



Tillicum Community School

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Hello Tillicum students, families, and staff

It is hard to believe that May is here. With only eight full weeks of school left this year, we have much to do and much to celebrate. Many year-end activities are beginning to be planned in classrooms and throughout the school while we continue to focus on the critical classroom learning yet to be done. It is spring, and time to practice being “sun safe”. Light, layered clothing, hats, sunscreen, appropriate footwear and plenty of water will help students enjoy outdoor activities in comfort. Thank you for your support with this.

Thursday, May 16th our grade 5 students will participate in transition day activities by visiting the middle school they will be attending in September. Our students will be well prepared for middle school and are getting very excited about moving on to the next stage of their schooling. As we prepare our grade 5s for transition to middle school, we will also welcome our new kindergarten students with our Welcome to Kindergarten event, May 16th from 9:30-11:00 AM.

Tillicum athletes continue to train for our annual track meet to be held at the University of Victoria on Thursday, May 23rd from 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM. Thank you to the many staff and parents who are able to support our students at this event and the practices leading up to it. Parents are welcome and encouraged to join us at the university to cheer on our athletes.

Thank you to everyone for supporting last year’s ***Bike to School Week***. This year’s event is planned for the week of May 27th-31st. More information will be coming home shortly.

Parents of students currently in grades K-4: If your child will NOT be attending Tillicum in September of 2019, please call the office to inform us of this important information.

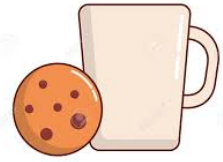
Reunification Drill – mark your calendars

Tillicum Community School will be practicing an **Emergency Reunification Drill on Wednesday June 5 at 1:00 PM** to provide students, parents, and staff an opportunity to practice an important component of our school emergency plan. Parents and guardians are requested to pick up their student in the reunification process by following our procedures as outlined in the attached document.

Parent Appreciation Coffee & Cookies

We very much value the willingness of parents and guardians to help us achieve our goals at **Tillicum**. The members of the **Tillicum** PAC are a group of parents that do so much to help our programs succeed. Additionally, families and friends of **Tillicum** students find ways in

their busy schedules to help us out with our field trips, sports team outings, reading to and with children in classes, and numerous other activities. We would like to say THANK YOU to the many parents, grandparents and guardians that have volunteered their time this year! On **Tuesday, June 11th**, we invite you to join us when you drop your child off before school. Stop for a coffee and cookie to start you off on your day! This is a small token of our appreciation to our wonderful volunteers!



The Month of June at Tillicum

June is the final month of the school year and each of our classes at **Tillicum** are planning some outstanding activities and outings. Teachers will communicate this information to all parents. Additionally, **Tillicum** has traditionally enjoyed a final school wide event to celebrate the end of the school year. We will be having our annual school-wide year end celebration at **Cadboro-Gyro Beach Park** on Wednesday, June 19th, 2019. This will be an opportunity for us to celebrate our year with one another, take time for recreation and the outdoors, and have some fun! This will be a great outing! If your child is on the Nutritional Snack program then food will be provided; all other students will **NEED TO BRING A BAG LUNCH**. All of the Cadboro-Gyro Beach Park outing information will be coming home to **Tillicum** families and will also be posted on our school website. Thank you to YOUR **Tillicum** PAC for funding the busses that make this event possible!



Class Placements for 2019-2020

Classes are being developed within a tentative organization through meetings involving this year's teachers, next year's teachers, support staff, and the Principal. The Principal, in accordance with the School Act of British Columbia, will make the final decision about student placement and school organization. As we work together we consider the following factors: **specific learning strengths, needs and styles; the child's need for attention in social, emotional, and behavioural areas; the child's need for learning assistance or access to inclusive education services; interests, learning styles, effort and independence; class size and composition.**

The professional staff at **Tillicum** will continue to put time and effort into forming balanced classes according to the criteria noted above. Parental input is one important factor to be considered in the placement process. If you wish to provide input, please refer to the above criteria when you submit your written request. **Letters should be received in the office, or emailed to Mr. Duyndam (jeduyndam@sd61.bc.ca), no later than Friday, May 10th, 2019.**

Be Active Every Day

Active people are more productive, more likely to avoid illness, and have more energy. Regular physical activity in childhood not only improves physical fitness and bone density, it also promotes concentration, better academic performance, self-esteem and lowers stress. It is recommended that children and youth get at least 60 minutes of physical activity every day. You don't have to do it all at once. Start slowly and build up!

