



Wednesday EXPRESS

Tillicum Community School

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February 21, 2018

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*

- 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
- Mar 6 Last day for gr 3 swimming lessons**
- Mar 14 Recognition assembly - 2:10 pm in the gym**
Senior Choir at Colquitz School - 6 pm
PAC meeting - 6:30 pm in the library
- Mar 15 Report cards**
- Mar 16 Last day before spring break**

Dear Tillicum Families,

Is it possible that spring break is only four short weeks away? Staff, students and families at Tillicum are as busy as ever and our time together slips by so quickly!

A few of the many activities in which students have been participating include: early morning Grade 4/5 basketball team practices, twice per week, in preparation for the Spectrum Family of Schools Jamboree on February 28th, the "Learn Not to Burn" program for our grade 1 students with the Saanich Fire Department this past Monday, the UVic symphony which our grade 2 and 4s will attend on February 22nd, and our grade 3 swimming lessons, which will conclude on March 6th.

Congratulations to our Thundersharks Swim Team on their stellar performances at the preliminary meet on Monday. Way to go athletes!

Numeracy and all literacy skills are being developed through a variety of classroom activities throughout the school. Learning is fun and interactive, and students share and demonstrate their knowledge with pride.

Your support at home is very much appreciated and makes a huge difference to your child's feeling of

success. Thank you for taking the time to support homework routines, special projects and home reading.

Students have already earned another 3800 nights of home reading toward their goal of 5000 and another extra recess. If you have any questions or concerns about your child's home reading program, please contact your child's teacher.

We are very pleased to announce that Heather Parker has been hired by Beacon Community Services to fill the vacant crossing guard position at Tillicum and Maddock. Welcome, Heather!

Please take the time to read the attached announcement of a public consultation process around school catchment boundaries from Piet Langstraat, Superintendent of School District 16. We encourage you to participate in this process!

Finally, thank you for your patience, flexibility and support during the changes we have had this year.
 Brent Kelly,
 Principal

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



READY, SET, LEARN events are free!

Families of three and four year olds are invited to attend. Snacks, activities for pre-schoolers, and information for parents to help your child get ready for school. See the School District 61 website for details.

Coming up:

-Monday, February 26th at Fernwood Neighbourhood Resource Centre from 5:00-7:00 pm.

-Tuesday, Feb 27 at Lambrick Park Secondary School from 4:30-6:00 pm.

-Wednesday, April 18th at Saanich Neighbourhood Place in the Parkes Rec Centre (5:30-7:30 pm).

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TILLICUM SPORTS CORNER

Tillicum Thunderbirds Basketball Team Practices continue Monday and Thursday mornings for our Gr 4/5s. The Spectrum Family Basketball Jamboree is coming up on Wednesday, February 28. Go Thunderbirds!

Tillicum Thundersharks Swim Team

The season is now finished. Congratulations to our athletes who represented Tillicum at the preliminary meet on Monday, Feb 19th. Many of our swimmers posted personal best times.

City Finals will be held at Commonwealth Pool on Saturday, Feb 24th for those who advanced at preliminaries.

Finally, thank you to Ms. Kushnir and to the volunteer drivers who make this opportunity possible for our students!

PISE before and after-School Programs

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

Burnside-Gorge after-school programs Welcome, Claire, our new Burnside-Gorge programmer. Claire has taken over the lunch time and after-school programs at Tillicum.

PAC NEWS

FUNDRAISERS:

Royals Tickets

There is a notice coming home for the remaining Royals Tickets. February 24th is our next game. The Portland Winterhawks are in town for the popular Pink in the Rink theme night. Phone or email Christine Surridge 250-727-2552 or cmsurridge@shaw.ca. We've done well so far, there are just 60 tickets left!

Be sure to check out the attached flyer from Costco to see how they want to support schools in School District 61.

