



Wednesday EXPRESS

Tillicum Community School

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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*

- 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 FOOD FOR FUN
Last day before spring break
- Apr 4 Back to school!

**SPRING &
EASTER
BREAK -
Mar 19-Apr 3
inclusive**

Dear Tillicum Families,
Spring break will soon be here! Before we are off, please take the time to celebrate your child's successes when reviewing report cards next week. We are proud of the accomplishments our students have made this term. Strong efforts have resulted in significant progress! Thank you to parents for your support. Regular communication with classroom teachers, help with field trips, and consistent home reading are all vital to learning. On that note, students will be celebrating another 5000 nights of reading soon after spring break - way to go Tillicum readers!

The grade 3 swim program at Esquimalt was a big success, thanks to the generous financial support of our PAC and to Burnside-Gorge for providing bus service.

Thank you to the dedicated and skilled Tillicum staff for their commitment and hard work this term. Not only does our staff provide outstanding classroom learning activities, support and thorough assessment of learning practices, but many volunteer their time to provide and support the extra-curricular opportunities, such as science and reading clubs, available to our students.

Our thanks to Mrs. Awalt for her hard work and tremendous dedication to the music program at Tillicum. You are an inspiration! And, to Ms. Kushnir for her commitment to the Thundersharks Swim

Team training and meets. Our young swimmers had outstanding performances at their meet in February. Congratulations to all! And, thank you to parent drivers who make this opportunity possible for our students.

All students have the opportunity to enjoy after school sports and fine arts programs, noon hour activities, and junior and intermediate choir each term. Thank you to PISE, Burnside-Gorge Community Association, Choir Kids, and ArtsReach for making these opportunities possible for Tillicum students. Please note that the new intakes for registered Burnside-Gorge and PISE after-school programs will start after spring break. Registration forms will be distributed to interested students during the first week back. Fine arts program registrations have already happened. **Remember, if you are in the printmaking program, your first class is on Wednesday, April 4th in the library from 2:45-4:30 pm.**

It has been my pleasure to have been able to spend the past six months at Tillicum. I am grateful to have had the opportunity to meet and work with such a wonderful group of staff, students and families, and I wish you continued success in the future as you welcome your new principal, Mr. Jeff Duyndam. With much to celebrate, I hope you all enjoy a restful spring break and a Happy Easter!

Brent Kelly,
Principal

DON'T FORGET TO PICK UP YOUR LOST ARTICLES!
Please take a walk through the lower hallway and claim your lost clothing, boot, shoes and other small items.

A very special thank you to CFA X Santas Anonymous for their generous support of our Toast Program!



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GREETINGS FROM MR DUYNDAM

It is an absolute honour to be returning to Tillicum where I began in this District with Mrs. Burley 8 years ago. Tillicum is a great school in a fantastic community! I have heard countless comments about the wonderful work being done by the staff at Tillicum and am impressed by the engagement and commitment of the students during my weekly visits.

As a student of both Colquitz and Spectrum, I am proud to be returning to the area I grew up in. I look forward to getting to know you and your child(ren) as we work together in the coming weeks.

At Tillicum we believe that all students need to feel like they belong here – it is their place! Our standards of behavior and respect are set high, all in an effort to create a positive, safe environment for teaching and learning.

Our commitment is to work together with the families and community surrounding Tillicum and to continue to provide the best education possible so that all students will be inspired to learn and to understand their potential in becoming skillful and thoughtful citizens.

I'm looking forward to seeing you in and around Tillicum.

Jeff Duyndam,
Principal



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Looking ahead... Student-led conferences are coming up on Wednesday and Thursday, April 11th and 12th (the week following spring break). There will be early dismissal at 11:45 am on both days. Lunch program is cancelled on April 11th and 12th. All noon hour and after school programming will also be cancelled on those days. Sign-up forms will go home on Monday. Please return them to school with your child by Thursday, March 15th.

READY, SET, LEARN - join us!

Families of three and four year olds are invited to attend. This **free** event includes: 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:

Wednesday, April 25th at Saanich Neighbourhood Place in the Pearkes Rec Centre (5:30-7:30 pm).

TILLICUM SPORTS CORNER

Tillicum Thunderbirds Basketball Team Congratulations to our Grade 4/5 Basketball players who participated in the Spectrum Family of Schools Basketball Jamboree on Wednesday, February 28. Way to go, Thunderbirds! We are proud of your hard work and team spirit!

PISE before and after-School Programs

Registration for the spring intake will happen during the first full week back to school after spring break. Please make sure to get your forms in promptly as programs fill fast!

Burnside-Gorge after-school programs Claire will be starting new programs after spring break. These programs are extremely popular so act quickly!



PAC NEWS

FUNDRAISERS:

Royals Tickets

Our last Royals game is Saturday, March 17th. Come out to Fan Appreciation Night - the best night to be at a game! Extra fan contests, giveaways, events and promotions!! We have 35 tickets to sell for this game. Remember, any tickets we don't sell shrinks our 50/50 profit. Please help support the great things Tillicum has to offer our students by either purchasing tickets to the game, or sharing the opportunity with family, friends, and co-workers. Call Christine at 250-727-2552 or email cmsurridge@shaw.ca

Grocery Cards Get a Fairway Market card from the office; load it with whatever amount you choose. 5% of purchases on the card are donated directly to our PAC.

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

EVENTS:

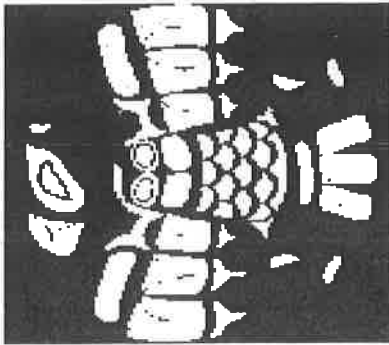
The next PAC MEETING is March 14, 2018, at 6:15 pm. All welcome. Childcare provided.

Food For Fun - March 16th

Hello Tillicum Families, **OUR SPRING SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR WILL BE HAPPENING ON WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY AFTERNOONS, APRIL 11 AND 12.** When you come for your student led conferences, please take a moment to visit us in the gym. This is an excellent opportunity to help support our library. Thank you!

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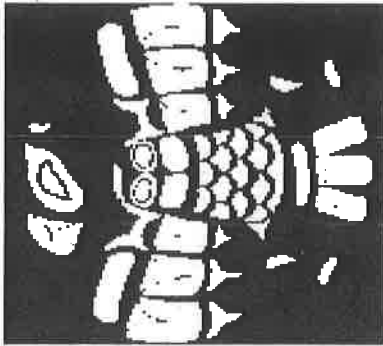
8:45 - 2:45 Mon - Fri



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						



APRIL 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1. Easter	2. Easter Monday	3. Off in lieu of Good Friday	4. First day back from break	5.	6.	7.
SCHOOL CLOSED - SPRING/EASTER BREAK						
8.	9.	10.	11.	12.	13.	14.
			STUDENT LED CONFERENCES - Early Dismissal - 11:48 am NO LUNCH PROG.			
			SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR - gym			
			PAC MEETING			
15.	16.	17.	18. Recognition Assembly - gym	19.	20. CURRICULUM IMPLEMENTATION DAY	21.
					NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS	
22.	23.	24.	25. Ready, Set, Learn at Pearkes Rec Centre 5:30-7:30 pm	26.	27. FOOD FOR FUN	28.
29.	30.					

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