



Tillicum Community School

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Hello Tillicum students, families, and staff

Spring break will soon be here! Before we are off, please take the time to celebrate your child's successes when reviewing their report cards. We are all very proud of the accomplishments our students have made this term. Students have put in their best efforts and have made significant progress. Thank you to all parents for their tremendous support. Regular communication with classroom teachers, help with field trips, and consistent home reading are all very much appreciated.

We have enjoyed another very busy second term at Tillicum. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the dedicated and skilled Tillicum staff for all their efforts this term. Not only does our staff provide outstanding classroom learning activities and exemplary assessment of learning practices, but many of our staff volunteer their time to provide extra-curricular opportunities for our students.

Our grade 3 swim program, again, is a big success, thanks to the generous support of your PAC and transportation from Burnside/Gorge, as well as parent volunteers. I would also like to extend a special thanks to Ms. Kushnir and the drivers who volunteered to make our Tillicum Thundersharks program a success, again, this year. Swimmers attended their zone swim meet on Feb 20th. Congratulations to all of our athletes on their fine performances! Finally, I would like to thank Jaz and Ms. Myhre for all of their hard work with the Grade 4/5 Basketball team. The team will be taking part in the annual Spectrum Family of Schools Basketball Jamboree, Monday March 4. We are proud of our teams for all of their hard work!

It is definitely a pleasure to work with such hard-working students and staff, and such a supportive community.

Planning for September

We are making plans for our school organization for next year. It is imperative for us to know if a **current Kindergarten - Gr 4 child** is moving/not returning to Tillicum Community School in September. If this is the case for your family, please advise Mr. Duyndam (250-386-1408) or by e-mail: tillicum@sd61.bc.ca as soon as possible. This information is very much appreciated and greatly assists us in our planning.

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 :)

Music News

Exciting news from the music program! We are back in our original music room. All classes are happy to be back. This allows all our Kindergarten to grade 2 classes to play their own orff instrument at the same time and gives us lots of space for choreography and music games. All classes in the school have been working on their various instruments and also preparing for our Pink Shirt Day Assembly songs.



The Senior Choir sang both anthems for the Victoria Royals game at the Save on Food Centre on February 1st. They made Tillicum very proud! In addition, the choir will be part of Victoria Sings at UVic on March 7th. We look forward to this exciting musical opportunity.

WE Council Bake Sale

Thank you to Tillicum families for contributing bake goods for the Tillicum bake sale.

WE Council are so thrilled about their recent BAKE FOR CHANGE event that was held on February 14th and 18th, 2019. What a successful fundraiser, especially considering school was closed for the 3 days before with all the snow that fell. We were able to raise \$500.

The WE council members worked hard and showed an impressive commitment to help raise money for Signs of Hope in Africa. The money raised will feed breakfast to 325 elementary students in Jambiani for one month and provide an income for the 8 women who help prepare these meals! Tillicum students should be very proud of themselves.

Thank you, Mrs. Chase and Mrs. Easton

READY, SET, LEARN

Hello families of three and four year olds! Do you have questions about kindergarten? Join us Tuesday, April 9th at Saanich Neighbourhood Place in the Pearkes Rec Centre (5:00-7:00 pm). This is a free event! (Poster attached)

SWIMSHARKS

On Feb 20th the Tillicum Thundersharks Swim Team participated in the city wide preliminary meet. Orry, Ryleigh, Xander, Jack and Almas swam incredible races and our school team made the city finals!

March book recommendations by students in Div 1

“A Mango Shaped Space” by award winning author Wendy Mass features Mia Winchell. Mia is a seemingly perfect girl until third grade when her teacher asks her to write on the chalkboard using a white piece of chalk! She doesn't understand because the number she is writing is pink not white! After years of thinking everybody is like her she learns they are not. She has Synesthesia. This book can make you feel every emotion possible, joy, anger, sadness, and sympathy. I love this book and hope you and your children might too. – Kyla

“Focused” by Alyson Gerber is about a girl named Clea. Clea has a hard time in school but she really likes to play chess. To play on the school’s chess team she must keep her grades up in school. When school becomes a problem for Clea her parents take her to get tested for ADHD and it turns out she has ADHD. Clea must find a way to adapt to school with ADHD. I really enjoyed this book and found it very interesting. By Ryleigh

Dinner time conversation idea - talk with your child about books they are enjoying reading and share some of the books you enjoyed reading when you were their age.

Leisure Involvement for Everyone (*LIFE*)

Financial Assistance - Saanich helps low income residents access recreation services and programs at Saanich recreation centres. More information here:

<https://www.saanich.ca/EN/main/parks-recreation-culture/community-recreation-services/financial-assistance-inclusion/financial-assistance.html>

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.

Have a wonderful Spring Break everyone! See you on Monday, April 1.

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
3	4 <i>Spectrum Family Basketball Jamboree</i>	5	6	7 <i>PAC presents Julie-Anne Richards 6-8 PM - GYM</i>	8 <i>Food For Fun</i>	9
10	11	12	13 <i>PAC meeting 6:30 PM - Library</i>	14	15 <i>Report Cards Home</i>	16
17	18 <i>Spring Break</i>	19 <i>Spring Break</i>	20 <i>Spring Break</i>	21 <i>Spring Break</i>	22 <i>Spring Break</i>	23
24	25 <i>Spring Break</i>	26 <i>Spring Break</i>	27 <i>Spring Break</i>	28 <i>Spring Break</i>	29 <i>Spring Break</i>	30
31	Early April: <i>April 1 - school opens April 3 - Recognition Assembly April 10-11 - Student-Led Conferences: 11:45 AM dismissal April 10-11 - Scholastic Book Fair</i>					