



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

- Feb 8 Recognition Assembly - 2pm in the gym
- Feb 10 Curriculum Implementation - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
- Feb 13 Family Day - School Closed
- Feb 15 Ready, Set, Learn - for neighbourhood 3 & 4 year olds and their parents/guardians - 9:30-11 am in the library
- Feb 15 PAC Meeting - 6:30 in the library
- Feb 16-24 K-12 STUDENT TRANSFERS
- Feb 22 Pink Shirt Day
- Feb 22 Recognition Assembly 2pm in the gym
- Feb 23 Spectrum Family Basketball Jamboree (Team leaves school 12:15pm - returns 2:45pm)
- Feb 24 District Pro D Day - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

Principal's Message

Tillicum is always a hub of activity and the month February is no exception. Our grades 3's continue to enjoy their swimming lessons right through until spring break. Our grade 4/5's are working hard at their basketball practices in preparation for the Spectrum Family Jamboree on February 23. The before and after-school, and lunch time programs with Burnside-Gorge and PISE continue to be very popular and well attended. Welcome to Travis Chater, new youth programmer from Burnside-Gorge.

Thank you for taking the time to support homework routines, special projects and home reading. We are impressed by our young readers who have already achieved over 4000 nights of home reading toward our 2nd 5000 night goal. Reading comprehension skills and the enjoyment of reading

will serve all our students well in their lives. If you have any questions or concerns about your child's home reading program, please contact your child's teacher or stop by the office to discuss them with me.

Parent involvement in school is very important to student success. It continues to be my pleasure to work in a community of supportive families, enthusiastic students and dedicated staff. I hope you are all able to enjoy time together on Family Day, Feb 13, and Happy Valentine's Day on the 14th!

Lori Burley,
Principal



Kindergarten 2017/18: Registration for fall 2017 began with registration week, Jan 23-27, last week. *If you have a kindergarten-age child, and have not yet registered, please contact the office for assistance immediately!*

The deadline for Kindergarten Transfer Forms (different than school transfer forms) was 4 pm on Monday, January 30, 2017. This process is for kindergarten only.

School Transfer Process: If you missed the kindergarten transfer deadline you can still apply during the K - 12 transfer process will take place between Feb 16 and 24.

Forms will be made available on the District website for download on Feb 16th or they can be picked up at schools during the period of Feb 16th and 24th.

K-12 Transfer forms are to be delivered to the Board Office by Feb 24th by 4 pm to be considered.

For safety sake, NO WHEELIE SHOES a school, please!



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Middle School Information Sessions for Grade 5 Families

*Colquitz Middle School

Wednesday, February 8, 2017 - 7-8:30pm
250-479-1678

Rockheights Middle School

Thursday, Feb 9, 2017 - 7-8:30 pm
250-384-7125

*Colquitz Middle School is the Tillicum pathway school. All grade 5 student files will automatically be moved to Colquitz unless a transfer is requested. (Feb 16 and 24)

Shoreline offers a Late French Immersion option and is the Tillicum pathway school if you decide to choose French Immersion for your child. Other schools offering late French Immersion programs are Cedar Hill and Lansdowne. Student Transfer Application forms will be available in the general office **beginning February 16th and should be submitted to the School District office as soon as possible. Transfers will be processed from **February 16 to 24, 2017**. After February 24th elementary and middle school students wishing to attend outside of catchment/pathway schools are asked to go their school of choice to have their names added to a wait list. Please see the District website for complete information.

If you have missed the information session for your school of choice, please call that school directly.

For Middle and Secondary Schools, please note this change in process:

The transfer process for students in grades 8 through 12 no longer requires the secondary pathway/current principal's signature for approval or submission.



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SPORTS REPORT

A team of fifteen grade 4 and 5 players are busy practicing hard for the Spectrum Family of Schools Basketball Jamboree coming up Feb 23. Thank you for representing Tillicum!



Thunder Sharks swim team continue their weekly swim practices on Wednesdays after school. Thank you to Ms. Kushnir and to our volunteer drivers who make this opportunity possible for students.

Keep up the good work swimmers!



The Victoria Spartans want you to try Football! The team plays in Esquimalt and anyone 8 years or older is welcome. The season runs from March 6 – mid-June. There are two practices per week and approximately eight games over the season.

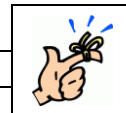
Cleats and mouth guard are needed, but all other equipment is included in the fee.

For more information go to www.spartansfootball.ca

Or call coach Andrew Carriere at 778-977-3073.

For information on OTHER SPORTS OPPORTUNITIES IN OUR COMMUNITY check the parent bulletin board.

REMINDER: In the month of February, there will be no school for students on Friday, February 10th, Monday, February 13 (Family Day - school closed), and, Friday, February 24th.



TILLICUM PAC NEWS

The next PAC meeting will be held Wednesday, Feb 15th at 6:30pm in the library. All welcome!

Please remember our ongoing fundraising opportunities. Fairway Market grocery cards are available in the office. Load your grocery card with whatever amount you want. When you use the card to purchase groceries, 5% of sales are donated to Tillicum PAC.

You can also donate your returnables refunds to Tillicum PAC. After you sort your bottles/cans, let the staff at the Bottle Depot know that you would like to have the money added to the Tillicum PAC account.

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