



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

Feb 2 Food For Fun

Feb 12 FAMILY DAY - School closed

Feb 14 Recognition Assembly - 2:15 pm in the gym

Feb 15-23 K-12 Transfer Process

Feb 22 Victoria Symphony Concert Grs 2&4 at UVic

Feb 23 PRO D - No school for students

Feb 28 Pink Shirt Day

Basketball Tournament Spectrum High School
Recognition Assembly - 2:15 pm in the gym

Dear Tillicum Families,

It's hard to believe that January 2018 is already more than gone! We have had some staffing changes to start the New Year. Welcome back to: Ms. Cathcart - Division 3 who returned from maternity leave in December, Ms. Coles - Division 8, who is temporarily here until Spring break in Ms. Nault's absence, Ms. Longnecker - Division 19 who will be in the classroom on Wednesdays until the end of this school year, Ms Taylor - Division 5, who joined us in December, Ms. Endean - Division 10, who is replacing Mrs. Leaker who retired in December. Thank you, also, to Ms. Mulvihull - Division 15, who has been in the classroom during Ms. Sherrington's absence. Finally, we welcome Mr. Jeff Duyndam who has accepted the position of principal. Mr. Duyndam will be transitioning from his position as Vice Principal at Glanford Middle School over the coming weeks. He will be at Tillicum on Wednesdays until spring break and will take over as principal in a full-time capacity on April 4th.

Students and staff have been busy with learning both in and out of the classroom. Our before, lunch-time, and after-school programs began again last week. Thank you to our partners, Burnside-Gorge Community Association, PISE, the District of Saanich, and to the

many community and staff members who make these opportunities possible for our students. Tillicum is a busy place!

Thank you to families for supporting our home reading program. 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.

Students recently enjoyed an extra recess that they earned by collectively reading for 5000 nights. I am happy to report that students already have read 1100 hours toward our next reading goal!

Kindergarten Registration for September 2018 will be underway next week. Any student born in 2013 is eligible to register for kindergarten for next school year. We strongly recommend that you attend the office to register your child as early during registration week as you can. Please review the new registration protocol from the School District - attached. Also of note, we will be hosting our "Welcome to Kindergarten" on May 10th from 9:30-11 am. More information about this special morning for our new students will be made available closer to the date.

Finally, if you have a child attending grade 5, please note the dates of upcoming Middle School information nights attached. Our catchment schools are: Shoreline (late French Immersion) was held January 22, If you missed this date, please contact Shoreline School at 250-386-8367, and Colquitz - February 7, 7-8:30 pm. Thank you to staff, families and students for all of your efforts in this New Year. If you have any questions, concerns or comments you would like to share, please stop by the office. My door is always open.

Brent Kelly,
Principal

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

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PAC NEWS

FUNDRAISERS:

Royals Tickets

Thank you to all the families that have bought and sold tickets for the Victoria Royals so far. Unfortunately, we had 18 unsold tickets for the game on January 13th. That reduces our fundraising profit by \$243. Hopefully, we will sell all our remaining tickets and keep the rest of our hard earned dollars. This money goes towards so many things for all of our Tillicum students. The next game is Saturday, Feb 24th when the Portland Winterhawks will be in town for Pink in the Rink. Even if you can't go yourself, please spread the word. 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.

Food For Fun is Friday, February 2nd and the one after will be March 16th.

The next PAC MEETING is February 14, 2018, at 6:15 pm. All welcome. Childcare provided.

TILLICUM SPORTS CORNER

Tillicum Thunderbirds Basketball Team is practicing 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 is coming up on Wednesday, February 28th.

Tillicum Thundersharks Swim Team continues their Wednesday afternoon training sessions at Commonwealth Pool on Wednesdays after school. Team members meet at the fish tank at the bell. Thank you to the volunteer drivers and to Ms. Kushnir for making this happen for our swimmers! Congratulations to those who participated at the Stand Up and Swim Meet on January 14th. We are looking forward to our divisional meet and city finals which will be held later in February. Dates yet to be confirmed.

PISE before and after-School Programs start next week.

All PISE/Fit and Fuel programs are up and running. There is still room for more participants in the Tuesday and Friday morning programs. Please see Ms Nadeau if you would like to try it out!

