



Wednesday EXPRESS

Tillicum Community School

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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

Dec 8	3:30-6pm Student Gift Sale in the gym
Dec 14	WINTER CONCERT "December In Our Town" 10:30-11:30am Dress rehearsal 6-7pm Performance
Dec 15	1:30-2:30pm Performance
Dec 16	Last day before winter break (2:45 dismissal)
Jan 3	First day back to school for 2017

Principal's Message

As students, staff and families are preparing for the winter break, it is my pleasure to reflect on this wonderful term of learning, building relationships, and planning for future successes here at Tillicum. The dedicated staff and supportive parent community have worked together as we have focused on our school goals of improving literacy and numeracy skills in our students. Students have been working hard in class, committed to being the best learners they can be. Staff have given their best personal and professional attention to the needs of all our students in their work to provide excellent learning experiences for students at Tillicum. Parents continue to play an integral part in supporting student achievement. Clear, regular communication with classroom teachers, whether you drop in to the school, phone or use the home school agenda, is very helpful in ensuring that our students' needs are being met.

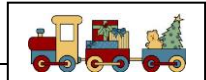
Our office and custodial staff contribute greatly to the success of our students as well. I would like to acknowledge their contributions to the culture of our school and the success of our students. Thank you!

The support of our PAC is also very much appreciated. We are extremely fortunate to have such a dedicated, energetic team of volunteers willing to work so very hard to bring many opportunities and activities to our students

to enrich their educational experience. Food for fun, gift sale and craft fair are but a few of the PAC sponsored events that contribute so much to the culture of our school. The seemingly endless energy, enthusiasm and optimism of this amazing group of people are so very appreciated by the entire Tillicum community. On behalf of the staff and students of Tillicum, I extend our heartfelt thanks and warm wishes for a happy, peaceful holiday season.

Lori Burley,
Principal

Today's question is for parents/guardians of grade 5 students: What is the first day of school in 2017? Be the first to call in the correct answer and you will receive a prize!



We would like to extend a huge thank-you to everyone who supported our Granola Bar Drive for the homeless. We have already beat our goal to collect 1000 bars and are still counting. Mrs. Dagg and her volunteer helpers will be delivering the granola bars to "the Q" collection event at Mayfair Mall on Friday morning. **Thanks to Mrs. Dagg and her class for coordinating this annual event!**



STUDENT PICK-UP AND DROP-OFF

Do not park in, or block, our neighbours' driveways before or after school. We have received several complaints about parents parking and leaving their cars in, or blocking, the driveways of homes in the area. Please be respectful of home owners and residents in our neighbourhood and stay out of their driveways!

We also ask that you refrain from stopping in our busy bus zone on Orillia Street. This is important for the safety of all of our students!

Plan an extra couple of minutes into your daily routine to park safely and walk with your child as necessary.

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PAC NEWS



Thank you for supporting the Tillicum Winter Craft Market - it was a great success!

We would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge all of the families who contributed to our bake sale table. Together we raised over \$600 that will go toward field trips and other learning enhancement opportunities for Tillicum students.

Thank you everyone!

TOMORROW IS Tillicum School's Annual Gift Sale

Thank you to everyone who has donated new and gently used items for this year's student gift sale which is taking place in the gym on December 8th from 3:30-6:00 pm in the gym.

The PAC is seeking volunteer gift wrappers for the night of the event. If you have 20 minutes to spare tomorrow afternoon, please consider helping out by wrapping a few gifts!



Parents are invited to enjoy a cup of coffee while their children shop for gifts for their families. Prices range from \$0.25 - \$2.00. Students look forward to this opportunity to buy gifts for their family members.

Thank you for your support!



Fairway Market Gift Cards

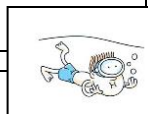
Fairway cards are available in the office. Simply pick up a card, fill it at Fairway with whatever amount you choose and use the card to purchase your groceries. Five percent of purchases made on the cards will be donated back to Tillicum PAC and used for learning enhancement opportunities. Thank you for supporting our students!

TILlicum SPORTS CORNER... This is a reminder to those grade 2 and 3 students who are registered for Steve Nash Basketball. The program starts January 10, from 5-6 pm, and runs for ten weeks. Currently, we are at the registration limit but, just in case we get cancellations, we are taking a wait list at the office for any students who are interested in attending.



There will be a new PISE program intake for all grade levels starting the week of Jan 9-12. Registration forms will be distributed during the first week back from winter break. If your child would like to participate, please make sure to return them as soon as possible as the programs fill very quickly.

GRADE 3 SWIMMING LESSONS BEGIN ON Jan 10 and will run every Tuesday afternoon until March 14. Please ensure that your child comes to school with a swim suit, towel, flip flops (optional), a bag for their wet items, and a quarter for the lockers.



Can you help?

SCHOOL RECYCLING PROGRAM

At Tillicum we are committed to reducing our environmental impact and are hoping we can get a parent volunteer to drop off soft plastic to Encorp Bottle Depot (free of charge) and foil lined items to Pacific Mobile Depot at the Archie Browning Centre (there is a charge which will be covered by the school). If you are interested in helping in this capacity, please call the school at 250-386-1408.



REMINDER:

Please let your child's teacher know when you will be able to attend the Winter Concert. There will be limited seating available at the evening performance because of fire regulations, so students are limited to 2 guests for the Wednesday evening concert.

Draw prizes are offered at the Thursday afternoon performance and siblings are welcome!

LOST AND FOUND ITEMS will be on display in the lower west wing of the school on Wednesday evening and Thursday (December 14 and 15). While you are here for the winter concert, please take the time to retrieve your items as all unclaimed articles will be bagged and donated over the holiday.

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