



Wednesday EXPRESS

(on Friday for this week only)

Tillicum Community School

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Our Website: <https://tillicum.sd61.bc.ca/>

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*

Sept 13 - PAC MEETING 6:30 pm - library
Sept 18 - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS - District ProD Day
Sept 28 - MEET THE TEACHER 4-5 pm in the classroom
FAMILY PIZZA SUPPER 5-6 pm outside
Sept 28 - 2:00 pm RECOGNITION ASSEMBLY (Grs 1-5)
Sept 30 - 1:30-2:30 pm Terry Fox Run
Dates to be announced - Vision and Hearing Screening for KINDERGARTEN students.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello Tillicum Families,

Welcome back to all returning students and staff. We are excited to have many new families and students joining us for the 2017/18 school year! And, we extend a warm welcome to all new staff as well.

My name is Brent Kelly. I have recently joined the staff at Tillicum as acting principal. I look forward to getting to know you and your children over the next few weeks.

As you are aware, the Tillicum School community has suffered a big loss with the recent passing of Mrs. Burley. Of course, this tragic news impacts all of us and we thank you for your understanding and compassion as we work together through the grieving process. Attached to this newsletter is some resource information for families. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

As mentioned, we have had a significant increase in our student population this year. As a result,

class placements and staffing will be changing over the next week. Teachers and support staff will work closely to maintain and support student learning during this time of transition. An up-to-date staff list will be posted on the website and included in our newsletter when all positions and classroom arrangements have been finalized.

As always, Tillicum is a busy place. There are many opportunities outside of class time at Tillicum in which students can become involved. Information and registration forms for the various extracurricular programs will be available within the next couple of weeks.

A package of very important school documents will be sent home with students on Monday. Please take the time to read, update, sign and return these to your child's classroom teacher as soon as possible. The white student information verification form is extremely important as it is vital that we have current contact information for you and your child on file. Please take extra care to review the verification form as much of the information has been lost or rearranged in strange ways during the District's transition to a new database. Thank you for your patience and help with this!

Please feel free to stop into the office or call me if you have any questions or concerns.

Brent Kelly,
Principal

Remember there's no such thing as a small act of kindness. Every act creates a ripple with no logical end.

Scott Adams



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AFTER SCHOOL AND LUNCH PROGRAMS

Registration for Burnside/Gorge Programs Lunch time activities will be starting next week. Registered after-school programs will start the week of September 18th. Make sure to get your forms in asap as spaces fill quickly!

Registration for PISE Before and After Programs will also start next week September 25th. Forms will be distributed to classrooms by grade level. Once again, these programs are very popular, so we recommend you return your paperwork asap.

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 ask that you practice having students come and go through the Orillia entrance or any of the smaller entrances in the fence around the perimeter of the school.

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 a block or two if needed!



Terry Fox
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Starting on Monday, September 27th please send in coins for the Terry Fox Foundation (to raise money for Cancer Research). We will be collecting:

- Monday, Sept. 26th – Nickels**
- Tuesday, Sept. 27th – Dimes**
- Wednesday, Sept. 28th – Quarters**
- Thursday, Sept. 29th – Loonies**
- Friday, Sept. 30th – Toonies**

Our school-wide **Terry Fox Run** will be Friday, September 30th at 1:30.

School Meal Program begins on Monday, September 11. Forms can be dropped off in the meal program slot in the office or to your child's teacher. Each month a new permission form and menu will be available. Additional menus and permission forms available at the top of the ramp across from the boys washroom. Information is also available on the school website.

PAC NEWS

FIRST MEETING FOR THIS SCHOOL YEAR IS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 AT 6:30 PM IN THE LIBRARY. Everyone welcome! Child minding is available.

Delivery of several online school supply orders was delayed. We are working with MONK Office Supplies to get this sorted out as quickly as possible. Thank you for your patience!



1000x5

Volunteers met last week and sent off 630 books to the Mustard Seed.

1000X5 is thrilled to begin our sixth year of a formal partnership with the Greater Victoria School District and to have donated 110,000 books to homes in need of support with early literacy. We need your books and thankfully every week a new shipment is there.

The grey donation bin is available by the office for you to drop off gently used pre-school level books.

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