Burnside-Gorge after-school programs All of Courtney's after school programs are running at full capacity. Daily lunch-time gym programs are also enjoyed by students from Grades 1-5.

Six weeks of after-school WATER COLOUR painting classes are being offered for Grade 3 and 4 students, on Thursday afternoons from 2:45 - 4:30 pm, Feb 1st through March 8th.

Registration forms will be distributed to grand 3 and 4 students who express an interest. Extra registration forms are available at the office.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS - A reminder that students must be picked up from their after-school activities promptly. Late pick up will result in discontinuation of service.



READY, SET, LEARN - Two free events will be held on Tuesday, January 30th at the Songhees Wellness Center (4:30-7 pm) and Wednesday, April 18th at Saanich Neighbourhood Place in the Pearkes Rec Centre (5:30-7:30 pm). See details attached.

Visit our website at:

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

Welcome to the Greater Victoria School District

Each student within our world-class learning community has the opportunity to fulfill their potential and pursue their aspirations.

Located in the Capital Region of British Columbia with schools in the communities of **Esquimalt, Oak Bay, Victoria, View Royal** and **Saanich**, we are proud to provide quality education for 20,000 students in 27 elementary schools (kindergarten to grade 5), 10 middle schools (grades 6-8), and 7 secondary schools (grades 9-12). Over 1,000 International Students attend schools in our District, and each year, over 650 adult learners register in the Continuing Education Program.

What Documents Are Required To Register For School?

To register a student in any school, a parent or legal guardian must provide school-age eligibility, proof of citizenship and proof of home address.



School Age Eligibility and Citizenship

A child must reach five years of age by December 31st of the school year to be eligible for enrolment. Documentation can include:

- Child's original Birth Certificate
- Canadian Passport
- Landed Immigrant authorization
- Indigenous and Northern Affairs Status Card

Parents of children who are not Canadian Citizens, Landed Immigrants, or do not have a birth certificate for their child must contact the International Student Program by calling 250.592.6871, prior to registration.

Proof of Residential Address

Every home address in the Greater Victoria School District is connected to a catchment school. Students must register at their catchment school. To determine which schools are associated with a home address, visit the **School Locator Tool** at www.sd61.bc.ca. Type in the address and it will indicate which school the student should attend based on their residential address.

For Home Owners

Two current copies of the following documents are required:

- Purchase agreement of home
- Property tax statement
- Home owner's insurance
- Notice of Assessment
- A purchase agreement (with subject removal and a deposit receipt if a recent purchase)

If a homeowner is only able to produce one of the above, they must also produce two of the following:

- Canadian bank or credit card statement
- BC vehicle registration
- Income tax statement
- Insurance documents

For Renters

To provide proof of home address the following is required: In addition, two of the following are required:

- A rental agreement signed by landlord with landlords contact phone number

- Canadian bank or credit card statement
- BC vehicle registration
- Income tax statement
- Renters Insurance documents

Kindergarten

Full-day Kindergarten programs are offered in every elementary school. Kindergarten establishes a strong foundation for lifelong learning, as teachers provide dynamic, play-based opportunities to help each child grow and learn. Child-centered programs develop a sense of well-being and belonging and offer opportunities for exploring, creative play, developing language and literacy, and focusing on social responsibility and diversity.

Kindergarten Student Transfer Process

Parents who wish to have their kindergarten child attend a school other than their catchment school can submit a transfer application at their catchment school during Kindergarten Registration Week.

At the end of Kindergarten Registration Week, the enrolment numbers of in-catchment students at each school are reviewed. Once all catchment students have been accommodated, transfer applications will be considered based on the Student Enrolment Priorities. If a student is not approved for a transfer during registration they can apply again for a different school during the K-12 Transfer Process.

Early French Immersion (Kindergarten and Grade One)

Any student entering Kindergarten or grade one can enroll in French Immersion at their French catchment school. French Immersion is a District program offered at nine elementary schools. No prior knowledge of French is expected or required and transportation is the responsibility of parents.

