



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*

Jan 10 PAC MEETING - library 6:30-8pm. All welcome!

Jan 11 Choir Kids program resumes at lunch time. All junior choir members to meet in the library at lunch recess.

Jan 15-10 PISE after school and Burnside Gorge after school programs begin next week! Be sure to register as soon as you can as these programs are very popular and fill quickly!

Jan 16 Swimming lessons for grade 3 students begins - remember to bring a bathing suit, quarter, and towel EVERY TUESDAY until March 6.

Jan 22 School-based PRO D

Jan 29-Feb 1 Kindergarten registration week - please see important registration information from the District attached.

Dear Tillicum Families,

Welcome back and Happy New Year! Students and staff have returned to school full of energy and enthusiasm for learning.

First of all, I would like to remind all grade 3 students and their families that our Grade 3 swimming lessons begin next Tuesday and will be happening each Tuesday afternoon through to, and including March 6th.

As usual, plenty of the extra-curricular activities are being offered for students at recess, lunch and after school including: Junior Choir (Gr. 1 & 2) and Choir (Gr. 3,4,5). Burnside Gorge Community Association (BGCA) is offering a new series of activities and programs this term. Registration forms were distributed by Courtney on Monday to all students who have expressed an interest in joining. Extra forms are available in the office. Please make sure to return your child's registration forms to the office as soon as possible because these programs always fill very quickly!

We are also pleased to welcome back our partners from the Pacific Institute for Sports Excellence (PISE) who will continue to offer after school sport opportunities for

our students Monday through Friday, and Fit and Fuel programs on Tuesday and Friday mornings. Registration forms for PISE programs have been distributed to all interested students and extras are available in the office. This term's programs will begin the week of Jan 15-19.

Space is limited and registration happens very quickly so please make sure to return completed forms to the school as soon as you are able.

Thank you to all families supporting our Home Reading program. Just before the winter break our students earned an extra recess by collectively reading 5000 nights. Children enjoyed an extra afternoon recess during our last week before winter break. Be reminded that every class participates in Home Reading in some format. Your child should be reading with/to an adult or discussing the book they are reading at home with an adult for about 10 – 20 minutes daily. Please check with your child's teacher if you are not sure about specific Home Reading expectations for the class.

We are preparing for the 2018-19 school year.

Kindergarten Registration and School Transfers for September 2018 will be the week of January 29-February 2. This year, and going forward, the District requires additional "proof of address" documentation for all NEW registrants. *These new regulations MAY affect some of our grade 5 students' transitions to Middle School. Please read the information attached so you are aware of the new processes and requirements. (see attached)*

Finally, I would like to remind parents that our students enjoy daily outdoor activities. It is important that you ensure your child is dressed appropriately with boots or warm shoes, mitts/gloves, hats and coats.

Thank you,
Brent Kelly, Principal

Please call 250-386-1408 to report if your child will be late or absent. Thank you!



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TILLICUM SPORTS CORNER

Tillicum Thunderbirds Basketball Team will resume practices January 15th and will continue on Monday and Thursday mornings in the gym at 8:15 am. Athletes are working on skills and team play in preparation for the Spectrum Family Jamboree which will be held in the afternoon on Wednesday, February 28th.

Tillicum Thundersharks Swim Team will continue their Wednesday afternoon training sessions at Commonwealth Pool starting on Wednesday, January 17. Stand Up and Race Meet will be held Saturday, January 20th. This is an important event for new and novice swimmers in preparation for the Elementary/Middle School Preliminary and City Final meets in February.

PISE before and after-School Programs start next week. Registration forms have been distributed to all students who express interest in joining. If your child did NOT bring home a registration form and you would like them to participate, extra registration forms are available in the office.

Burnside-Gorge after-school programs are also starting next week. Courtney distributed registration forms to all students who expressed interest in participating. Extra forms are available from the office.

Eat well and stay active in 2018!

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.



PAC NEWS

FUNDRAISERS:

Royals Tickets Thank you to all the families that have bought and sold tickets for the Victoria Royals so far. January 13th is Country night and the Kamloops Blazers will be in town! Contact Christine SurrIDGE to purchase tickets 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:

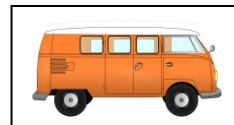
Parent Education Opportunity: Tillicum PAC together with Colquitz and Spectrum, will be hosting a parent education seminar the evening of Monday, **February 5th, 2018**. The speaker will be **Jesse Miller**, a nationally recognized presenter, who will provide a parent seminar on the topics of **social media awareness, internet safety, and the appropriate use of mobile technology**. This event is free of charge but a ticket system will be used. Free tickets can be reserved by following the instructions in the attached poster.

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

THE next Food For Fun is February 2nd and the one after is March 16th.

STUDENT PICK-UP AND DROP-OFF

Let's start 2018 right! Be reminded that student drop off is on Orillia Street. Please do NOT drop your child(ren) off in the staff parking lot. Please do NOT park in, or block, our neighbours' driveways.



We ask you to model Tillicum ROCKS: Respect, Organization, Cooperation, Kindness, and Safety for our students!

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