




Tillicum Community School

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Dear Parents & Guardians,



November is here! Everyone is working hard at **Tillicum** and we are not far from Winter Break. Students have been actively engaged in their academic programs. Teachers and support staff are doing what they do best at **Tillicum** – providing a caring, engaging learning environment for our students to succeed. November brings shorter days, rain, wind and cooler temperatures. Students will continue to enjoy outdoor recess and lunch time play opportunities. Please ensure that your child has a warm, waterproof jacket and boots as we will continue to go outside for recess.

This time of year also raises concerns over the transmission of flu and colds. Frequent hand washing, and teaching of proper coughing and sneezing practices continue to be emphasized at **Tillicum**. Thank you for your support by keeping your child home if they are sick where they can rest and recover most quickly. We also appreciate the many phone calls from parents informing us of their child's absence. It's not only an important part of student safety; it's also helpful to us in managing the spread of illness in the school.

As darkness falls earlier with each day, it is important that students are aware of safe routes home and that all drivers exercise extreme caution in our student drop off and pick up zones. PLEASE do not drop your child off in the middle of the street. The staff parking lot and fire lanes are **NOT** for student drop off or pick up. Parents are reminded to use the designated areas for drop-off and pick-up. Please plan accordingly and park and walk to school with your child as necessary. We thank you for continuing to support our safe drop off and pick up routines.

You may have noticed our Home Reading "Thermometer" in the main hallway. Your support with daily home reading is appreciated and goes a long way in promoting the life-long skill of reading with our students. Collectively, students at **Tillicum** have completed over 2000 nights of home reading. We all look forward to celebrating our goal for this term of 5000 nights with an extra afternoon recess!



Citizenship at Tillicum

The rate of change in our world with respect to technology is extraordinary. At **Tillicum**, we continue to educate and set high expectations with our students with respect to **citizenship in general**, as well as **digital citizenship**. With the privilege of having an iPad or Chromebook, we have the responsibility of using these devices appropriately. Students at **Tillicum** have the

opportunity to use technology in our school and we have clear expectations for its use. iPads and Chromebooks can be used in class under the direction of a teacher or educational assistant. We are delighted to be using several iPad and Chromebook carts in our school, which is allowing for creativity and showing our learning in a variety of ways. Certainly, the future will likely see more examples of technology in and out of our classrooms at **Tillicum**.

Lockdown DRILL at Tillicum



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**.

Upcoming Special Event at Tillicum

The **Tillicum** Remembrance Day assembly for this year is planned for the morning of Friday, November 9th, at 10:45 AM. We will be calling a meeting in early November for any students who would like to be involved in our school's traditional Flag Procession for our Remembrance Day assembly. This invitation is open to those students currently involved in Scouts, Cubs, Beavers, Guides, Brownies, Sparks and those children who have a family member currently serving in the armed services. If your child is involved in one of the organizations above please talk about this with them. This is a long held tradition and we would love to have your child join us.



Music News



The school halls are alive with the sound of music. All students at Tillicum are busy preparing to sing at the Remembrance Day Ceremony and our Winter Show "Snow Biz". The Senior Choir is looking forward to a number of Holiday Season performances including Saanich Municipal Hall, Light the Lights on Saturday Dec. 1st, The Empress for the Lieutenant Governor December 3rd, and Carol Week at City Hall December 18th. Specific information will be sent to choir families.

Library News - Thank you for supporting the book fair

As a result of your generous support of the book fair, we were able to purchase 172 books (\$1400 value) for the library and have an additional \$1000 left over for more book purchases. These new books will be catalogued and made available for circulation in the next few weeks.



Community School News

We acknowledge and thank Saanich Canadian Tire Jumpstart, supported by BCRPA and ASSAI for funding our community school programming. All of our PISE, Fit and Fuel, and Arts programs are underway for fall 2018. Welcome to Jaz Young, the new programmer from Burnside-Gorge Community Association, who has started at **Tillicum** this week. Jaz will be supervising the lunch time gym programs and will be starting a new intake of after-school programs next week. A reminder to parents, please be available to pick-up your children from PISE and Burnside-Gorge programs promptly at 4:45 PM. They will be dismissed from the doors by the gym on Orillia Street. Arts Programs are finished at 4:30 PM. Please be at the library doors on Orillia Street promptly at 4:30 PM for pick-up. *There is no supervision available for late pick-up so it is imperative that you are here promptly.*

Families are invited to the Burnside-Gorge Community Centre at 471 Cecelia Road for an afternoon of “fang-tastic” fun at the Monster Mash on Saturday, October 27th from 2-4 PM. Admission is \$5/family of 4 or \$2/person.



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1000 Books by Age Five
Children’s Book Recycling Project Greater Victoria

WOW!!

163,000 books in 7.5 years to babies and preschoolers!

1,882 books donated by families at our school!

Have you found the brown bin outside the office?

Please donate books you aren’t using anymore. Help all children enter the early literacy club!

Thank you Tillicum PAC and Tillicum Staff!

The reality of running a busy elementary school has set in here at ***Tillicum***. The school is buzzing with activity – academic, athletic, and social! The young learner is an interesting one – there is never a dull moment! At any time at ***Tillicum***, you can feel the energy and see the activity in the building. Academics are a priority for our students, as are a variety of learning opportunities. Through student leadership activities – including assemblies, WE Council, athletics, lunch monitoring, the computer lab and library, music, choir, as well as other fascinating activities and clubs, student opportunities to explore new, exciting things are definitely here! Being well organized at home with established reading routines and good communication with parents helps our students enjoy an enriching elementary school experience while being the best they can be academically. A big THANK YOU goes out to our ***Tillicum*** PAC for their generous financial support shown to support our school programs. Thanks also to all of our parents for continuing to support the work we do at ***Tillicum***.

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	2 <i>Food For Fun</i>	3
4	5	6 <i>Lockdown DRILL with Saanich Police 1:30 PM</i>	7 <i>Recognition Assembly 2:10 PM</i>	8	9 <i>Remembrance Day Assembly - 10:45 AM</i>	10
11	12 <i>Remembrance Day Observed School not in Session</i>	13	14 <i>Photo Re-take day PAC meeting Library - 6:30 PM</i>	15	16	17 <i>PAC Christmas Market 10 AM - 3 PM</i>
18	19 <i>Fire Drill - 10 AM</i>	20	21 <i>Recognition Assembly 2:10 PM</i>	22	23 <i>School not in Session Pro-D Day</i>	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	Early December: <i>Dec 1: Choir Performance at City Hall Dec 3: Choir at Empress Dec 5: Pancake Breakfast</i>