



# Wednesday EXPRESS

## Tillicum Community School

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Our Website: <http://www.sd61.bc.ca/school/tillicum/>

### 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

May 9 PAC meeting - library 6:30 pm  
May 10 Welcome to Kindergarten 9:30-11am - gym  
May 14-18 Rainbow Week  
May 16 Recognition Assembly 2:10 pm - gym  
May 17 District Transition Day - Grade 5s to Colquitz  
May 18 Pro D - no school for students  
May 29 Zone D track meet - UVic - gr 3-5 runners  
May 31 City Finals at UVic - 6:30 pm

Hello Tillicum Families, It is hard to believe that mid-May is near. With only seven full weeks of school left this year, we have much to do and much to celebrate. Many year-end activities are being planned in classrooms and throughout the school while we continue to focus on the critical classroom learning yet to be done.

Next week, our grade 5 students will participate in transition day activities by visiting the middle school they will be attending in September. Our students will be well prepared for middle school and are getting very excited about moving on to the next stage of their schooling. As we prepare our grade 5's for transition to middle school, we will also welcome our new kindergarten students with our Welcome to Kindergarten event tomorrow, May 10<sup>th</sup> from 9:30-11 am.

Tillicum athletes continue to train for our annual track meet to be held at the University of Victoria on Tuesday, May 29 from 10:00 – 1:45. Thank you to the many staff and parents who are able to support our students at this event and the practices leading up to it. Parents are encouraged and welcome to join us at the university to cheer on our athletes.

Its spring and time to practice being "sun safe". Light, layered clothing, hats, sunscreen, appropriate footwear and plenty of water will help students enjoy outdoor activities in comfort.

Jeff Duyndam, Principal

**CLASS PLACEMENTS FOR 2017/18** Classes are being developed within a tentative organization through meetings involving this year's teachers, next year's teachers, support staff, and the Principal. The Principal, in accordance with the School Act of British Columbia, will make the final decision about student placement and school organization. As we work together we consider the following factors: **specific learning strengths, needs and styles; the child's need for attention in social, emotional, and behavioural areas; the child's need for learning assistance or access to special education services; interests, learning styles, effort and independence; class size and composition.** The professional staff at Tillicum will continue to put time and effort into forming balanced classes according to the criteria noted above. Parental input is one important factor to be considered in the placement process. If you wish to provide input, please refer to the above criteria when you submit your written request.

**Letters should be received in the office by May 25th.**

### **YOUR HELP IS APPRECIATED!**

If your family is anticipating a move outside of the Tillicum catchment, or a change of schools before September 2017, please let us know right away so we can plan and staff accordingly.

Date: May 24, 2018

Place: Spectrum School Theatre  
957 Burnside Road West

Time: 6:30—8:00 pm

### **Food Allergies and Schools**

This is an educational event for parents, administrators and school staff. Come join us for this informative discussion with speaker Dr. S Cameron, Pediatric Allergist.

Register at: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/food-allergies-and-schools-tickets-45664042380>

Visit our website at: <https://tillicum.sd61.bc.ca/>

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## TILLICUM SPORTS NEWS

### Spring Cross-Country

Our cross country runners had their last meet of the 2018 spring race season on Monday. Congratulations to all participants and our thanks to Ms. Pinkus and Ms. Kushnir and parents for volunteering to make this opportunity happen for our athletes!

### Track

Grade 3-5 athletes continue training for our zone D track meet will be on Tuesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>. Runners who qualify at the zone meet will be eligible to participate at the city finals the evening of Thursday, May 31<sup>st</sup>.

100 metre practices are held on the Burnside field  
Relay practices are held on the Maddock field  
800 metre practices are held on the Maddock field on Tuesday and Friday mornings before school at 8:15 am.

***Please remind your child that attendance at practices is required for participation in the meet. Ensure your children wear or have runners at school for the track practices.***

### Rugby

Practices continue on Thursdays from 3-4 pm on the Maddock Field. Players are learning about the game and working on skill building. Thank you to Ms. K and the other volunteers who make this happen for our students!



## Part 2: How Parents Can Help Their Children to Learn & Enjoy Math

Hi All!

Parents and guardians are our most important partners in education and because we are now teaching math in ways that are often totally foreign to most parents, we need to offer support and information for them.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> in our 3-part blog series written for parents is now available. [share this second blog](#)



The [first blog in the series is here](#) and the 3rd part will be published next week.

- Nikki

## 1000X5

Dear Tillicum Families,  
Check out the 2 minute CHEK TV Vital People clip profiling 1000X5 (see link below). We so appreciate (and need!) your gently used picture books.  
Thank you!

<https://www.cheknews.ca/1000x5-childrens-literacy-project-is-helping-little-ones-learn-to-read-441641/>

## PAC NEWS

**The next PAC MEETING is May 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. All welcome. Childcare provided.**

**Next Food For Fun - April 27th**

**Planning for the 2018 Christmas Market has started and if anyone is interested in helping they can contact Lisa at [lisagelling32@gmail.com](mailto:lisagelling32@gmail.com)**

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