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:

Food For Fun - March 16th

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

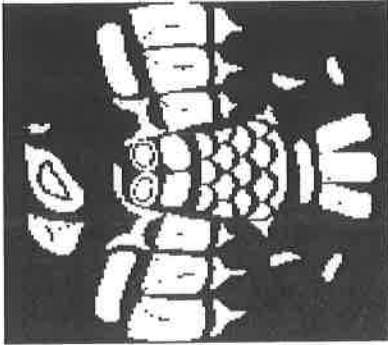


FEBRUARY 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
18	19	20	21	22 Victoria Symphony Concert GR 2&4s UVIC 11 am	23 PRO D NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS	24 CITY FINALS SWIM MEET COMMONWEALTH POOL
25	26	27 Gr 3 Swimming lessons	28 SPECTRUM GRADE 4/5 BASKETBALL JAMBOREE 12:15-2:45 Recognition Assembly 2:15 pm PINK SHIRT DAY			

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ABSENT OR LATE

If your child is going to be absent or late for school, please call the office

before 8:45 am to let us know at: **250-386-1408**

SCHOOL HOURS

8:45 - 2:45 Mon - Fri



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.
SPRING BREAK						



OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

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Dear Staff and Parents,

I am writing to inform you that the Greater Victoria School District is in the process of reviewing all the school catchment boundaries across the District.

Due to growth in the Greater Victoria region and changing demographic landscapes in specific neighbourhoods, the District needs to re-evaluate all catchment boundaries to balance enrolment and prepare for additional growth. Our student body is projected to increase by an additional 2,000 students over the next ten years.

The District will begin a public consultation process that will involve collecting input online and in-person, starting this spring. From May through September, we are committed to hearing from our parents and community partners on catchment boundary changes. This timeframe will allow the Board of Education to make a final decision before the next registration and transfer period commences.

We value your input and look forward to engaging with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. Langstraat".

Piet Langstraat

The White Hatter Internet Safety/Social Media and Digital Literacy

Workshops for Gr 4/5 Students & Parents

Thurs March 1st

The parent workshop will be held in the evening from 6:30-8:30 pm.

This workshop will provide information needed to help keep students safer, increase their privacy and protect their online digital footprint.

Some of the topics covered will be:

- The four step process to Internet safety that all parents should know
- Hardware/Software monitoring/protection issues
- What are Chat Rooms, Instant Messaging, and SMS/MMS texting and how to stay safe while using them
- Emotional, psychological and physical challenges surrounding on-line addictions to pornography, gaming and gambling
- Cell phone/ Smart Phone and Web Cam safety
- The good and bad of Social Networks such as Facebook, Twitter, Tumblr, Instagram, etc.

Please go to www.thewhitehatter.ca/internet-safety-parents for more details.

REGISTER for this FREE! parent workshop at:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/the-white-hatter-internet-safety-for-parents-of-elementary-students-tickets-43152022862>

Contact: Carol Tickner ctickner@shaw.ca

Sponsors: VCPAC, Northridge PAC and Strawberry Vale PAC



HELP SUPPORT VICTORIA SCHOOLS!

**Come to the Langford Costco for
our School Fundraiser Weekend!**

**Saturday & Sunday March 10th and 11th
10am to 5pm inside the Main Entrance**

Prize Draws, Giveaways & Refreshments!

**Join as a *NEW Member and you'll receive a
Special Welcome Gift of a Deluxe Costco
Shopping Bag with samples & goodies AND
Costco will donate a \$10 Costco Cash Card
to the School of your choice!**

**Join as a *NEW Executive Member &
we'll donate a \$20 Costco Cash Card!!**

**Costco Cash can be used for School purchases such as: Food
for events, raffle items to raise more money, books etc....!**

**Your satisfaction is guaranteed on everything Costco sells. If you're not happy,
we'll refund your membership fee in full! It's risk free! Sign up today & start saving!**

***Offer valid on these dates at the Langford Costco
for NEW Memberships OR prior members expired 12 months or more only.**

Our basic shopping Membership is \$60.00 per year + GST.
Our Executive Membership earns 2% cash back on most Costco purchases PLUS extra benefits & coupons and is \$120.00
per year + GST. All memberships include a 2nd FREE card for anyone in the same household over 18.

Free

HELP YOUR CHILD GET READY FOR KINDERGARTEN?



READY, SET, LEARN!

Monday, February 26, 2018

5:00pm - 7:00pm

Come when you can, leave when you need to!

