



Tillicum Community School

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Dear Parents & Guardians,



October is here, and at ***Tillicum***, the school continues to be an amazing environment for teaching and learning. By combining high expectations for behaviour and commitment to our learning, we have set the wheels in motion for an outstanding school year.

Thanks so much to the ***Tillicum*** staff for their commitment to our program and to the dedication shown toward the wonderful children in their care. We are thrilled with the respectful manner in which our students have conducted themselves. Students have set goals for themselves, and they have shown respect to our code of conduct - an important cornerstone of our school.

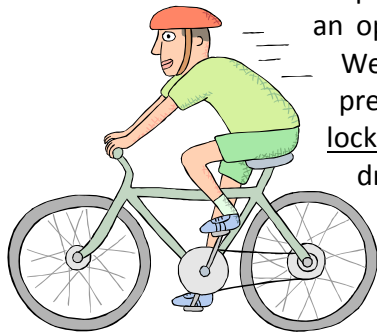
*The vision of **Tillicum** is to provide a safe, caring school community where strengths are honoured and learning is exciting. **Tillicum** students will acquire and demonstrate academic, social and behavioral skills that will allow them to contribute as moral citizens in a culturally diverse, technological world. We are committed to this vision at **Tillicum**! We desire our school to be a place where students truly feel that they belong, a place that is exciting for all involved. At **Tillicum**, we value our school to be respectful, safe, and full of great learning opportunities and experiences.*



Safety at Tillicum

Another one of our priorities at ***Tillicum*** is the safety of all of the students and staff while in the building. To that end, we regularly practice fire drills, ensuring the entire school population is able to exit the building quickly and quietly. Next week, ***Tillicum*** will have the Saanich Fire Department here to assist us with a fire drill. We will also be taking part in the BC Provincial Earthquake ShakeOut Earthquake drill. The earthquake drill on Oct 18 will be an opportunity to review and practice our earthquake emergency plans.

We hope that students and families have discussed earthquake preparedness for their homes. On November 6th we will be having a lockdown DRILL organized by Saanich Police. Schools practice lockdown drills in order to prepare for the unlikely event that we would have to go into lockdown due to a potential threat to our safety. We keep these drills low key, but wanted to share with parents that this practice drill is part of our safety plans at ***Tillicum***.



Another aspect of SAFETY for us is bicycle safety and parking lot safety. We have stressed the importance of bicycle safety with students – choosing **SAFE** riding routes to and from school, **wearing a helmet**, etc. We have also reminded students that all of the bicycles in our bike racks during the school day should be locked, and are out of bounds to all students. Regarding student drop off on Orillia Street, we wish to remind parents to stay clear of the

bus zone and residential driveways. Pick up and drop off on Albina Street is also very busy (parents are reminded to please not park in the Staff Parking lot as it is reserved for staff), and we want to remind everyone that SAFETY is of huge importance – please do your part to be safe!

Athletics and Healthy Living at Tillicum

Athletics and healthy living are important for everyone, particularly for elementary school students! We are committed to providing opportunities for kids to be involved at our school athletically and we promote healthy living. Thanks to **Trish Pinkus and Heather McNab** for coaching our *Cross Country team* this year! The students at **Tillicum** have also been encouraged to be part of our *soccer program*, which promises to be a HUGE success. Thank you to **Christa Easton** for coaching soccer this year!



Music News



We are delighted to see so many **TILlicum** students in our choir, and music programs this year. Our new music teacher, **Ms. Lena Palermo**, is delighted with the enthusiastic students and their commitment to music. Senior Choir has started on Mondays at lunch recess. All grade 3-5 students who love to sing are welcome to be part of the choir. We have a number of special performances planned including The Saanich Municipal Hall at Christmas, our own Tillicum Winter Holiday Show and Victoria Sings in March at UVIC. Our music program is one of the pillars of Tillicum Elementary School, and we are proud of all of our music students!

Library News - Book Fair

The Tillicum school library is hosting a book fair in our school gym that will coincide with parent-teacher conferences on October 10th and 11th. The book fair is a fundraiser to help grow our school library collection as well as an opportunity for you to promote the value of reading at home. Studies show that households with an abundance of books at home (be they from school, public library or personally owned) help produce better readers. A flyer and cover letter with more information will be coming home with your child soon. We hope to see you there!



Upcoming Special Event at Tillicum



Every year, schools in Canada organize a special assembly at Remembrance Day. The Tillicum Remembrance Day assembly for this year is planned for the morning of Friday, November 9th, at 10:45 AM. You are encouraged to take part in this opportunity as **Tillicum** show's respect to those that have served.

See you in and around **Tillicum**!

Jeff Duyndam & Sue Ottenbreit
Principal Vice-Principal



Tillicum Community School Calendar

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For events specific to each Division, please speak with your child's teacher.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <i>Terry Fox Run</i>	2	3	4 <i>Photo Day</i>	5 <i>Cops for Cancer</i> 10 AM @ <i>Tillicum Mall</i>	6
7	8 <i>School not in Session</i> <i>- Thanksgiving -</i>	9	10 EARLY CLOSURE 11:45 AM <i>Parent/Teacher interviews</i> <i>Book Fair in Gym</i> <i>PAC meeting 6:30 PM</i>	11 EARLY CLOSURE 11:45 AM <i>Parent/Teacher interviews</i> <i>Book Fair in Gym</i>	12	13
14	15	16	17 <i>Recognition Assembly</i> <i>2:10 PM</i>	18 <i>Earthquake DRILL</i>	19 <i>School not in session</i> PRO-D DAY	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31 <i>Orange & Black Day</i> <i>No costumes please</i>	Early November: <i>Friday November 2,</i> <i>Food for Fun</i> <i>Tuesday, November 6</i> <i>Lockdown DRILL</i>		