

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 26 - Halloween Safety Talks with Const. Sidoroff Oct 26 - Family Halloween Dance - 6:00-7:00 pm Oct 31 - Black and Orange Day - no costumes, please Nov 2 - Recognition Assembly - 2 pm - gym Nov 8 - Photo Retake Day Nov 10 - Remembrance Day Assembly 10:45 am

Nov 11 - School Closed - Remembrance Day

, Nov 16 - Recognition Assembly - 2 pm - gym

Nov 16 - PAC meeting 6:30 pm - library

Nov 17 - Lock Down Drill with Const. Sidoroff 9:50 am

Nov 18 - Pro D Day - no school for students

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

October has been a very busy month at Tillicum. Two weeks ago, we hosted 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 were unable to attend parent teacher interviews, and haven't already done so, 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 running again. Over the year, all students will have an opportunity to participate in these active 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. Many students are also participating in our choirs and will be enjoying opportunities to perform in the coming months. Thank you to Ms. Awalt and to Choir Kids for their hard work. ArtsReach is currently running a printmaking program and will be providing other fine arts opportunities for Tillicum students later this year. Constable Sidoroff was at Tillicum today, 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 31. **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!

A reminder that 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

REMINDER

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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TODAY THE WEDNESDAY EXPRESS WILL BE DELIVERED ELECTRONICALLY TO DIVISIONS 1 THROUGH 6. PLEASE CHECK YOUR EMAIL! PAPER COPIES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO DIVISIONS 6 THROUGH 16. ON NOVEMBER 9TH AND GOING FORWARD, WE WILL BE SENDING THE NEWSLETTER ELECTRONICALLY.

To help us "go green", please ensure that your email contact information is up-to-date at the office. It will also continue to be available on the school website.

Please let your child's teacher know if you need a paper copy of the newsletter.

TILLICUM PAC NEWS

Art Fundraiser

This year the PAC is planning a new, art fundraiser. This week, students will be doing a drawing or painting of some kind in class. On Friday, they will bring home their work along with an order form. Anyone interested may order products made from this artwork. Delivery will be in early December in time for Christmas – they make excellent gifts! These are samples of the products available.

Trivet Magnetic puzzle Wall plaque Set of 4 coasters Set of 4 fridge magnets Set of 6 note cards

This is a great way to do some early shopping and support Tillicum PAC!

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.

Our next PAC meeting is November 16th at 6:30 pm in the library - all welcome!

Our REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY is on November 10th at 10:45 am. Students who are involved in clubs or organization that issue uniforms are invited to wear their uniforms and join our colour parade. Please let your homeroom teacher know if you are able to participate.



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TOAST PROGRAM is every Tuesday between 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.

MS. ACHTEM'S SPORTS NEWS

Big congratulations to the Tillicum School Cross-Country Running team who represented our school so well over this season! Racing ended on Monday with the City Finals which were held a Beacon Hill Park. Thank you to everyone for hard work, dedication to training, and fine performances!

The SPECTRUM FAMILY SOCCER JAMOREE is happening Beckwith Park tomorrow from 12:30-2:30 pm. Players please remember to wear appropriate clothing and footwear, and bring your shin pads and water bottles!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR



We are happy to announce that, together, Tillicum School families raised \$1000 at our book fair. We were able to purchase 67 new books for the library and add \$293 to our book buying budget.

Congratulations to the winners of the draw prize. Ella and Mrs. Cathcart

From Div 10 won \$25 worth of books each! Thank you to staff, students and families for your support. Thank you to Ms. Awalt for her assistance during the fair.

If you missed the fair, don't worry we have another fair scheduled for the spring!



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Attention families:

There have been several cases of head lice at Tillicum School, so please check your child's head for lice and nits (eggs) **today and every day for the next three weeks.** Continue to check everyone in your family weekly, especially behind the ears and at the back of the neck.

Teach and remind your children how head lice are spread and how they can avoid coming into contact with them.

If you are not sure what you are looking for, or you find that your child has head lice, please call the school office or Public Health Nurse for more information. By letting the school know that your child has head lice, you will help to control its spread.

Students with head lice may return to school when treatment is complete (use the lice conditioner method below and remove as many nits as possible). If you have already treated your child, and head lice are still present, speak to the Public Health Nurse before re-treating.



Remember...

Head lice are very easily spread through head-tohead contact.



- Remind your child not to share or borrow personal items such as combs, scarves, brushes, hair bands, head phones, sleeping bags, stuffed animals, caps and hats.
- <u>Important:</u> Check your family for head lice regularly -- at least each week.

Conditioner Method

1. Remove the live lice. Wash hair with usual shampoo. Rinse.

- 2. Put lots (at least ¹/₂ cup) of inexpensive regular conditioner on hair.
- 3. Untangle hair, using wide-tooth comb. Leave conditioner in.
- 4. Comb hair with lice comb, rinse comb in warm water after each stroke.
- 5. Repeat every 3 days for 2 weeks

For more information, contact:

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http://www.bchealthguide.org/healthfiles/index.stm

If you have any questions, please call the school office at 386-1408.

