



Tillicum Community School

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Hello Tillicum students, families, and staff

Welcome back and Happy New Year! Students and staff have returned to school full of energy and enthusiasm for learning. Thank you for making our elementary school one that all of us are proud to be associated with! **Tillicum** is off and running in 2019 with our commitment to a strong academic program, opportunities for socialization, developing creativity, working collaboratively, and celebrating a healthy school climate.

Tillicum would like to officially welcome our new school secretary, Mrs. House. Mrs. House comes to us from Rogers and we are so excited that she has joined our team.

Thank you to all families for supporting our Home Reading program. Just before the winter break our students earned an extra recess by collectively reading 5000 nights. Be reminded that **every class** participates in Home Reading in some format. Your child should be reading with/to an adult or discussing the book they are reading at home with an adult for about 10 - 20 minutes daily. Please check with your child's teacher if you are not sure about specific Home Reading expectations for the class.

Kindergarten Registration

We are beginning preparations for the 2019/20 school year. A note to all Tillicum families with a child who will be entering kindergarten in September 2019 - We strongly recommend that you attend the office to register your child as early during registration week as you can.



Kindergarten Registration and Transfers for September 2019 will be the week of **January 27-Feb 1**.

Student Transfer Application Week



Every address is associated with an elementary, middle and secondary school in our District that new students must register at. To determine which schools are associated with a home address, visit the **School Locator Tool**. Students at all grade levels (K-12) wishing to change schools will need to complete a Student Transfer Application Form, which is available from February 19th - 22nd at all schools in our district and on the District website, www.sd61.bc.ca. You will find additional information regarding the transfer process on our school district website.

Important SD61 Dates - **Registration & Transfers:**

<https://www.sd61.bc.ca/parent-student-resources/registration/registration-transfer-dates/>

If you could also include Information on **Late French Immersion Registration:**
<https://www.sd61.bc.ca/parent-student-resources/registration/late-french-immersion/>

Student Book Suggestions

The students in Division 1 have some suggestions of great books and series for grade 5. These might be fun books to recommend to your children. They can all be found in our school library or at the public library. Here are our recommendations:

- *Fablehaven* series by Brandon Mull. This is an interesting series of books about magic and mystical monsters, it also has little bits of comedy stirred amongst the action packed and mature adventures. This book series is for kids that can read dense books and are quicker readers.
- *Nerds*, by Michael Buckley, is a book series about abnormal kids who have some extraordinary powers. We would recommend this series for kids who like spy novels or adventures.
- *The Mysterious Benedict Society* by Trenton Lee Stewart. The series is about four children who pass multiple tests that were advertised in the daily newspaper and become a secret society. The society goes on many treacherous adventures to solve a variety of mysteries in order to save the world.

Written by Beau, Jack, Haroun, Kyla, Hosanna, and Asher



Student Supervision at Tillicum

As a reminder, it is important that Tillicum families know that the supervision of students at **Tillicum** before and after instructional time commences at 8:30 AM before school, and runs until 3:00 PM after school. We do not have any supervision in the hallways before classes begin at 8:45 AM, and students have been asked to not be in the hallways at that time.

1000 x 5

1000 Books by Age Five- Donate books to increase early literacy!

Do you know that reading books to babies and preschoolers is the most significant indicator of early school success? Cuddling and reading to your little ones shows that you value reading, builds comfort, enjoyment and early skills that last a lifetime. **January 27 is Family Literacy Day.** As well as enjoying a new story with your child, please make an extra effort to drop off gently used picture books for babies and preschoolers in the brown drop box at the school office door. All children benefit from being read to – help make that a reality for more.

Music News

Thank you to all students for their participation in “Snow Biz” our Winter Show. Great job! In the New Year we will continue on with learning instruments... Grade 4 and 5 classes will continue with ukulele, the Grade 3 students on recorders and Grade 1 and 2’s on the orff instruments.



Thank you to the choir for your wonderful performances at City Hall, Saanich Municipal Hall and The Empress. Bravo. The choir will be part of a special District event in March at the UVic Auditorium. Details to follow shortly.

Dressing for the Weather

The wet, sometimes windy, west coast winter weather is upon us. It is therefore important that students are dressed appropriately for these conditions. We would appreciate your support in ensuring that your child arrives at school on rainy days with warm, water resistant/waterproof clothing: a jacket/poncho (preferably with a hood) and closed shoes (rain boots, if possible.) Unless it is raining heavily, **our students do go out for recess**, exercise activities, or neighbourhood walks. Proper clothing will help keep your child warm and dry throughout the day.



Community School News

Toast Program will start Jan 8 and run Tuesday-Friday. We thank Andrew Moffatt and Heron Rock Bistro for joining our team! We also acknowledge Coast Capital Savings, President's Choice Children's Charities and Breakfast 2 Music for their support of this program.

Before, during and after school, there are many opportunities to get moving and wake up your artist this winter term! We welcome the BC SPCA and Steve Nash to our programs. There are still a few spaces available in Fit & Fuel and PISE. At this time, our art classes are full but there will be another intake for Pastels for Grade 1s and 2s. Registration will happen mid-January. Priority will be given to those students who did not get into the Printmaking class. Thanks to the After-School Sports and Arts Initiative, Saanich Canadian Tire Jumpstart, and BC Recreation and Parks for making our programs a reality!

Tillicum Community Gives Back

Mrs. Dagg's class had their annual Granola Bar drive on behalf of "The Q" radio station. Our community brought in an impressive 1039 granola bars for those in need! We are very proud of the way our students and families give back to the community! Thank you!

As always, our office door is open to discuss any concerns or questions you may have about our school or the programs/services we offer. Thank you for your continued support and involvement in your child's education.

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 |
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| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 | 7 <i>First day of classes</i> | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13 | 14 | 15 <i>Gr. 3 Swimming begins</i> | 16 <i>Recognition Assembly 2:10 PM PAC meeting Library - 6:30 PM</i> | 17 <i>EXTRA RECESS For 5000 nights of Home Reading! 1:45-2:05 PM</i> | 18 | 19 |
| 20 | 21 <i>School not in Session Pro-D Day</i> | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 | 28 <i>Kindergarten Registration & Transfer Week</i> | 29 | 30 <i>Recognition Assembly 2:10 PM</i> | 31 <i>PAC Game Night GYM - 6 PM</i> | Early February: <i>Feb 1: Food For Fun Feb 4: Fire Drill</i> | |