



# 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

May 17	PAC Meeting <b>6:30-8pm in the library</b>
May 17	Rainbow Day
May 18	District School Transition Day
May 19	<b>Pro D Day - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS</b>
May 22	Victoria Day - School Closed
May 23	Bike Rodeo
May 24	Recognition Assembly
May 25	<b>PAC Spring Fair and Market</b>
May 29	Zone D Track Meet - UVic
June 1	City Track Finals - UVic

### Principal's Message

It is hard to believe that mid-May is near. With only seven full weeks of school left this year, we have much to do and much to celebrate. Many year-end activities are being planned in classrooms and throughout the school while we continue to focus on the critical classroom learning yet to be done. Next week, our grade 5 students will participate in transition day activities by visiting the middle school they will be attending in September. Our students will be well prepared for middle school and are getting very excited about moving on to the next stage of their schooling. As we prepare our grade 5's for transition to middle school, we have also welcomed our new kindergarten students with our Welcome to Kindergarten activity on May 4th. Tillicum athletes continue to train for our annual track meet to be held at the University of Victoria on Monday, May 29 from 10:15 – 1:45. Thank you to the many staff and parents who are able to support our students at this event and the practices leading up to

it. Parents are encouraged and welcome to join us at the university to cheer on our students.

Spring weather is finally making an appearance. It is time to be "Sun Safe". Light clothing, hats, sunscreen, appropriate footwear and plenty of water will help students enjoy outdoor activities in comfort.

Lori Burley,  
Principal

**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 in the office 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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## TRAFFIC REPORT

As most of you are aware, we have significant problems with traffic management at and around the school. Mrs. Burley recently met with representatives from the School District Health and Safety Department and Roadmasters Safety Group to observe and review concerns:

- Parents double park on the street to drop off students, resulting in
  - students crossing on a busy street between cars.
  - Traffic being stopped in both directions due to the narrow streets.
- Parents park in front of residents' driveways for extended periods of time to drop off students.

Roadmasters has provided the District with the following recommendations:

- Notify residents, via letter, of ongoing action being taken by the school/district to help resolve traffic infractions.
  - In addition, request that residents call the 'Streets and Traffic Department' through the Saanich Police to report traffic violations occurring in front of their homes.
- Increase signage to staff parking lot, with the intent that parents and the public will no longer use the lot as a student drop off area.
- Have the school contact the 'Streets and Traffic Department' through the Saanich Police to report those who are parked on Albina St. illegally from 8-9am and 2-4pm.
- Contact the City of Saanich to request a designated handicap parking spot on Orillia St. (Request was submitted last month)

The District will review and consult with the Municipality of Saanich about further actions required to address these safety concerns. Again, we ask that parents respect our neighbours by NOT parking in their driveways or blocking their access to the streets. For safety sake, please consider coming five minutes earlier, parking and walking with your child.

## PROUDLY REPRESENT TILLICUM SCHOOL

with fun, functional and fashionable clothing. Check out the Tillicum School Clothing Store.

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

PAC receives 10% of all sales!

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## PAC NEWS

The next PAC meeting will be held **May 17th at 6:30 pm in the library**. All welcome!

President - Christine Surridge - [cmsurridge@shaw.ca](mailto:cmsurridge@shaw.ca)

Vice President - Nicole Nyvall - [tnyvall@telus.net](mailto:tnyvall@telus.net)

Treasurer - Chandra Kraus - [chandrakraus@shaw.ca](mailto:chandrakraus@shaw.ca)

Secretary - Andrew Dunn - [andrewdunn@shaw.ca](mailto:andrewdunn@shaw.ca)

Market and Food For Fun - Lisa Gelling -

[lisagelling32@gmail.com](mailto: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.

## It's Election Time!

May is when we vote on our budget for the next school year and hold elections for the PAC executive. All positions are open. In particular, if any parent has an interest in being treasurer, or knows anyone outside our school community that would be willing to volunteer their time for this position, please attend our meeting on May 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Free childcare is provided. Attending PAC meetings is a great way to meet other parents and learn more about everything that happens at Tillicum School.

**VCPAC** is planning a training session, PAC 101, to provide people with information about PAC's role in schools and to offer some training for those volunteering in executive positions.

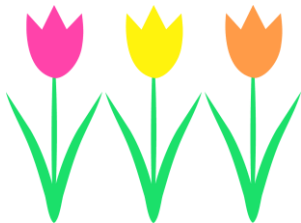
The date for this event is Tuesday May 16<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-9:00 pm. The location of this meeting is yet to be announced. A light meal will be served.

Superintendent, Piet Langstraat, will be participating in the discussion to help work out a plan for building and strengthening the partnership and team effort with school and District administration and PAC executives. Tillicum PAC strongly encourages interested parents to attend!

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### REMEMBER!! TILlicum PAC SPRING FAIR AND MARKET



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

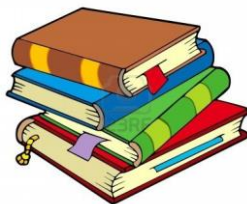
**MAY 25<sup>TH</sup> 3-7pm**

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. Reconnect with other families and people in your community - there's something for everyone!

Contact Allison Mackenzie by email at:  
[allisonmackenzie@shaw.ca](mailto:allisonmackenzie@shaw.ca)

AS WE GET CLOSER TO THE END OF ANOTHER SCHOOL YEAR, PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO LOOK FOR AND RETURN ANY MISPLACED LIBRARY BOOKS! EVEN IF YOU HAVE ALREADY PAID A FINE, WE ARE HAPPY TO REFUND YOUR MONEY, AND PUT THE BOOK(S) BACK INTO CIRCULATION! THE LOST AND FOUND BIN IS LOCATED AT THE BOTTOM OF THE STAIRS IN THE MAIN FOYER.



IT IS ALSO TIME TO CHECK THE LOST AND FOUND TO RETRIEVE PERSONAL ITEMS! WE HAVE PLENTY OF WINTER CLOTHING ITEMS, SHOES, AND OTHER SMALL ITEMS THAT NEED TO FIND THEIR WAY HOME BEFORE THE MIDDLE OF JUNE WHEN ALL LOST AND FOUND ITEMS WILL BE DONATED TO CHARITY.

## Tillicum Community School

### IN OUR COMMUNITY 1000X5

Need books for babies and Pre-schoolers  
Every Wednesday 1000X5 volunteers sort over 500 books donated by you – the wonderful families at over 35 Greater Victoria public and independent schools. Thanks to you we have sent over 130,000 books into homes. Currently we are running a bit short – can you take a look and fill the grey bin by the office door?

**Tim Horton's Timbits Challenge**, Sunday, June 4, 2017 at Legislature Buildings, part of the Robert Cameron Law Cycling Series p/b PISE– kids ages 3-10 get to race and also rub elbows with local Olympians and champions during the Tim Horton's Timbits Challenge. Kids get a T-Shirt, a medal, water bottle, and a box of Timbits! Registration is free, but must register via [www.victoriabikerace.com](http://www.victoriabikerace.com) as the field is limited to 150. Because of popular demand, the event has expanded to include 3- and 4-year olds (on a shorter course). There will also be bouncy castles and other games on the lawns.



*Walk on the wild side with the Greater Victoria Public Library's Summer Reading Club. In this free, self-paced reading program, your child will earn prizes for weekly reading, including stickers, a pizza coupon and a swim pass. To register, pick up a free reading record from any public library branch starting June 29. The library also offers more than 300 free programs for kids throughout the summer. Go to [gvpl.ca](http://gvpl.ca) for more information.*