



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*

Oct 12 and 13 - Parent /Teacher Interviews
Early Dismissal at 11:45 both days
NO LUNCH OR PISE programs

Oct 12 and 13 - Scholastic Book Fair in the gym from 11:45am - 6 pm on Weds and 11:45 am - 4:00 pm on Thurs.

Oct 14 - Fire Drill with Fire Department in attendance

Oct 14 - FOOD FOR FUN

Oct 19 - Recognition Assembly 2pm in the gym

Oct 21 - District PRO D DAY - no school for students

Oct 24-28 - Pumpkin Run

Oct 24 - City Wide Cross Country Finals - Beacon Hill Park

Oct 26 - Halloween Dance 6-7 pm in the gym

Oct 27 - SPECTRUM Family Soccer Jamboree 12:15-2:30

Oct 31 - Black and Orange Day - no costumes, please

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

October is a very busy month at Tillicum. Today and tomorrow are parent/teacher interviews. These meetings are important in establishing strong partnerships and good communication to support our students in their success at school. Thank you to parents and staff for their time and efforts. If you are unable to meet the teacher this week, please make alternate arrangements to meet and discuss your child's educational program with the teacher.

Classrooms continue to be active, meaningful learning environments, participation in nightly home reading is increasing and students are busy with extra activities both in and out of classes. We are pleased to have PISE after-school programs offered again. Over the year, all students will have an opportunity to participate in these sessions. There are noon hour and after school opportunities offered by our community school partner, Burnside Gorge Community Association as well, Justine distributes registration forms to interested students at the beginning of each new intake.

Students had the opportunity to participate in the Turkey Trot last week and will enjoy the Pumpkin Run during the last week of October. *Thank you to Mrs. Dagg for*

organizing these activities for our students to participate in physical activity as well as have a chance to win prizes!

A reminder for all volunteer drivers that we need updated driver information and insurance forms as well as a criminal record check and driver's abstract in the office before you are able to drive students on trips. Thanks to those families who have completed this process already, and to the PAC for their hard work and generosity in supporting field trips for all Tillicum students and to all who volunteer their time to drive and chaperone on these outings. The support of our parent community is appreciated and contributes greatly to the enriching experience our students enjoy at Tillicum.

Constable Sidoroff will be at Tillicum on October 26 presenting Halloween safety talks for our students. Please review safe Halloween behaviors with your children as a follow up to these presentations. Tillicum's October theme day is Black and Orange day on Monday, October 31st. **No costumes** will be worn to school, but all staff and students will be encouraged to show spirit by wearing black and orange. Thank you.

Life Touch will be back to Tillicum on November 8th for photo retakes. If you are not satisfied with your child's photo, please return the original package of photos on November 8th and your child will have a picture retaken. If your child missed the opportunity to have a photo taken or to order a package, you may do so at this time.

Lori Burley,
Principal

Our school's nutrition program is proudly funded by **Breakfast for Learning**. Thanks to their support, we are able to offer our students a healthy meal or snack during the school day.

Breakfast for Learning

Breakfast for Learning is a national charity that is committed to helping children across Canada realize their full potential in life by ensuring that all children attend school well-nourished and ready to learn, giving them the best chance of success in life. As Canada's first charity focused on child nutrition, Breakfast for Learning has

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been helping support school based nutrition programs in every province and territory for almost 24 years. In the 2015/16 school year, Breakfast for Learning funded 1,900 breakfast, lunch and snack programs, served 241,485 children and youth, and provided more than 41 million nourishing meals and snacks. Since 1992, Breakfast for Learning has helped 3.8 million children enjoy over 594 million healthy meals and snacks. For more information, please visit www.breakfastforlearning.ca

TOAST PROGRAM is every Tuesday from 8:15-8:30 am. Supervision is provided.

(Sponsored by Breakfast for Learning)

LUNCH is available for students who wish to participate in our school lunch program. Menus and registration forms (orange with a white envelop attached) will be sent home with students on a monthly basis.

Your Tillicum PAC Executive for 2016/17

Christine Surridge	President	cmsurridge@shaw.ca	(250) 727-2552
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Andrew Dunn	Secretary	andrewdunn@shaw.ca	(250) 382-9265
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ONGOING fundraisers: Fairway Market Grocery cards (available in the office). Five percent of all purchases are returned to the Tillicum PAC.

BOTTLE DEPOT: You can take your returnables to any bottle depot and donate your refund to Tillicum PAC. All funds raised go toward field trips, in-school visits, and special projects (such as playgrounds, library) in the school.

NEW FUNDRAISER! CHECK THE DISPLAY CASE ACROSS FROM THE OFFICE FOR INFORMATION.

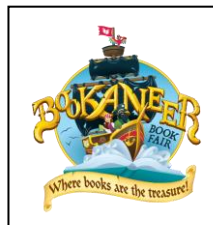
Our next PAC meeting is October 19th at 6:30 pm in the library - all welcome!

STARTING ON October 26th, The Wednesday Express will be distributed electronically (by email).

To help us "go green", please ensure that your email contact information is up-to-date at the office.

Limited numbers of hard copies of the newsletter will be available from your classroom teacher. Please let your child's teacher know if you need a paper copy of the newsletter.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR



Ahoy mateys! The Scholastic Bookaneer Fair is coming to our school! A boat-load of books will wash ashore Oct 12 and 13 and everyone is invited to join our crew. If you bring all your kin to the Fair, you'll have the chance to win **FREE BOOKS!** Get hooked on reading at the Bookaneer Book Fair!

TODAY - October 12 11:45 to 6:00 in the Gym

October 13 11:45 to 4:00 in the Gym

All funds raised from the fair will go to purchasing books for our library learning commons. Thanks for your support and come visit us during parent teacher Interviews.

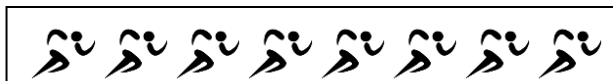
Mr Koning, Teacher-Librarian

Ms. Dennis, Library Clerk

MS ACHTEM'S SPORTS REPORT

Congratulations to our **Tillicum Cross-Country Running Team** who have posted consistently excellent results in the Monday afternoon races!

Practices will continue on Wednesday and Friday at lunch recesses. Go Tillicum!



Our **Grade 4/5 Tillicum Soccer Team** practices are Tuesdays and Thursdays at lunch recess. Please remember to wear comfortable clothing and running shoes! Athletes are reminded to bring a water bottle to practices and games. **Players who attend practice regularly** will be invited to represent Tillicum at the Jamboree at Beckwith Park on October 27.

Volunteer drivers are needed. If you are able to drive, please stop in at the office to fill out a volunteer driver form, register your license & insurance, and pick-up the request forms for a driver's abstract and criminal record check.



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REMINDERS

****Please return your student's forms to the school.** In order to ensure that we have up-to-date contact information it is vital that we receive your "student verification form" (white page) as soon as possible. All students also received pink, yellow and blue forms. We required to have parents fill-out and sign the permissions on each of those documents. *These are important to your child's learning!*

****If your child is going to be absent or late, please call the school at 250-386-1408.** (You can leave a voice mail if you need to call before office hours.) Late comers are reminded to stop in at the office to pick up a late slip!

Thank you



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