



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 25	PAC Spring Fair and Market
May 26	Class placement input letters due
May 29-Jun 2	Bike to School Week
May 29	Zone D Track Meet - UVic
Jun 1	City Track Finals - UVic
Jun 7	Parent Appreciation Coffee 8:15-9:00 am
Jun 7	Recognition Assembly - gym 2 pm
Jun 9	Food For Fun
Jun 23	Beach Day - Gyro Park 9:30am - 2:30 pm
Jun 26	Fun Day Afternoon Outdoor activities 1:00-2:15 pm
Jun 28	Grade 5 Assembly - gym 10:45
Jun 29	Last Day of School for students
Jun 30	Administration Day - no school for students

Principal's Message

Hello Tillicum Families,

With only five weeks of school remaining, we have much to accomplish and much to celebrate.

Our track athletes will be participating in the Zone D Track Meet at U Vic on May 29th. Runners advancing to City Finals will receive notices and information on May 30th for the event on June 1st. I wish to congratulate all participants for their outstanding commitment and hard work preparing over the past weeks and to thank staff who have supported this important opportunity for our students. Good luck to our runners on May 29th!

Through our partnership with BGCA, students are enjoying: pedal power, community crusaders, farm to feast, and KATS tennis. Thank you to Travis for this creative programming and congratulations to you on

the arrival of your new baby! BGCA programs will resume on Monday, May 29th.

Our PISE programs have been very successful again this year with early morning Fit and Fuel running on Tuesdays and Fridays, and after school programs for grades 1-5 running Monday through Thursday. Thank you to Ms. Nadeau for your commitment to these very important programs.

Together, Tillicum students have read another 5000 nights and will enjoy an extra recess on Friday afternoon (weather permitting). They are already 400 nights

As the year winds down, we appreciate your continued support in ensuring that your children attend school regularly, participate in home reading and come to school prepared for learning, special outings and presentations. Your effort to maintain good communication between home and school and to support your child's learning makes a huge difference to their success at school. It is a pleasure to work in such a supportive community. I am looking forward to a very busy, exciting and productive month ahead.

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 professional staff at Tillicum will continue to put time and effort into forming balanced classes in accordance with the School Act of British Columbia.

Parental input is one important factor to be considered in the placement process. If you wish to provide input, please submit your written request

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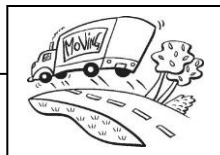
based on the following criteria: your child's strengths, needs and learning style; need for attention in social, emotional, and behavioural areas; need for learning assistance or access to special education services; interests, effort and independence. **Letters should be received in the office by May 26th.**

Student Enrolment Priorities

Enrolment projections indicate that the Greater Victoria School District could see an increase of 2,000 students over the next 10 years. When space is limited in a school, student enrolment priorities determine the order in which students will get into a school.

Thank you to the nearly 4,000 parents and students who responded to the recent student enrolment survey. Recommendations have now been developed by a Transfer and Registration Committee made up of staff, parents and Trustees. The recommendations will be discussed in May and June and formally considered by the Board of Education in June 2017. The recommendations propose the following changes for the 2018-2019 school year:

- Change to the order of registration priorities, placing higher priority on catchment students for both French and English programs
- Non-catchment students will need to apply for transfer at middle school and high school transitions. Recommendations also include:
 - Review of registration process to improve information, explore online registration options and identification requirements
 - A cap on the total number of International Students in the district, and equitable distribution across district schools. The detailed recommendations is available on website: <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/news-events/news/title/recommendations-for-student-enrolment-priorities/>



MOVING?

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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PAC NEWS

REMEMBER!! TILLICUM PAC SPRING FAIR AND MARKET TOMORROW



Join us for Raffle, Games, Market Vendors, Food Trucks and more!

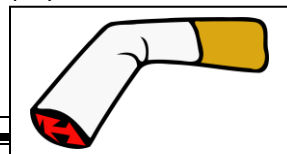
MAY 25TH 3-7pm

**Get your spirit wear!
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!

President - Christine SurrIDGE - cmsurrIDGE@shaw.ca
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Treasurer - POSITION VACANT
Secretary - Andrew Dunn - andrewdunn@shaw.ca
Market and Food For Fun - Lisa Gelling - lisagelling32@gmail.com

Elections were held at our last PAC meeting. The position of treasurer is still vacant. Please consider contributing to the PAC by donating some of your time! *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 returnable 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.

For the health and well-being of our students, IF YOU ARE A SMOKER, we ask that you kindly *do not use* the school play areas as an ashtray! Students play in the sand and wood chips with their bare hands and often crawl around in these areas during play time.



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