



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 16-24 K-12 STUDENT TRANSFERS

Feb 22 Pink Shirt Day

Feb 20 Spectrum Family Basketball Jamboree
(Team leaves school 12:15pm - returns 2:45pm) -
Please note date change!

Feb 22 PINK SHIRT DAY

Recognition Assembly 2pm in the gym

Feb 24 District Pro D Day - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

Mar 10 Food For Fun

Mar 15 PAC meeting - library 6:30 pm

Mar 16 Report cards

Mar 17 Last day before spring break

Principal's Message

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Is it possible that spring break is only four short weeks away? Tillicum staff, students and families are as busy as ever and our time together slips by so quickly!

The grade 4/5 basketball team is working hard at their practices in preparation for the Spectrum Family of Schools Jamboree on February 20th. Our grade 1s will be participating in the "Learn Not to Burn" program with the Saanich Fire Department on February 22nd. Our grade 2 students will be attending the UVic symphony on February 27th. And, our grade 3's will be finishing their swimming lessons on March 14th - just to name of a few of the many activities in which students have been participating.

Numeracy and all literacy skills continue to be developed through a variety of classroom activities throughout the school as well. Learning is both fun

and interactive, and student projects are shared and demonstrated with pride.

Your support at home is very much appreciated and makes a huge difference to your child's feeling of success. Thank you for taking the time to support homework routines, special projects and home reading.

Students have already earned another 5000 nights of home reading and will be celebrating with an extra recess once our weather improves. 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.

Thank you for your patience and flexibility during the recent spate of inclement weather. Please ensure that your child has proper clothing and footwear when they come to school as, in the interest of student health and wellness, we spend as much time outdoors as we can.

Lori Burley,
Principal

Looking ahead...

Student-led conferences are coming up on Wednesday and Thursday, April 12th and 13th (the week after spring break). There will be early dismissal at 11:45 am on both days. Lunch program is cancelled on April 12th and 13th. All noon hour and after school programming will also be cancelled on those days.



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FOR SAFETY SAKE - PLEASE DO NOT DROP YOUR CHILDREN OFF IN THE STAFF PARKING LOT.

The main entrance off of the parking lot on Albina Street is for staff and adult visitors to the school only.

We also ask that you respect our neighbours by NOT parking in or blocking their driveways.

There is a designated bus drop-off zone along Orillia Street. This area must be kept clear for the school bus. You are reminded to observe the no parking signs in the bus zone for student safety. Please plan ahead and give yourself enough time to park and walk if needed!



PINK SHIRT DAY is February 22nd. We encourage all students to participate by wearing a pink shirt or sporting a pink ribbon or yarn. **Anti-Bullying Day** (Pink Shirt Day) is celebrated on various dates all around the world. The original event was organized by David Shepherd and Travis Price of Berwick, Nova Scotia, who, in 2007, bought and distributed 50 pink shirts after a male student was bullied for wearing a pink shirt on the first day of school.

Practice showing kindness every day!

TOAST is available for students on Tuesday mornings between 8:15 and 8:30 am on the lower level by the kitchen.



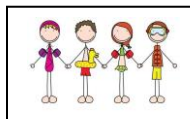
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SPORTS REPORT

A team of fifteen grade 4 and 5 players are busy practicing hard for the ***Spectrum Family of Schools Basketball Jamboree coming up Monday, Feb 20. (PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE!!)*** Good luck and thank you for representing Tillicum!



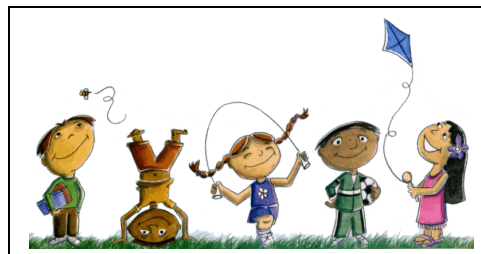
Thunder Sharks swim team continue their weekly swim practices on Wednesdays after school. *Thank you* to Ms. Kushnir and to our volunteer drivers who make this opportunity possible for students. *Keep up the good work swimmers!*



Food For Fun - March 10th - Order deadline is March 6th

Last Grade 3 swimming lesson - March 14th

Spring Break - March 20-31 (inclusive)



TILlicum PAC NEWS

There is a PAC meeting tonight, Wednesday, February 15, in the library at 6:30 pm. The next PAC meeting will be held Wednesday, March 15th. All welcome!

President - Christine Surridge - cmsurridge@shaw.ca

Vice President - Nicole Nyvall - tnyvall@telus.net

Treasurer - Chandra Kraus - chandrakraus@shaw.ca

Secretary - Andrew Dunn - andrewdunn@shaw.ca

Market and Food For Fun - Lisa Gelling - lisagelling32@gmail.com

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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