



# Wednesday EXPRESS

## 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\*

Dec 14 Tillicum STUDENT Gift Sale - gym 3:30-6:00 pm  
 Dec 20 Winter Concert Dress Rehearsal 10:30 am  
 (Students' opportunity to enjoy the concert)  
**Evening Performance 6:00 pm\***  
 Dec 21 Winter Concert Performance 1:15 pm  
 Dec 22 Last day before winter break  
 Dec 23-Jan 7 SCHOOL IS CLOSED FOR WINTER BREAK  
 Jan 8 Back to school!  
 Jan 16 Swimming lessons for grade 3 students begins -  
 remember to bring a bathing suit

**\*For the Wednesday evening performance, each student is allowed two guests as seating is limited. Please drop off your child at the front door of the school (Orillia side) at 5:45 pm. Then, proceed directly to the gym entrance (Orillia side) for admittance at 6 pm. Students will stay in their classrooms during the concert.**

#### Dear Tillicum Families,

As students, staff and families prepare for the winter break, it is my pleasure to reflect on this very full term of learning, relationship building, and planning for future successes here at Tillicum. This term has brought many changes and a difficult loss with the passing of long-time principal, Mrs. Burley. We miss her deeply. I am pleased to announce that the School District Board of Directors has formally approved the naming of the Tillicum school library, "The Lori Burley Learning Commons" in memory of Mrs. Burley and the tremendous work she did for this school and community.

I truly appreciate the dedication of staff and the support of families as we continue focusing on literacy and numeracy skills for students. Tillicum students make strong efforts in classrooms and show commitment to being the best learners they can be. Clear, regular communication with classroom teachers, whether you drop into the school, phone, email, use the home school agenda or class dojo, is very helpful in ensuring that our students' needs are being met and successes are achieved.

At this time of year, especially, Mrs. Awalt deserves a special thank you for the extra time she spends with the senior choir. We are always proud of their excellent performances! I would also like to acknowledge the time Mr Wilson gives to art and set design and the extra efforts Mrs Crystal puts into the staging and production of the grade 5 drama. We are looking forward to another fantastic concert next week!

The contributions of our PAC are also very much appreciated. We are extremely fortunate to have such a dedicated, energetic team of volunteers willing to work so very hard to bring many opportunities and activities to our students to enrich their educational experience. Food for fun, the gift sale (tomorrow) and the winter fair are but a few of the PAC sponsored events that contribute so much to the culture of our school and community.

It takes incredible team effort and support to make Tillicum School the great place that it is!

Finally, I would like to extend my warmest wishes for a safe, relaxing, and rejuvenating holiday season to all of you.

Brent Kelly,  
 Acting Principal



#### STUDENT PICK-UP AND DROP-OFF

PLEASE do not park in, or block, our neighbours' driveways before or after school. We continue to receive complaints about parents parking, leaving their cars in, or blocking the driveways of homes in the area.

We also ask that you refrain from stopping in our busy bus zone on Orillia Street.

Plan an extra couple of minutes into your daily routine to park safely and walk with your child as necessary.

Please model: **Respect, Organization, Cooperation, Kindness, and Safety** for our students!

**HOME READING PROGRAM** *Well done Tillicum students! Together you have read over 5000 nights and will enjoy a well-earned, extra recess. READ ON, TILLICUM!*

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## TILLICUM SPORTS CORNER

Tillicum Thunderbirds Basketball Team is practicing on Monday and Thursday mornings in the gym at 8:15 am. They are working on skills and team play in preparation for the Spectrum Family Jamboree that will be coming up early in the New Year.

Tillicum Thundersharks Swim Team continues their Wednesday afternoon training sessions at Commonwealth Pool. Stand Up and Race Meet will be held Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup>. This is an important event for new and novice swimmers in preparation for the Elementary/Middle School Preliminary and City Final meets in February.

### STAY ACTIVE!

There will be NEW INTAKES FOR PISE AND BURNSIDE-GORGE before and after school PROGRAMS in January. Registration information and forms will be available in the first and second weeks of the New Year.

**There will be NO PISE December 14<sup>th</sup> due to the gift sale. ALL PISE PROGRAMS end on December 15<sup>th</sup>. No PISE December 14 - 18. Stay tuned for intake information for programs starting in the New Year and register quickly as programs fill up fast.**



Mrs. Dagg's grade one and Mr. Wilson's grade three/four classes would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Tillicum School granola bar drive. On December 7<sup>th</sup>, Mrs Dagg and several families were able to donate 1458 granola bars on behalf of our school! Good work everyone!

## PAC NEWS

### FUNDRAISERS:

#### Tillicum School's Annual Gift Sale

Thursday, December 14, 3:30 - 6:00pm, in the gym.

Kids can buy gifts. Bring a list of people you wish to buy for. No parents allowed!

While you wait, there will be coffee for parents and baked goods for purchase by donation.

**Thank you for your generous gift donations!**

Royals Tickets Thank you to all the families that have bought and sold tickets for the Victoria Royals so far. Also, tickets for the remaining games will make great stocking stuffers! January 13<sup>th</sup> is Country night and the Kamloops Blazers will be in town! Contact Christine Surridge to purchase tickets [cmsurridge@shaw.ca](mailto:cmsurridge@shaw.ca) or 250-727-2552.

Grocery Cards Get a Fairway Market card from the office, load it with whatever amount you choose. Five percent of all purchases you make on the card are donated directly to our PAC.

Refundables Bottles, cans and returnables may be dropped off at any Bottle Depot and proceeds donated directly to the Tillicum PAC account.

### EVENTS:

#### Parent Education - Save the Date:

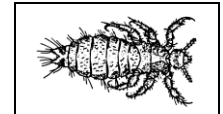
Tillicum PAC together with Colquitz and Spectrum, will be hosting a parent education seminar the evening of Monday, **February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018**. The speaker will be **Jesse Miller**, a nationally recognized presenter, who will provide a parent seminar on the topics of **social media awareness, internet safety, and the appropriate use of mobile technology**. This event will be free of charge but a ticket system will be used. Look for information on tickets early in 2018.

***NEXT PAC MEETING IS Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8:00 pm. All welcome! Child care is available.***

## Head LICE Awareness

Head lice are common in BC communities. Although they are a bother, head lice are not a health risk. Head lice spread quickly by close, head-to-head contact. Lice cannot live on furniture or carpet, and they cannot jump or fly. There may be few or no symptoms, but itching may occur. You can help stop the spread of head lice by

- checking your child's head with the wet combing method of detection once a week throughout the year
- encouraging your child to wear their hair tied back.
- treating if you notice live lice on your child's head.
- Reminding family and friends about the importance of routine head checks.



For more information: ☞ Read the HealthLink BC File on Head Lice HealthLink BC File #06 Head Lice. Contact your local Public Health Unit.

**LOST AND FOUND ARTICLES WILL BE** displayed in the lower hallway during the last week of school before the winter break. Please take the time to claim any lost items before December 20. All unclaimed items will be donated to charity.

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