



# Wednesday EXPRESS

(on Friday for this week only)

## Tillicum Community School

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October 4, 2017

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\***

- Oct 5 Picture Day
- Oct 6 Food For Fun
- Oct 6 Cops For Cancer - Tillicum Mall
- Oct 9 Thanksgiving Day - School Closed
- Oct 11&12 Parent/Teacher Interviews**  
**Early Dismissal @ 11:45 am**
- LUNCH and after-school programming are cancelled on both days.**
- Oct 11&12 Scholastic Book Fair in the gym**
- Oct 11 PAC meeting @ 6:30 in the library
- Oct 13 Fire Drill with Fire Department
- Oct 18 Recognition Assembly in the gym @2:10 pm

### **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

**Hello Tillicum Families,**

October is a very busy month at Tillicum. Tomorrow is photo day. Your order form and payment are to be handed into the photographer by your child. We do not have change for payment at the office. **Life Touch will be back to Tillicum on November 15th for photo retakes. If you are not satisfied with your child's photo, please return the original package of photos on November 15th and your child will have a picture retaken. If your child missed the opportunity to have a photo taken or to order a package, you may do so at this time.**

Next Wednesday and Thursday are parent/teacher interviews. These meetings are important in establishing strong partnerships and good communication to support our students in their success at school. Thank you to parents and staff for their time and efforts. If you are unable to meet with your child's teacher next week, please make alternate arrangements to meet and discuss your child's educational program at a time that will work for you.

Classrooms continue to be active, meaningful learning environments, participation in nightly home reading is increasing and students are busy with extra activities both

in and out of classes. We are pleased to have expanded programming this year with after-school sessions each day of the week and two before school Fit & Fuel sessions happening on Tuesday and Thursday. Over the year, all students will have an opportunity to participate in at least one of the three intakes. In addition, there are noon hour and after school opportunities offered by our community school partner, Burnside Gorge Community Association. Courtney distributes registration forms to interested students at the beginning of each scheduled intake. If your child is interested, please send in the forms right away as the programs are very popular and fill fast. Students have the opportunity to participate in the Turkey Trot this week and will enjoy the Pumpkin Run during the last week of October. *Thank you to Mrs. Dagg for organizing these activities for our students to participate in physical activity as well as have a chance to win prizes!*

A reminder for all volunteer drivers that we need updated driver information and insurance forms, as well as a criminal record check and driver's abstract in the office before you are able to drive students on field trips. Thanks to those families who have completed this process already, to the PAC for their hard work and generosity in supporting field trips for all Tillicum students, and to all who volunteer their time to drive and chaperone on these outings. The support of our parent community is appreciated and contributes greatly to the enriching experience our students enjoy at Tillicum.

Constable Cownden will be at Tillicum on October 25 presenting Halloween safety talks for our students. Please review safe Halloween behaviors with your children as a follow up to these presentations. Tillicum's October theme day is Black and Orange day on Tuesday, October 31st. **No costumes** will be worn to school, but all staff and students will be encouraged to show spirit by wearing black and orange. Thank you.

**Brent Kelly,**  
**Acting Principal**

Please report your child's  
lates or absences to the office.  
Call 250-386-1408.

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**Terry Fox**  
1958-1981

Thank you to Tillicum families for all the coins and donations sent in for the Terry Fox Foundation. The total raised was \$1010.09! Congratulations to all participants on the great efforts at Friday's run.

**TILLICUM ROCKS!**

### PAC NEWS

- FOLLOWING PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS - THE NEXT PAC MEETING IS WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11 AT 6:30 PM IN THE LIBRARY. Everyone welcome! Child minding is available.
- FOOD FOR FUN - October 6
- TILLICUM CHRISTMAS MARKET - Saturday, November 18 from 10am-3pm
- McKenzie Elementary speaker presentation - see details on the flipside of the October calendar.

### YOUR EXECUTIVE FOR 2017/18

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### Choir Kids

Practices will begin on Thursdays at lunch time for those grade 1 and 2 students who have signed up for Junior Choir.

### OCTOBER 8-14, 2017

...is Fire Prevention week. The theme this year is "Every Second Counts: Plan Two Ways Out!" There are activities planned in classrooms throughout the week culminating with a school fire drill on Friday, October 13. The Saanich Fire Department will be in attendance, assess our efficiency, and give us feedback. We ask that families support this very important safety exercise by taking the time to make an evacuation plan and practicing at home as well.



*Please visit the book fair* during parent-teacher interviews next week. There will be plenty of books for sale to motivate your child to read. This is a fundraiser for our school library.

Dates: Wednesday, October 11th Tillicum Gym  
From 11:45 am to 6:00 pm  
Thursday, October 12th Tillicum Gym  
From 11:45 am to 4:00 pm

**Our thanks to Norman G and his mum, Kyla, for watering our boulevard trees and the kindergarten vegetable garden throughout the month of July.**



### **SAANICH ROADWAY UPGRADES SCHEDULED FOR THIS FALL**

The District of Saanich has announced that the improvement project will be undertaken on Tillicum Road between the Trans-Canada Highway and Burnside Road will begin on October 2. ***There will be traffic delays and disruptions, please plan your commute accordingly.***

**FALL CROSS-COUNTRY Practices are Wednesday and Friday mornings at 8:15 am until the end of the season.**

**Upcoming meets area:** Tuesday, October 10 (Lambrick Park) and Monday, October 16 (Clover Point).

City Finals will be held at Beacon Hill Park at 1 pm on Monday, October 23.

***Participation in meets is dependent upon consistent attendance at practices.***

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