



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

Mar 16 PAC meeting - library 6:30 pm
 Mar 16 Report cards
 Mar 17 Last day before spring break
 Apr 3 First day back after spring break

Principal's Message

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Spring break will soon be here! Before we are off, please take the time to celebrate your child's successes when reviewing their report cards tomorrow. We are all very proud of the accomplishments our students have made this term. Students have put in their best efforts and have made significant progress. Thank you to all parents for their tremendous support. Regular communication with classroom teachers, help with field trips, and consistent home reading are all very much appreciated. Students celebrated the extra recess they earned by collectively reading 5000 nights, last Friday afternoon. Way to go Tillicum! I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the dedicated and skilled Tillicum staff for all their efforts this term. Not only does our staff provide outstanding classroom learning activities and exemplary assessment of learning practices, but many of our staff volunteer their time to provide extra-curricular opportunities for our students. The Intermediate Choir has been busy with rehearsals and their performance at the Victoria Sings recital last Thursday. Our thanks to Mrs. Awalt for her hard work and tremendous dedication to the music program at Tillicum. You are an inspiration!

Students have enjoyed our many after school sports programs, noon hour activities, junior and intermediate choir and arts and theatre opportunities this term. Thank you to PISE, Burnside-Gorge Community Association, and ArtsReach for making these opportunities possible for Tillicum students. Please note that Burnside-Gorge and PISE programs will resume after spring break and sign up forms will be sent out the first week back after break. Our grade 3 swim program at Esquimalt was a big success, thanks to the generous financial support of our PAC, to Burnside-Gorge for providing bus service and to the volunteer drivers who work together to make this happen.

It is definitely a pleasure to work with such a supportive community. Thank you to all. With much to celebrate, I hope you all enjoy a restful spring break.

Lori Burley,
Principal



SPRING BREAK - March 20-31(inclusive)

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. Sign-up forms went home on Monday. Please return them to school with your child by Thursday, March 16.

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A single act of kindness throws out roots in all directions,
 and the roots spring up and make new trees. Amelia Earhart

Before and after school programming with PISE and Burnside-Gorge will begin again after spring break. Registration forms will be available on the first week back, April 3-7, with new intakes beginning the week of April 10-14. These activities are very popular with Tillicum students, so please return completed registration forms to the school as quickly as possible!

TILlicum PAC NEWS

The next PAC meeting will be held **Thursday, March 16th**. Please note day/date change - 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.



1000X5 1000 Books by Age Five Children's Book Recycling Project Greater Victoria

Take Spring Break to Round Up Extra Books

A community that values and shares literacy is a community that prospers. Every young child who is read to before starting school is more likely to see reading and learning as pleasant and achievable. And, we are succeeding! In just over six years, you have been part of sending over 127,000 books into homes with few books and in helping over 1000 children per month join that invaluable literacy club.

Please take spring break to check the corners of your house and continue to donate books into the grey bin in front of the office.

FOR SAFETY SAKE - PLEASE DO NOT DROP OFF YOUR CHILDREN 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. Please do not drop off your children in the parking lot. Please do not access the school through the main doors, with your children, from the parking lot (Albina side of the school) as it reinforces unsafe practice for them. Students should enter the building from the Orillia and Maddock sides of the school only.

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. We realize that it is very busy with traffic around our school. Please plan ahead and give yourself enough time to park and walk a block if needed!

We also ask that you respect our neighbours by NOT parking in or blocking their driveways. There have been several complaints this year, please be mindful of other people's property, access, and privacy.

We have asked the Saanich police for special patrols of the area before and after school as violations continue to be reported on a daily basis.



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