Tips for getting your family moving:



- ✓ Make physical activity a part of every day. Walk or ride bikes to school. Take the family skating or to the pool. Join a sports team or club. Work in the yard together.
- ✓ Set a good example. Demonstrate that being active feels good.
- ✓ Limit screen time. Your kids will find other more active ways to entertain themselves.

Establishing positive habits in childhood and adolescence can last a lifetime!

A message from your School Meal Program Dietitian.

Greek Lunch



The Greek Community is an important sponsor of the *Tillicum* Community School meal program. Their generosity is so greatly appreciated! In addition, each year, the Greek Community provides a wonderful traditional lunch for our entire school. This event is followed by a short, all-school assembly. We are looking forward to this annual event on May 8th.

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!

Music News

Thank you to all the parents and students that visited the Music Room for the Student-led Conferences. It was so nice to see families exploring music together. Many of our K-2 classes and a few of the 4 and 5 classes are working on putting together the "Spring Sing". This performance tells the story of Canada in story and song. The students have learned many songs to share. This performance will take place on May 29th at 1:30 PM and will be an hour long. Students are asked to wear red and white, or traditional cultural dress to celebrate their heritage. We look forward to sharing this presentation with all of you!



Spring Cross-Country

Our cross country runners had their last meet of the 2019 spring race season on Tuesday. Congratulations to all participants and our thanks to Ms. Pinkus and Ms. Kushnir and parents for volunteering to make this opportunity happen for our athletes!

Track

Grade 3-5 athletes continue training for our zone D track meet on Thursday, May 23rd.

Runners who qualify at the zone meet will be eligible to participate at the city finals the evening of Thursday, May 30th.

100 metre practices are held on the Burnside field

Relay practices are held on the Maddock field

800 metre practices are held on the Maddock field on Tuesday and Friday mornings before school at 8:15 am.



Please remind your child that attendance at practices is required for participation in the track meet. Ensure your children wear or have runners at school for the track practices.

Summer Book Exchange



Tillicum staff are working to build two “Tillicum Book Exchange” boxes to be placed on the school grounds for a Student Summer Reading Program. These boxes are intended to allow students to have access to books over the summer. We would greatly appreciate any books families would be willing to donate. If you have gently used books at home (picture books or chapter books) that your children no longer need, please bring them to school. Our staff will sort through these books and use them to fill the book boxes throughout the summer.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mrs. Nault at lnault@sd61.bc.ca
Thank you so much for your support, Summer Reading Council.

May book recommendations by students in Div 1

These are book recommendations by students in Division 1 that students thought other children in Grade 3-5 might enjoy.

The Chocolate Touch by Patrick Skene Catling - This book is about a boy named John Midas who always bugs his sister. He loves chocolate, but is not allowed to eat it. John is given a special pack of chocolate. The next morning something very odd happened... - Beyonka

Cougar Cove By Julie Lawson - Cougar Cove is about a 11 year old girl named Sam who goes to visit her cousins on the west coast of Vancouver Island. One day when Sam is out adventuring when she comes across a mother cougar and her kittens... - Ryleigh

Howl's Moving Castle is a series of 3 books by Diana Wynne Jones. In the land of Ingary where magic and wizards and witches really exist, Sophie Hatter attracts the attention of “The Witch Of The Waste” who puts a curse on her, turning her into a 90 year old woman. Sophie decides to go on an adventure to seek her fortune and travel out of Market Chipping and into the waste, where witches and wizards still roam. - Hosanna

We are hiring!

The Greater Victoria School District is looking for passionate and qualified individuals to join our team in the following key roles:

- Educational Assistant Spareboard
- Clerical Spareboard
- StrongStart Program - Early Childhood Educators



If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about what positions we offer, please visit our website here: <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/our-district/employment/>
You can submit your resume, cover letter and qualifications to: hurs@sd61.bc.ca

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>Recognition Assembly 2:10 PM</i>	2	3	4
5	6 <i>Class Photo Day</i>	7	8 <i>Tillicum Greekfest PAC meeting 6:30 PM Library</i>	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 <i>Recognition Assembly 2:10 PM</i>	16 <i>Welcome to Kindergarten 9:30-11 AM District Transition Afternoon</i>	17 <i>Pro-D Day School is not in session</i>	18
19	20 <i>Victoria Day School is not in session</i>	21	22	23 <i>Zone D Track Meet UVIC 10 - 1:30 PM</i>	24	25
26	27 <i>Fire Drill 10 AM</i>	28	29 <i>Recognition Assembly 2:10 PM</i>	30 <i>CITY FINALS TRACK - UVIC</i>	31	Early June: <i>*June 5* Reunification Drill 1 PM</i>