



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

- Sept 12 • PAC MEETING 6:30 pm - library
- Sept 17 • NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS - District ProD Day
- Sept 20 • MEET THE TEACHER 4-5 pm (inside)
FAMILY PIZZA SUPPER 5-6 pm (outside)
- Sept 26 • 2:10 pm RECOGNITION ASSEMBLY (Gr 1-5)
- Sept 28 • Orange Shirt Day
 - Food For Fun
- Oct 1 • 1:30-2:30 pm Terry Fox Run
- Oct 5 • 10 am Cops for Cancer @ Tillicum Mall

Dates to be announced - Vision and Hearing Screening for KINDERGARTEN students.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello Tillicum Families,

We hope this newsletter finds you in good health and spirits, and we are delighted to say that we are well underway with our programs at **Tillicum!** It has been our intent to have all students at our school feel like they belong here – it is their place! Our standards of behaviour and respect have been set high, all in an effort to create a positive, safe environment for teaching and learning.

This year's staff at Tillicum is committed to working with each and every student in our care. Of course, we strive to create a professional relationship with parents, as this is integral to the success of our work with our kids.

A package of very important school documents was sent home with students on last week. Please take the time to read, update, sign and return these to

your child's classroom teacher as soon as possible. The YELLOW student information verification form is extremely important as it is vital that we have current contact information for you and your child on file. Please take extra care to review the verification form.

Safety Around Tillicum

Our school enrolls approximately 400 students and we have over 60 staff members. We are encouraging alternative forms of transportation to and from school, hoping to avoid congestion problems and excessive traffic. There is to be absolutely no parking, please, in the Tillicum Staff parking lot. Thank you for your ongoing care and attention to safety around Tillicum. Parents are asked to respect the neighbouring homes, particularly on Orillia Street; parents should avoid using private driveways as a turnaround or temporary parking opportunity.

It is definitely my privilege to work with such a tremendous team of educators, students and parents again this year at Tillicum and we all look forward to a terrific year of learning. Please remember that our very dedicated staff are always open to discussing your child's learning.

See you in and around Tillicum!

Jeff Duyndam,
Principal



Remember there's no such thing as a small act of kindness. Every act creates a ripple with no logical end. - Scott Adams



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Terry Fox
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Starting on Monday, September 24th please send in coins for the Terry Fox Foundation (to raise money for Cancer Research) and Cops for Cancer. The monies raised will be split evenly between these two charities. We will be collecting:
Monday, Sept. 24th – Nickels
Tuesday, Sept. 25th – Dimes
Wednesday, Sept. 26th – Quarters
Thursday, Sept. 27th – Loonies
Friday, Sept. 28th – Toonies
Our school-wide **Terry Fox Run** will be Monday, October 1st - 1:30 pm.

FOR SAFETY - PLEASE DO NOT DROP YOUR CHILDREN OFF IN THE STAFF PARKING LOT. The main entrance off of the parking lot on Albina Street is for staff and adult visitors to the school only. We ask that you practice having students come and go through the Orillia entrance or any of the smaller entrances in the fence around the perimeter of the school.

We also ask that you respect our neighbours by NOT parking in or blocking their driveways.

There is a designated bus drop-off zone along Orillia Street. This area must be kept clear for the school bus. You are reminded to observe the no parking signs in the bus zone for student safety. Please plan ahead, and give yourself enough time to park and walk a block or two if needed!



The School Meal Program began on Monday, September 10. Forms can be dropped off in the meal program slot in the office or to your child's teacher. Each month a new permission form and menu will be available, OR you can sign up for the whole year. Additional menus and permission forms available at the top of the ramp across from the boys washroom. Information is also available on the school website.



1000x5

Volunteers met last week and sent off 630 books to the Mustard Seed.

1000X5 is thrilled to begin our sixth year of a formal partnership with the Greater Victoria School District and to have donated 110,000 books to homes in need of support with early literacy. We need your books and thankfully every week a new shipment is there.

The grey donation bin is available by the office for you to drop off gently used pre-school level books.

COAST CAPITAL/BREAKFAST FOR LEARNING morning nutrition program is running Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings. Toast is served at the lower kitchen from 8:15-8:30 am. Thank you volunteers!

Join Claire in the gym for games and activities at lunch recess. Listen to the daily announcements to find out when it's your grade's turn to play!

Burnside/Gorge registered after-school programs will start next week. Make sure to get your forms in asap as spaces fill quickly!

Burnside/Gorge is also offering a ProD day program on September 17th for Tillicum students. Registration forms were distributed yesterday.

REGISTRATIONS WILL BE CONFIRMED BY TELEPHONE ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH.