Late French Immersion (Grade Six)

Late entry to French Immersion is offered to any student entering grade six. It is a District program offered in five middle schools. Transportation is the responsibility of the parents. There are no designated catchment schools for entry into Late French Immersion. Applications are accepted on a first come, first served basis according to the following priorities:

- In District Sibling
- In District
- Out of District Sibling
- Out of District

Elementary Programs/Schools Of Choice

There are two elementary schools of choice where the District is the catchment: Cloverdale & South Park. These schools are open to all students to register at. There is also an Aboriginal Kindergarten program at Craigflower Elementary School designed to integrate Aboriginal values into the Provincial curriculum. Contact the respective school for more information.

There are a variety of secondary programs of choice and career programs offered to meet the diverse needs and interests of students. Registration is based on specific criteria through a separate application process. A transfer application is not required. Please refer to secondary school websites for more information.

Which School Do We Register At?

Each home address is associated with an elementary, middle and secondary school. To determine which schools are associated with your home address, visit www.sd61.bc.ca and click on **Schools** and then **School Locator Tool**. Type in the address and it will indicate which school the student should attend based on their residential address for both English and French Immersion.



Can We Choose To Attend A Different School Than Our Catchment School?



Students wishing to attend at a school outside of their English or French catchment school must apply to transfer. Transfer requests can be made at your catchment school when registering for Kindergarten, or at your current school at any grade level during the annual Student Transfer Process. Transfer applications are reviewed based on the Student Enrolment Priorities and the availability of space at the desired school. When there are fewer spaces than the number of applicants a lottery will take place in accordance with the Student Enrolment Priorities.

School Catchment Pathways

Each school belongs to a Family of Schools. The school groupings consist of school pathways where in-catchment students follow a determined school pathway through their transitions from elementary to middle and middle to secondary. Non-catchment students no longer automatically follow the school pathway and transition to the catchment pathway school. If a student attends a non-catchment school in elementary or middle school, they must apply to transfer to their non-catchment middle or secondary school during the K-12 Student Transfer Process.

How Is It Decided Which Student Gets In When Schools Are Full?



When there are more students than a school can accommodate, enrolment will be approved based on the following priorities:

1. re-enrolling students
2. a catchment area sibling
3. a catchment area child
4. a non-catchment sibling
5. a non-catchment child
6. a non-school district child

Student enrolment priorities apply to all new registrations, transfer requests, elementary to middle and middle to secondary transitions, for English and French programs.

In the event space is limited and a middle or secondary school cannot accept all non-catchment student requests, priority will be given to those non-catchment students already in the determined pathway of schools over other non-catchment, non-pathway students.

International Student Program

The International Student Program offers students from outside of Canada the opportunity to study at a local school, to graduate with a Grade 12 diploma, or to study at summer school.

Victoria International Secondary School Programs
3461 Henderson Road, Victoria BC, V8P 5A8
250.592.6871 (International country code for Canada is 1)
isp@studyinvictoria.com
www.studyinvictoria.com

Continuing Education

Looking to improve skills, upgrade courses, graduate or complete pre-requisite courses for post-secondary schools? SJ Willis Education Centre offers day and evening classes delivered through active, teacher-led instruction and self-paced options. Some courses are available tuition free for adults who have already graduated.

SJ Willis Education Centre
923 Topaz Avenue, Victoria BC, V8T 2M2
250.360.4300
ce@sd61.bc.ca
www.ce.sd61.bc.ca



Important 2018-2019 Dates

Date (2018)	Items To Remember
January 8 - 12	Registration for schools of choice (South Park Elementary and Cloverdale Traditional)
January 15 - 19	Early French Immersion (Kindergarten and Grade One) Registration Week
January 26	Deadline to submit Secondary Programs of Choice and Career Program applications
January 29 - February 2	Kindergarten Registration and Kindergarten Transfer Week Late French Immersion (grade six) Registration Week
February 14	Last day for Secondary Schools to inform students re: acceptance into Programs of Choice and Career Programs
February 15 - 23	Kindergarten to grade 12 transfer process Registration open for new grade one – grade 12 students for 2018-2019 school year
February 23	Deadline to submit transfer requests. Must be submitted to your current school by 3 p.m.
March 31	Last day for schools to inform parents/guardians of transfer decisions

Contact Us

For more information and a list of all of our schools, visit: www.sd61.bc.ca
Your catchment school will be able to answer any specific questions you may have.

