



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*

Mar 4	Food For Fun
Mar 9	Recognition Assembly 2 pm - gym
Mar 11	Last Day of School
Mar 14-25	SCHOOL CLOSED FOR SPRING BREAK
Mar 28	Easter Monday - School Closed
Mar 29	First day back after Spring Break/ Easter
Apr 4	Curriculum Implementation - no school for students
Apr 6&7	Student Led Conferences Early dismissal BOTH DAYS 11:45 am No extracurricular and Lunch programs April 6 and 7.
Apr 6&7	Scholastic Book Fair - gym

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It's hard to believe that spring break will soon be here. We have certainly enjoyed a very busy second term at Tillicum. Please take the time to celebrate your child's successes when reviewing their report cards next week. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the dedicated and skilled Tillicum staff for all their efforts this term. Not only does our staff provide outstanding classroom learning activities and exemplary assessment of learning practices, but many of our staff volunteer their time to provide extra-curricular opportunities for our students.

Students have enjoyed our many after school sports programs, noon hour activities, junior and intermediate choir and arts and crafts opportunities this term. In addition to our many PISE programs, we have offered Steve Nash basketball, film, and music /homework clubs. Please note that new programs will begin after spring break and sign-up forms will be sent out the first week back after break.

Once again, our grade 3 swim program was a big success, thanks to the generous support of your PAC. All Tillicum students have enjoyed their sessions of skating at Pearkes arena this term as well. Thank you to the many staff and parent volunteers who make these opportunities possible. *On another note, we have recently had a high level of absenteeism due to illness.* Many students are experiencing common, flu-like symptoms such as sore throat, congestion, nausea, vomiting, fever and flushed cheeks. At this time, we have not had any confirmed cases, but as a precaution we have attached an information sheet on Fifth Disease. *Please see your family doctor if you suspect your child may have Fifth Disease, and let us know.* It is definitely a pleasure to work with such a supportive community. Thank you to all.

With much to celebrate, I hope you all enjoy a restful spring and Easter break.

Lori Burley,
Principal

CLASS PLACEMENTS FOR 2016-2017 Classes will be developed within a tentative organization through meetings involving this years' teachers, next years' teachers, support staff, and the principal. The principal, in accordance with the School Act of British Columbia will make the final decision about student placement. As we work together to place students the following factors are considered:

- Specific learning strengths, needs and styles,
- The child's need for attention (social, emotional, and behavioural),
- The child's need for learning assistance/access to special education services,
- Interests, effort, and independence,
- Class size and composition,
- Male/Female balance in classrooms.

The professional staff at Tillicum will continue to put considerable time and effort into forming balanced classes according to these criteria. Parent input is one important factor. If you wish to provide input, please refer to these criteria and submit your request in writing by April 29.

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Tillicum School is 100 years old!



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

SPORTS NEWS

The **Thundersharks** had a spectacular day at their recent swim meet at Commonwealth Pool. All athletes swam personal best times!

Congratulations to Trevor, who represented Tillicum School at City Finals on Sunday and got 10th in 25 free and 12th in 25 breaststroke for boys age 9-10 at city champs!

Way to GO Thundersharks!

Ms K will let swimmers know about the wrap-up party before spring break.

We would also like to acknowledge and thank Ms. Kushnir for the tremendous amount of time and work she has volunteered for the Thundersharks!

Congratulations to our Grade 4/5 Basketball team who recently participated at Spectrum Family Basketball Jamboree. Thank you for representing Tillicum with spirit and hard-work! Also, a special

thanks to Ms. Edwards for volunteering her time and expertise with the team.



The Scholastic Groovy Book Fair

is coming to Tillicum! This radical reading event takes place in the gym on Wednesday, Apr 6 - 11:45 to 5:45 pm, and Thursday, Apr 7 - 11:45 to 2:45 pm and everyone is invited! Plus, if you bring the ballot from our coll flyer to the Groovy Book Fair, you'll have the chance to win FREE BOOKS! Don't miss out! Reading makes everything groovy!

All proceeds from this stylin' fair will go to buying flashy new books for our cool library.

A CROSSING GUARD is desperately needed for Tillicum/Maddock crosswalk. 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

PAC NEWS

The PAC is looking for a parent (or two) to take over as coordinator for Food for Fun for the 2016/17 school year. Food for Fun runs approx. 6 times a year. The kids love it and it earns a significant amount of money which all goes back to the school. If interested, you can contact Nicole at tnyvall@telus.net for more information.

We have funds for 2 or 3 parents to attend the Vancouver Island Parent Conference. Please contact Christine Surrige at cmsuridge@shaw.ca or 25-727-2552 if you are interested in going.

Please remember our fundraising opportunity with the account at Bottle Depot!

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