



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*

Feb 8	Family Day - School is Closed	
Feb 10	Recognition Assembly	2:00 pm
Feb 11	Jump Rope for Heart	
Feb 17	PAC Meeting - Library	6:30 pm
Feb 19	PRO D - no school for students	

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Tillicum is always a vibrant and active school and the month of February is no exception.

Our grades 3's are enjoying swimming lessons until the end of this month. Our grade 4/5's working hard at their basketball practices in preparation for the Spectrum family jamboree on February 23rd.

Numeracy and all literacy skills continue to be developed through a variety of classroom activities throughout the school as well. Learning is both fun and interactive. Student projects are shared and demonstrated with pride throughout the school. Your support at home is very much appreciated and makes a huge difference to your child's feeling of success. Thank you for taking the time to support homework routines, special projects and home reading.

We are impressed by our young readers who have already achieved 1800 hours of home reading toward our 2nd 5000 hour goal. Your continued participation and support will have long-lasting positive effects for your child. Reading comprehension skills and the enjoyment of reading will serve all our students well in their lives. If you have any questions or concerns about your child's home reading program, please contact your child's teacher or stop by the office to discuss them with me.

Parent involvement in school is very important to student success. It continues to be my pleasure to

work in a community of supportive families, enthusiastic students and dedicated staff. I hope you all enjoy time together on Family Day and Gung Hay Fat Choy on February 8th, a happy Valentine's Day on the 14th!

Lori Burley,
Principal

On Tuesday, January 26, Tillicum Elementary participated in a Traffic Safety Walkabout as a part of Tillicum's School Travel Planning efforts (part of the Active & Safe Routes to School program). The aim of this program is to help reduce school traffic congestion and encourage more students to walk, scooter or cycle on their journey to and from school.

This walkabout was an opportunity for the Tillicum school community and municipal representatives to walk around the Tillicum neighbourhood together to actively explore some of the community's concerns regarding safe walking and cycling at Tillicum and to brainstorm potential solutions to the traffic safety challenges.

Representatives from the District of Saanich, the Greater Victoria School District, the Ministry of Transportation, Island Health, School Liaison Constable Dani Froloff, and cycling advocates met with Principal Lori Burley and a group of parents from the Tillicum school community.

The group walked around the Tillicum neighbourhood to explore particular areas of concern and challenges to safe walking and cycling to school, as identified by the School Travel Planning Take Home Survey in October. Key areas of concern included the Tillicum & Burnside intersection, the Orillia & Maddock crossing, and traffic congestion around the school.

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The School Travel Planning efforts will result in the development of a Best Routes to School Map, with the safest walking and cycling routes to school, and an Action Plan that lays out actions and goals to overcome some of the traffic safety challenges at Tillicum."

Stefanie Hardman, Active and Safe Routes to School Facilitator

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CROSSING GUARD URGENTLY NEEDED for Tillicum/Maddock crosswalk. We are looking for someone who can be available Monday through Friday for 1 hour each morning and 1 hour each afternoon to assist children crossing the road safely at this busy intersection. A full job description is available under "employment" at:

<http://www.beaconcs.ca>

If you are interested or know of someone who might be, please contact Nicole Hietamaa, Crossing Guard Coordinator at Beacon Community Services. Telephone: (250) 652-6686 or Email: nhietamaa@beaconcs.ca



Kindergarten 2016/17: Registration for fall 2016 is well underway. *If you have a kindergarten-age child, and have not yet registered, please contact the office for assistance immediately.*

School transfer process: K - 12 transfer process will take place between Feb 11th and Feb 19th. Forms will be made available on our District website for download on Feb 11th or they can be picked up at schools during the period of Feb 11th and 19th.

Transfer forms are to be delivered to the Board Office by Feb 19th by 4 pm to be considered.

For Middle and Secondary Schools, please note this change in process:

The transfer process for students in grades 8 through 12 no longer requires the secondary pathway/current principal's signature for approval or submission.

Middle School Parent Information Nights

are:

**Shoreline - February 4, 7 pm

*Colquitz - February 10, 7 pm

Rockheights - February 11, 6 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.

SPORTS REPORT

Twenty grade 4 and 5 players are busy practicing hard for the Basketball Jamboree coming up Feb 23. Thank you for representing Tillicum!



Thunder Sharks swim team continue their weekly swim practices. Keep up the good work swimmers!

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Tillicum School is 100 years old!

We will be celebrating our centennial on June 3rd from 3:30-8:00 pm. Tillicum School has been an integral part of this community from its beginning. We are pleased to have this opportunity to celebrate our history and to honour our neighbours and community partners in education.

Staff, students, PAC and alumni are working together to create a memorable event. We hope you will be able to attend. Plans include: an open house with students depicting education through the decades, a commemorative display, old-fashioned school yard games, food and entertainment, special performances by students past and present, and a birthday cake.

As an expression of appreciation alumni have established a 100th Anniversary Legacy Fund that will be used to support our library. If you or someone you know is interested in donating to this legacy, you will be able to follow the links to do so on the Tillicum school website: <https://tillicum.sd61.bc.ca/> Corporate donors are welcome!



If you think in terms of a year, plant a seed;

If you think in terms of ten years, plant trees;

If you think in terms of 100 years, teach the people.

Come Walk, Explore, Eat, Play Games, Dance, Share and Experience Tillicum through the Decades with teachers, students and alumni.

Friday June 3rd 3:30 - 8:00 pm

For Information on events or how to help please call

Tillicum School 250 386-1408

Everyone Welcome

PAC NEWS

NOTE: PAC is not doing the **Purdy's** Easter fundraiser this year due to the timing of spring break and the early Easter. We will do the sale again in 2017 when the dates are more conducive for a successful sale.

Please remember that anytime you take returnables to a local **Bottle Depot** you can donate the funds to Tillicum Community School Parent Association.

Fairway Market Grocery Cards 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 by Fairway Market to Tillicum School. This is an easy way to contribute to field trips and curriculum enhancement opportunities for our children.



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1000 Books by Age Five
Children's Book Recycling Project
Greater Victoria

Have you found the book bin at Tillicum? It is located to the right of the Office door.

We thank you for your donations of books for babies and preschoolers. Quadra Best Babies has just joined the program and was very excited to receive their first shipment of books. Every month, they will receive more books to give to Moms with new babes.

Thanks to you!!

A couple of things...

*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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