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Disclaimer : *This guide is to serve as a resource for registering a student in the Greater Victoria School District. Please refer to Board of Education approved regulations and policies on all matters.*

Parenting the Connected Child

A Presentation by Jesse Miller

To parents of Spectrum High School, Colquitz Middle School, and Tillicum Elementary School

Are you comfortable parenting in the age of online communication?

Social media and mobile communications have changed our world and the way our children communicate and socialize – are you keeping up with changing technology?



Help your children navigate social media and the online world. **Join us for a Parent Workshop with social media expert Jesse Miller.**

This event has been funded by parent education grants from SD 61 along with PAC and school funds from each of the three schools. In conjunction with this presentation to parents, all students at Spectrum and Colquitz, and grades four and five students at Tillicum will attend presentations by Jesse Miller during school hours.

Educating students and parents at the same time by the same presenter is the best way to facilitate dialogue between parents and their children and to promote positive change with respect to the use of social media. There is tremendous power in everyone having the same information at the same time.

To obtain your free ticket, and ensure your seat, please visit the Eventbrite website <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/parenting-the-connected-child-a-presentation-by-jesse-miller-tickets-41448500581>

🕒 **Monday, February 5, 2018 from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM**

📍 **Spectrum High School-theatre**
957 Burnside Rd W

Free!

DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT HOW TO
HELP YOUR CHILD BE READY FOR
KINDERGARTEN?

READY, SET, LEARN!

Tuesday, January 30, 2018

4:30pm - 7:00pm

Dinner served at 5:00pm

The Songhees Wellness Centre
1100 Admirals Rd

The Songhees & Esquimalt Nations,
in collaboration with the Greater Victoria
School District and the Victoria Early
Years Centre, invite you to a
FREE COMMUNITY DINNER
for 3 & 4 years olds and their families.

Esquimalt Nation



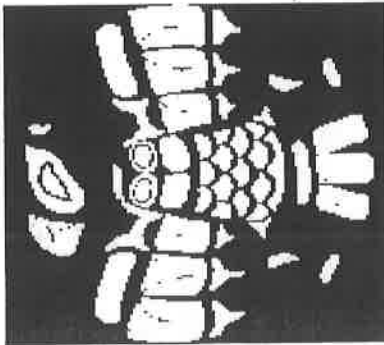
Free dinner, activities for preschoolers, and information for parents
Door Prizes! Free resources!

More info: www.sd61.bc.ca



Early Years
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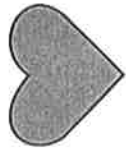
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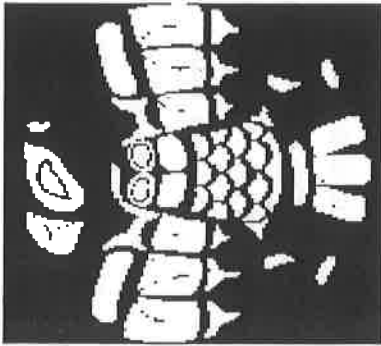
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Monday - Friday



FEBRUARY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1.	2. FOOD FOR FUN	3.
				Kindergarten registration week		
4.	5.	6. Gr 3 Swim	7.	8.	9.	10.
11.	12. FAMILY DAY in BC Schools Closed 	13. Gr 3 Swim	14. Recognition Assembly 2:15 pm PAC meeting 6:30pm - library	15. Chinese New Year!	16.	17.
18.	19.	20. Gr 3 Swim	21.	22. Victoria Symphony Concert UVIC 11 am	23. District Wide Pro D No School for students	24.
25.	26.	27. Gr 3 Swim	28. SPECTRUM GRADE 4/5 BASKETBALL JAMBOREE 12:15-2:45 Recognition Assembly 2:15 pm PINK SHIRT DAY			



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MARCH 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1.	2.	3.
4.	5.	6. Last Grade 3 Swim	7.	8.	9.	10.
11.	12.	13.	14. Recognition Assembly - 2:15 PAC MEETING 6:15 PM	15. Report Cards go home	16. Food For Fun Last day of school before spring break	17.
18.	19.	20.	21.	22.	23.	24.
SPRING BREAK						
25.	26.	27.	28.	29.	30. GOOD FRIDAY	31.
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