Greenwood Neighbourhood Resource Group
240 Gladstone Ave, Victoria, BC

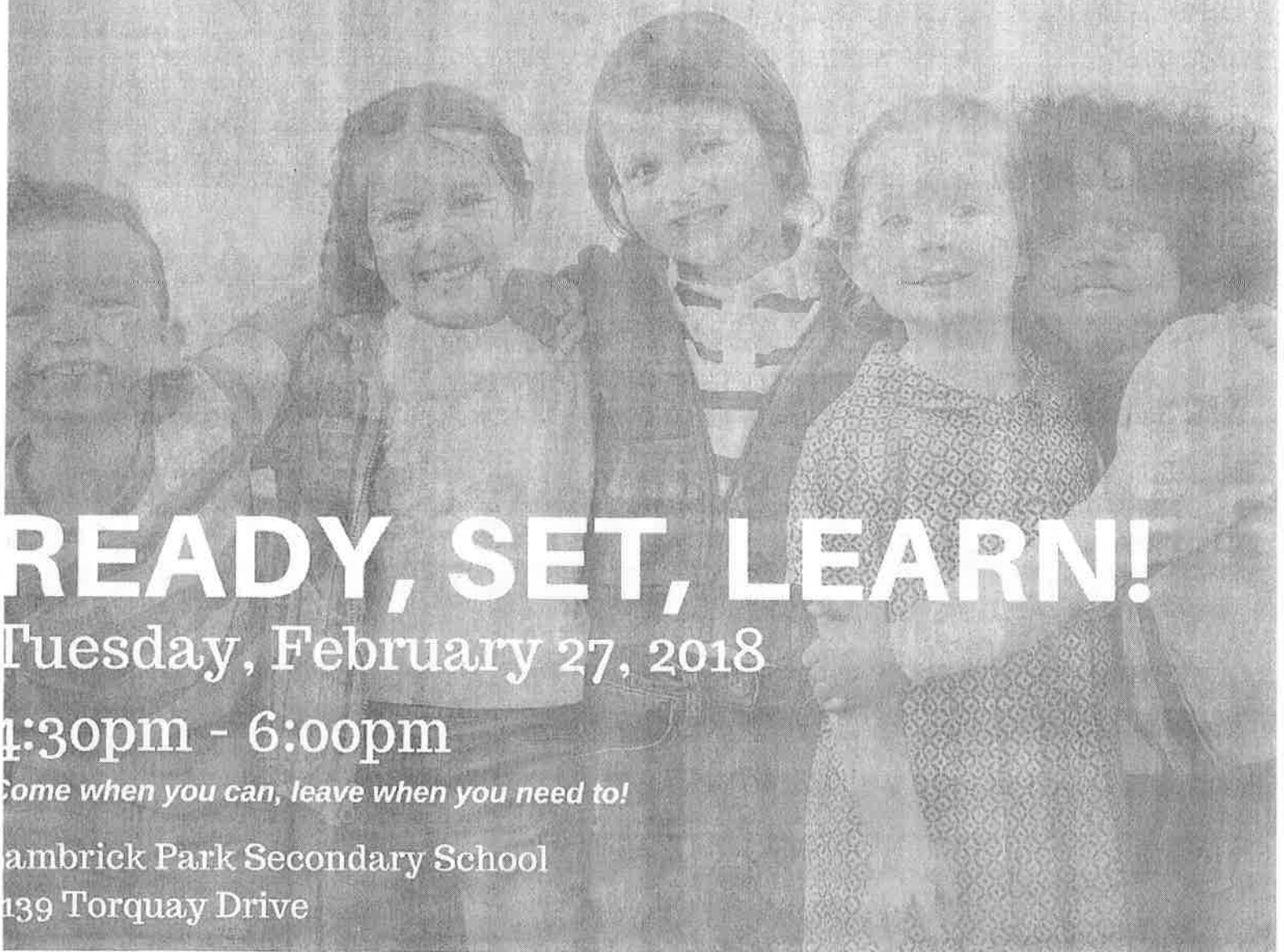
Greenwood NRG, the Greater Victoria School District and the Victoria Early Years Centre, invite you to a **FREE DROP-IN COMMUNITY DINNER** for 3 & 4 years olds and their families.

Free dinner, activities for preschoolers, and information for parents

More info: www.ed61.bc.ca

Free!

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READY, SET, LEARN!

Tuesday, February 27, 2018

4:30pm - 6:00pm

Come when you can, leave when you need to!

Cambrick Park Secondary School
139 Torquay Drive

The Greater Victoria School District and the Victoria Early Years Centre, invite you to a **FREE DROP-IN COMMUNITY EVENT** for 3 & 4 years olds and their families.

Snacks, activities for preschoolers, and information for parents

More info: www.edst.bc.ca