



Wednesday EXPRESS

Tillicum Community School

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November 1, 2017

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

Mission Statement

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IMPORTANT DATES*

Nov 1	Recognition Assembly - gym	2:10 pm
Nov 4	Honouring Mrs. Burley - school library	1-2 pm
Nov 8	Childhood Anxiety Presentation - McKenzie School. (SEE ATTACHED)	6-8 pm
	This is a free event but registration is required	
Nov 10	Remembrance Day Assembly and Colour Parade	10:45-11:45 am
Nov 13	School Closed in lieu of Remembrance Day	
Nov 14	WITS/LEADS presentations with Constable Cowndon - sessions will run all day for each grade group	
Nov 15	RETAKES with Life Touch	
Nov 15	Recognition Assembly - gym	2:10 pm
Nov 15	PAC meeting - library	6:30 pm
Nov 18	TILlicum PAC CRAFT MARKET - gym	10am-4pm
Nov 24	PRO D DAY - no school for students	

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

November brings short days, rain, wind and cooler temperatures. As weather permits, students will continue enjoying outdoor recess and lunch time play opportunities. Please ensure that your child has a warm, waterproof jacket and boots.

Spending more time indoors also raises concerns over the transmission of flu and colds. Frequent hand washing, and teaching of proper coughing and sneezing practices continue to be emphasized at Tillicum. Thank you for your support by keeping your child home if he/she is sick where they can rest and recover most quickly. We also appreciate the many phone calls from parents informing us of their child's absence. It's not only an important part of student safety; it's also helpful to us in managing the spread of illness in the school.

As darkness falls earlier with each day, it is important that students are aware of safe routes home and that all drivers exercise extreme caution in our student drop off and pick up zones. PLEASE do not drop your child off in the middle of the street. The staff parking lot and fire lanes are *NOT* for student drop off or pick up. Parents are reminded to use the designated areas for drop-off and pick-up. Please plan accordingly and park and walk to school with your child as necessary. We thank you for continuing to support our safe drop off and pick up routines.

You may have noticed our Home Reading "Thermometer" in the main hallway. Your support with daily home reading is appreciated and goes a long way in promoting the life-long skill of reading with our students. Collectively, students at Tillicum have completed over 2000 nights of home reading. We all look forward to celebrating our goal for this term of 5000 nights with an extra afternoon recess! Tillicum continues to be an outstanding place for students to do their learning because of the many partnerships we enjoy. Parents, relatives, community members and groups support the great work being done at Tillicum in so many ways. It is my privilege and pleasure to work with such an amazing community of people. Thank you!

Brent Kelly

Our crossing guard will be away each Thursday afternoon until after the winter break. Please remind your children to use extreme caution when crossing Burnside Road, wait for the light, make eye contact with drivers before crossing, and stay in the crosswalk.



Our REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY is on November 10th at 10:45 am. Students who are involved in clubs or organization that issue uniforms are invited to wear their uniforms and join our colour parade. *Please let your homeroom teacher know if your child is able to participate.*

For safety sake, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE AT 250-386-1408 TO LET US KNOW IF YOUR CHILD WILL BE ABSENT OR LATE.



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PHOTO RETAKE DAY is Wednesday, November 15th. If your child did NOT have a picture taken you will need an order form. Please let your child's classroom teacher know that you need a form or stop in at the office to pick one up. Fill out the order form and put your money into the envelope. Send the envelope with your child to school on retake day. Students hand the orders directly to the photographer. OR, you can place order on-line by following the instructions on the order envelope. Do NOT fill out another order form for retakes.

If you aren't satisfied with your child's photos, your child will need to return the pictures in the original envelope to the photographer. A new photo will be taken and the original photos and envelope will be returned to Lifetouch so they can track your order.

Fifth Disease has been reported in the school.

At the start of this viral illness, the person has red cheeks ("slapped face" appearance), followed 1-4 days later by a lacy pink rash on the body and limbs. The rash may come and go for several weeks in response to changes in temperature and sunlight. There is no medicine to stop or treat it. Fifth disease is much more common in children than adults.

A person with fifth disease can spread it to others by coughing or sneezing. Sometimes you can get the disease just by touching the saliva or nasal discharge (e.g. a wet hanky or tissue) of a person with the disease and then touching your own eyes or mouth. Once the rash appears, the person can no longer pass it on to anyone else.

A pregnant woman who gets fifth disease can pass it to her unborn baby.

Frequent hand washing with soap and running water helps prevent it from spreading. Anyone with fifth disease should avoid being around pregnant women.

A child can return to school when feeling well, even if a rash is present. (The rash may last several weeks.)

For more information contact:

- ◆ Your local [Public Health Unit](#)
- ◆ [HealthLinkBC](#) or dial 8-1-1 (a free call)
- ◆ Your doctor

SPORTS CORNER

Tillicum Thunder Sharks Swim Team starts November 1. We have a small group of committed and excited swimmers ready to show off their stuff in the pool. Currently, the team is full, but please talk to Ms Kushnir if you are interested.

FALL CROSS-COUNTRY TEAM

Congratulations to Tillicum runners on their fine efforts at City Finals!

TILLICUM GR 4/5 SOCCER TEAM

Congratulations on outstanding play at Spectrum Family Soccer Jamboree!

TILLICUM R.O.C.K.S!

PAC NEWS

Lots of things are happening for the Tillicum PAC in November and December: The Christmas Market, the Purdy's Chocolates fundraiser, another Victoria Royals hockey game, and the ever-popular Gift Sale - just to name a few! We will need baking for the bake sale and volunteers for the craft market. Please watch for our PAC newsletter, coming out this week, which will explain everything in more detail.

Don't forget our ONGOING fundraisers:

Fairway Market Grocery cards (available in the office). Five percent of all purchases are returned to the Tillicum PAC.

BOTTLE DEPOT: You can take your returnables to any bottle depot and donate your refund to Tillicum PAC. All funds raised go toward field trips, in-school visits, and special projects (such as playgrounds, library) in the school.

Our next PAC meeting is November 15th at 6:30 pm in the library - all welcome!

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