




Tillicum Community School

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Hello Tillicum students, families, and staff

Thank you for making our Elementary School one that all of us are proud to be associated with! At Tillicum, we are committed to a strong academic program, healthy opportunities for socialization, developing creativity, working collaboratively, and celebrating a healthy school climate.

Tillicum is always a hub of activity and the month of February is no exception. Our grades 3's continue to enjoy their swimming lessons right through until spring break. Thank you to our PAC for continuing to sponsor our Grade 3 swimming program. Our grade 4/5 basketball team has been working hard at their practices in preparation for their Jamboree, and our Community School continues to offer a variety of excellent and engaging activities. January also saw the start of our first Board Game Club. Everyone is welcome to attend. Board Games run every morning in Ms. Ottenbreit's room at 8:25 AM. Thank you to Mrs. Griffin for sponsoring this opportunity for our students.

Thank you for taking the time to support homework routines, special projects and home reading. Our students have already achieved over 2000 nights of home reading toward our 2nd 5000 night goal. Reading comprehension skills and the enjoyment of reading will serve all of our students well in their lives. If you have any questions or concerns about your child's home reading program, please contact your child's teacher or stop by the office to discuss with me. Your support at home is very much appreciated and makes a huge difference to your child's feeling of success.

Numeracy and all literacy skills continue to be developed through a variety of classroom activities throughout the school as well. Learning is both fun and interactive, and student projects are shared and demonstrated with pride.

It continues to be my pleasure to work in a community of supportive families, enthusiastic students, and dedicated staff.

New Portable

Our new portable is looking great and we are so excited for its opening on Monday! During the 3 week delay we were able to have a washroom installed and an additional sink in the classroom! Over the next week we will see our Music program move back into the music room, ELL move back into the ELL room, and the Community School move into its new office near the gym.

New Attendance Email

It's as simple as it sounds... just send an email to our attendance email address if you would like to let us know your student will be away (attendance20@sd61.bc.ca). Tillicum's new attendance email is just another way you can let us know of a student absence. Phone calls and answering machine messages will still work, but now, so will an email.

Registration for September 2019

We had a very busy kindergarten registration and transfer week at Tillicum and are looking forward to meeting our new kindergarten students at the open house in May. (Information will be emailed and mailed to parents.)

If you, or someone you know, have a child who was born in 2014, and you haven't already done so, please come in to register for kindergarten for September 2019!



Colquitz Middle School will be having their parent information night on Thursday, Feb. 7th from 7-8 PM for all new grade 6 students planning on attending Colquitz Middle School next school year. If you have any questions, please call their school office at 250-479-1678. If you are planning to attend a middle school other than Colquitz, please call that school directly.

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/>

Late French Immersion Registration:

<https://www.sd61.bc.ca/parent-student-resources/registration/late-french-immersion/>

Before & After School Care and Pre-School

Join us for a community consultation to hear about this new initiative at Tillicum. Pre-school, and before and after school care possibilities will be presented. We will meet in the library on **Wednesday February 13th 5:30-6:30 PM** (followed by our regular PAC meeting 6:30-8 PM). Bring your friends and your questions.



Anti-Bullying Day at Tillicum

At Tillicum, every day is anti-bullying day! This year's anti-bullying day across Canada occurs on Wednesday, February 27th. We encourage our students, staff, and parents to WEAR PINK



to show their support of Anti-Bullying Day. **Mrs. Chase** and several student leaders have been promoting this important event. In our classes, we have been tackling the issue of bullying. This issue has been a focus of discussion and is taken seriously in our learning community. All of our Grade groups are taking on this important discussion, all in an effort to eliminate bullying behaviour. We ask that parents follow up on this conversation at home. Talk about it

with your child. Everyone deserves the right to be and to feel safe!

Let's all practice showing kindness every day!

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.



Drop off & Pick up

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!

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.

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
					1 <i>Food For Fun</i>	2
3	4 <i>Fire Drill - 10 AM</i>	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 <i>Recognition Assembly</i> <i>2:10 PM</i> <i>Childcare Community Consultation</i> <i>5:30-6:30 PM</i> <i>PAC meeting</i> <i>6:30 PM - Library</i>	14	15 <i>School not in Session</i> <i>Pro-D Day</i>	16
17	18 <i>Family Day</i> <i>School not in Session</i>	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 <i>PINK SHIRT DAY</i> <i>Recognition Assembly</i> <i>2:10 PM</i>	28	<i>Early March:</i> <i>Mar 8 Food For Fun</i>	