Registration forms for PISE After Programs and FIT AND FUEL Before School Programs are being distributed this week.

PISE AND FIT & FUEL programs will all start the week of September 24th. These are popular programs so we recommend you return your paperwork asap!

TILLICUM SPORTS

Grade 4/5 soccer players, who are interested in joining a school team, listen for announcements in the next few days regarding soccer practice with Ms. Easton. Practices will be happening at lunch recess.

Fall **X-COUNTRY RUNNING** for grades 3, 4, and 5 students will be starting soon. Please listen to announcements about before school practices! Races are held on Mondays after school. We will need volunteer driver - Please come to the office to make sure your volunteer forms are up-to-date!



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Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance program.

Thank you for your support of the Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance program. It has been a long and rewarding partnership and is truly appreciated. Over the years, Kids Plus™ has helped many families, providing much needed reimbursements for out-of-pocket costs. We appreciate your support and we are truly grateful for the part you have played.

We have big news: the Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance school distribution program is moving online!

All partner school boards can now access kidsplus.ca/resources for information about Kids Plus™ which they can use on their respective websites, e-newsletters and social media. The main website at kidsplus.ca will continue to be available for parents to purchase coverage, access claims forms and full plan information online. Additionally, for 2018 we've decided to take our mission to be green one step further by discontinuing distribution of all Kids Plus™ Notices (Brochures) to reduce our overall paper use. These changes are part of our ongoing commitment to continuously provide superior and meaningful service to our partners and clients while reducing our impact on the environment.

Effective this September 1st, there will be some changes to our Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance policy that will impact our Active Plan holders. Permanent Total Disability coverage will be reduced from \$360,000 to \$100,000 and Dismemberment or Total & Permanent Loss of Use from \$200,000 to \$100,000. These changes allow us to continue to offer the benefits families use most, such as dental treatment and eyewear, with no increase in premiums.

If you have any questions or would like to learn more about our new promotional landing page, our Kids Plus™ Client Service Specialists would be happy to assist you. You may contact us toll-free at 1-800-556-7411 or email kidsplus@ia.ca.



Tillicum Community PAC News

September 2018

Hello Tillicum Families and welcome to a new school year!

Every year we organize events and fundraisers to support and enhance the education of all children attending Tillicum School. The funds raised go towards things such as field trips, ice skating, cultural presentations, swimming lessons and new technology just to name a few.

Meet the Teacher/Pizza Night

This Thursday, September 20th, is our annual Meet the Teacher and Pizza Night. This is a great opportunity to welcome new families to our school, see your child's classroom and talk with their teacher

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in an informal setting. Pizza will be \$2.50 per slice, all drinks are \$1, and there is complimentary salad as well. Payment must be cash only. We need parents to help with set-up, clean-up, and serving pizza. Please fill out the online volunteer form.

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Victoria Royals Hockey

We are running this fundraiser again as it was quite successful last year. For those families that are new to our school, we commit to sell a minimum of 300 tickets to Victoria Royals hockey games spread over the season and in exchange we get the proceeds of 50/50 sales at one of their home games. This year, our 50/50 date is Saturday, September 29th at 7pm. We are looking for 25 volunteers to help sell tickets at that game (parent and child combinations are very successful and your admission is free). Please fill out the online volunteer form.

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Volunteers will be confirmed on a first-come basis. A notice for ticket sales will be sent home with your child this week.

Food for Fun

Our first Food for Fun (FFF) will be on Friday September 28th. For those who are new to Tillicum, FFF is a hot lunch (pizza) that the PAC operates as a fundraiser six times over the school year.

Fairway Grocery Cards

One of our ongoing fundraisers is with Fairway Market. Gift cards specifically for Tillicum are available in the school office. Load your card with any amount you wish, and pay with that card when you shop at Fairway Market. 5% of your bill will be donated to the Tillicum PAC.

COBS Bread (Eagle Creek)

Mention Tillicum Elementary when you shop at COBS Bread Eagle Creek and they will donate 5% of your purchase to our school PAC. They have a wide variety of delicious baked goods.

Next PAC Meeting

*Our first PAC meeting is Wednesday **September 12, 2018** at 6:30 in the school library. These meetings are a great way to meet other parents and learn about all the great things that happen at Tillicum School! As always child minding will be provided in a nearby classroom.*

Be yourself. Everyone else is already taken. – Oscar Wilde

Courage doesn't always roar. Sometimes courage is the quiet voice at the end of the day saying I will try again tomorrow. – Mary Anne Radmacher

There are far better things ahead than any we leave behind. – C.S. Lewis

You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you choose. – Dr. Seuss
WELCOME BACK, EVERYONE!

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