



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

Apr 28	Food For Fun
Apr 29/30	Advance Polls in the gym
May 3	Recognition Assembly 2 pm in the gym
May 4	Welcome to Kindergarten 9:30-11 am
May 5	Class Photos
May 6	Advance Polls in the gym
May 9	Election Day - gym closed
May 17	PAC Meeting 6:30-8pm in the library
May 17	Rainbow Day

Principal's Message

As always, we are very busy at Tillicum School. Our Home Reading Program continues to be a very important part of the development of literacy skills in our students. Nightly practice with an adult and the opportunity to talk about what they are reading goes a long way in developing the life-long love of reading in our students. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's progress or program, please contact your child's teacher at school.

Our many before and after school programs continue with great success. Burnside/Gorge and PISE programs for all grades are offered throughout the week.

Tillicum athletes participated in the last spring x-country race on Monday. Congratulations to the team on a job well done! Thank you to Ms Bouthillier and Ms Achtem for their coaching and support of our Tillicum Cross Country Running team.

Track practices have started for the 100 metre, 800 metre and relay races. If your child is participating in track please ensure that he/she comes with appropriate footwear for running. The Zone meet will be held on May 29th, 10:15am to 1:30 pm, at the UVic track and City Finals will happen on June 1st at 5:00pm (also at UVic).

Students continue to be very active on the

playground. Skipping, hula hoops, four square and soccer are favorite recess and lunch activities when students are not participating in gym games, arts and crafts. The skill and fun our students are demonstrating is indeed contributing to healthy living at Tillicum Community School. Please ensure that your child has the appropriate footwear to play safely on our playground, fields and courts during these times. 'Flip flops' and/or bare feet are very hazardous on the school fields and blacktop.

Remember that our after school supervision ends at 3:00pm daily. Parent support and cooperation with prompt pick up at the end of the day is necessary to accommodate staff attendance at off-site meetings and other obligations. Your child's safety and well-being continue to be our priority. Thank you for your continued support.

This year, International Anti-homophobia Day is on May 17th. In elementary schools it is celebrated as Rainbow Day. Our focus will be on family diversity as well as gender expression and non-conformity. Activities might include: reading, inviting students to dress in their favourite colours, art projects, and the distribution of rainbow tattoos. The day will conclude with an assembly. Rainbow day is a time for us to recognize and celebrate our differences. Some titles that explore diversity, available in our library, are: *10,000 Dresses* by Marcus Ewart, *William's Doll* by Charlotte Zolotow, *The Sissy Duckling* by Harvey Fierstein, *My Princess Boy* by Cheryl Kilodavis, *The Family Book* by Todd Parr, *King and King* by Linda Haan, and *Tango Makes Three* by Justin Richardson

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome and thank the UVic student teachers who have been working in Divisions 3, 7, 8, and 12 at Tillicum School. We hope you enjoy and learn much from your time with us!

Lori Burley,
Principal

**TOAST IS SERVED ON TUESDAY
MORNINGS AT THE KITCHEN
BETWEEN 8:15-8:30 am.**



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CLASS PLACEMENTS FOR 2017/18 Classes are being developed within a tentative organization through meetings involving this year's teachers, next year's teachers, support staff, and the Principal. The Principal, in accordance with the School Act of British Columbia, will make the final decision about student placement and school organization. As we work together we consider the following factors: **specific learning strengths, needs and styles; the child's need for attention in social, emotional, and behavioural areas; the child's need for learning assistance or access to special education services; interests, learning styles, effort and independence; class size and composition; male/female balance in the class.** The professional staff at Tillicum will continue to put time and effort into forming balanced classes according to the criteria noted above. Parental input is one important factor to be considered in the placement process. If you wish to provide input, please refer to the above criteria when you submit your written request. **Letters should be received by May 26th.**

YOUR HELP IS APPRECIATED!

If your family is anticipating a move outside of the Tillicum catchment, or a change of schools before September 2017, please let us know right away so we can plan and staff accordingly.



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Did you know? Books in the home for preschoolers is 70% more effective than parents' education level at predicting school success. Preschoolers in middle class homes have an average of 15 books/age level. Preschoolers in homes with fewer resources have an average of 2 books/age level. **Take your extra baby and preschooler books to the grey bin at the office door. Help change a child's future.**

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TILLICUM PAC SPRING FAIR AND MARKET



Raffle, Games, Market Vendors, Food Trucks and more!

MAY 25TH 3-7pm

Table rental/Market Registration forms are available in the office or you can contact Lisa at 250-727-1791 for information.

Come out and support this important annual Tillicum PAC fundraiser - there's something for everyone!

EXCITING NEW FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY!

Check out the Tillicum School Clothing Store.

<http://urstore.ca/schools/ca/british-columbia/victoria/tillicum-community-school>

PAC receives 10% of all sales!

**TILLICUM
SPIRIT
WEAR IS
AVAILABLE
NOW!**

TILLICUM PAC NEWS

The next PAC meeting will be held **April 19th at 6:30 pm in the library.** 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 -

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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.

Free Tennis Lessons for Families with Financial Challenges.

Once again **KATS** will be conducting free lessons (equipment provided). Classes start NOW!!!

At: Burnside Gorge, Vic West, Oaklands Community Centres and Crystal Pools.

See the Active Living Guide for dates.

Contact the Centres directly for registration.



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