plenty of the extra-curricular activities are being offered for students at recess, lunch and after school including: Junior Choir (Gr. 1 & 2) and Choir (Gr. 3,4,5). Justine from BGCA is offering a new series of activities and programs this term. Registration forms have been distributed and are available on the parent bulletin board by the office. 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 starting next week. Registration forms for PISE programs have been distributed and are available on the table at the top of the ramp across from the boy's washroom.

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 will soon be celebrating our accomplishment of collectively reading for more than 5000 nights with an afternoon recess (Tillicum students have read a total of 4700 nights so far).

We are beginning preparations for the 2016/17 school year. Kindergarten Registration and School Transfers for September 2016 will be the week of January 25-29. In the weeks to come, we will also be publishing "Transition" information for our Grade 5 families as we begin the process of transition to Grade 6. A copy of the District's Middle School brochure containing open house schedules for all Middle Schools was sent home with Grade 5 students yesterday.

The FSA (Foundation Skills Assessment) is scheduled province-wide for Grade 4 students from January 12th to February 10th. Information letters will be coming home in the next couple of weeks regarding the schedule at Tillicum.

As always, my office door is 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

Please be aware that school parking restrictions are being monitored and enforced by police.

No parking in the bus zone. 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 area.

Thank you for respecting our neighbours by not parking in front of their driveways or on the boulevards



*Also note that Wheel Chair parking is located directly behind the bus zone.

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GETTING READY FOR NEXT YEAR!



Kindergarten registration for 2016/17 will run 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 new students. 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.

Grade 3 classes will begin **swimming lessons** next Tuesday afternoon. Don't forget your bathing suit, towel, hair elastics if you have long hair, and \$.25 for a locker.

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!

PAC NEWS

TILlicum BOTTLE DRIVE

Saturday, January 9th

9 am -NOON

VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL NEEDED FOR SORTING Please support this PAC fundraising event by bringing your bottles and cans and/or volunteer.



1000 Books by Age Five

Children's Book Recycling Project

Greater Victoria

What the Numbers Say

94,000	Books into homes in 4.5 years
8000+	Families who donate
6	Municipalities in which 1000X5 operates
6	Strong Start Centres (in elementary schools) distributing books
18	Other agencies distributing books
20-30	Books received per child per year
Priceless	The difference in a child's life

January 27 is National Literacy Day. Enjoy a book with your child. Make a difference to another child. Take a few picture books for babies and preschoolers and pop it into the pink bin in the school.



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

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