



Wednesday EXPRESS

Tillicum Community School

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Our Website: <http://www.sd61.bc.ca/school/tillicum/>

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

Jan 10	Grade 3 swimming lessons begin.	
Jan 18	Recognition Assembly	2:00 pm
Jan 18	PAC meeting in the library	6:30 pm
Jan 20	Pro D - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS	
Jan 23-27	Kindergarten 2017 registration week	
Jan 27	Family Literacy Day	

Principal's Message

Welcome back and Happy New Year! Students and staff have returned to school full of energy and enthusiasm for learning.

First of all, I would like to remind all grade 2&3 students who are registered for the Steve Nash Basketball program, your session will begin next Tuesday and will run every Tuesday from 5-6 pm in the gym, right through until spring break (10 weeks).

Plenty of the extra-curricular activities are being offered for students at recess, lunch and after school including: Junior Choir (Gr. 1 & 2) and Choir (Gr. 3,4,5). Burnside Gorge Community Association (BGCA) is offering a new series of activities and programs this term. Registration forms will be distributed next week by the new program leader, Travis Chater. We look forward to meeting him today.

We are also pleased to welcome back our partners from the Pacific Institute for Sports Excellence (PISE) who will continue to offer after school sport opportunities for our students Monday to Thursday starting next week. Registration forms for PISE programs have been distributed to all interested students and extras are available in the office. These programs always fill quickly so please be sure to hand in your registration forms as promptly as possible.

Thank you to all families supporting our Home Reading program. Just before the winter break our students earned an extra recess by collectively reading 5000 nights. Children will be enjoying an afternoon recess once the weather warms up! Be reminded that every class participates in Home Reading in some format. Your child should be reading with/to an adult or discussing the book they are reading at home with an adult for about 10 – 20 minutes daily. Please check with your child's teacher if you are not sure about specific Home Reading expectations for the class.

We are beginning preparations for the 2017/18 school year. Kindergarten Registration and School Transfers for September 2017 will be the week of January 23-27. In the weeks to come, we will also be publishing "Transition" information for our Grade 5 families as we begin the process of transition to Grade 6.

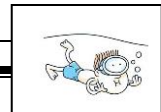
Finally, I would like to remind parents that our students enjoy daily outdoor activities. It is important that you ensure your child is dressed appropriately with boots or warm shoes, mitts/gloves, hats and coats.

As always, my office door is open to discuss any concerns or questions you may have about our school or the programs/services we offer. Thank you for your continued support and involvement in your child's education.

Lori Burley

Today's question is for parents/guardians of kindergarten students: What is the first day of kindergarten registration for School District 61 for 2017? Be the first to call in the correct answer (250-386-1408) and you will receive a prize!

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.



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NOTE TO ALL TILLICUM FAMILIES with a child who will be entering kindergarten in September 2017 - please let us know now! We cannot reserve space for incoming students but we will do our best to make sure that you have the opportunity to register early. Space is limited so it is very important that you communicate your intentions for next year's registration. Please make a note to your older child's teacher in the communication book or contact the office at 250-386-1408.

Grade 4/5 Basketball

A team meeting was held this morning for all interested students. Practices will be held Monday and Thursday at lunch recess. Those players who consistently attend practices will be leaving Tillicum School for the Annual Spectrum Family Basketball Jamboree at 12:15 pm and returning at 2:45 pm on February 23 at Spectrum High School.

PAC NEWS



Fairway Market Grocery 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!
First meeting of the New Year is in the library at 6:30 pm on Jan 18 - all welcome!

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.



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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 **NEXT WEEK**. **Registration forms were distributed yesterday to all interested students. If your child would like to participate, please make sure to return the completed registration as soon as possible. These programs fill very quickly!**

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1000 Books by Age Five

Children's Book Recycling Project Greater Victoria
Donate books to increase early literacy!

Do you know that reading books to babies and preschoolers is the most significant indicator of early school success? Cuddling and reading to your little ones shows that you value reading, builds comfort, enjoyment and early skills that last a lifetime. Help make that true for those working to gain those habits. **January 27 is National Literacy Day.** As well as enjoying a new story with your child, please make an extra effort to drop off gently used picture books for babies and preschoolers in the drop box at the school office door. All very young children benefit from being read to – help make that a reality for more.

Thank you for being part of the 55,000 books donated over the last three years.

HELP US START THE NEW YEAR RIGHT! STUDENT PICK-UP AND DROP-OFF

Do not park on or in front of 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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