




Tillicum Community School

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Dear Parents & Guardians,



October is here, and at **Tillicum**, the school continues to be an amazing environment for teaching and learning. By combining high expectations for behaviour and commitment to our learning, we have set the wheels in motion for an outstanding school year. Thanks so much to the **Tillicum** staff for their commitment to our program and to the dedication shown toward the wonderful children in their care. We are thrilled with the respectful manner in which our students have conducted themselves. Students have set goals for themselves, and they have shown respect to our code of conduct - an important cornerstone of our school.

*The vision of **Tillicum** is to provide a safe, caring school community where strengths are honoured and learning is exciting. **Tillicum** students will acquire and demonstrate academic, social and behavioral skills that will allow them to contribute as moral citizens in a culturally diverse, technological world. We are committed to this vision at **Tillicum**! We desire our school to be a place where students truly feel that they belong, a place that is exciting for all learners. At **Tillicum**, we value that our school is respectful, safe, and full of great learning opportunities and experiences.*



Attendance Email

It's as simple as it sounds... just send an email to our attendance email address if your student will be away (attendance20@sd61.bc.ca). **Tillicum's** attendance email is one of several ways you can let us know of a student absence. Phone calls and answering machine messages will still work... ext 2.

Safety at Tillicum



Another one of our priorities at **Tillicum** is the safety of all of the students and staff while in and around the building. To that end, we regularly practice fire drills, ensuring the entire school population is able to exit the building quickly and quietly. On October 10th, **Tillicum** will have the Saanich Fire Department here to assist us with a fire drill. We will also be taking part in the BC Provincial Earthquake ShakeOut Earthquake drill. The earthquake drill on October 17th will be an opportunity to review and practice our earthquake emergency plans. We hope that students and families have

discussed earthquake preparedness for their homes. On November 26th 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**.

Another aspect of SAFETY for us is bicycle safety and parking lot safety. We have stressed the importance of bicycle safety with students – choosing SAFE riding routes to and from school, **wearing a helmet**, etc. We have also reminded students that all of the bicycles in our bike racks during the school day should be locked, and are out of bounds to all students. 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



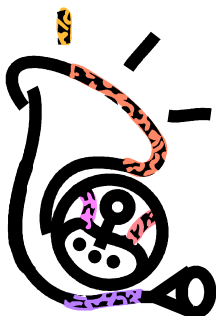
warm, water resistant/waterproof clothing: a jacket/poncho (preferably with a hood) and closed shoes (rain boots, if possible.) Unless it is **raining heavily**, our students do go out for recess, exercise activities, or neighbourhood walks. Some field trips also involve students being outdoors, even when the weather is wet. Proper clothing will help keep your child warm and dry throughout the day.

Athletics and Healthy Living at Tillicum

Athletics and healthy living are important for everyone, particularly for elementary school students! We are committed to providing opportunities for kids to be involved at our school athletically and we promote healthy living. Thanks to **Mrs. Castellanos** and **Mr. Carlson** for coaching our *Cross Country team* this year! The students at **Tillicum** have also been encouraged to be part of our *soccer program*, which is always a HUGE success. Thank you to **Mrs. Easton** for coaching soccer this year!



Music News



We are delighted to see so many **Tillicum** students in our choir, and music programs this year. Our new music teacher, **Mr. Byron Lienard**, is delighted with the enthusiastic students and their commitment to music. Senior Choir has started on Wednesday's at lunch recess. All grade 3-5 students who love to sing are welcome to be part of the choir. Junior Choir starts Thursday October 17 and all Grade 1 and 2 students are welcome to join. Registration forms are available in the office. Our music program is one of the pillars of Tillicum Community School, and we are proud of all of our music students!

Library News - Book Fair in the Gym October 9 (11:45-6pm) **and 10** (11:45-4pm)

The Arctic Adventure Book Fair is coming to the **Tillicum** Gym and there is SNOW much to READ! A blizzard of books is arriving and everyone is invited. We invite your entire family to participate by purchasing the latest and greatest in children's books. Your support of this literary event is key to helping us obtain new books for our library.

A flyer and notice will be going home that provides a preview of only a few of the many books available to purchase. The flyer also contains a special ballot that students can return on or before the **first** day of the fair. One student will win \$60 in books – \$30 for their family PLUS \$30 for their classroom! There will also be five additional chance to win a \$10 gift certificate through the same draw.



Student Leadership

Tillicum's Grade 5 student leadership group, "The WE Team" will be kicking off our WE Scare Hunger Campaign mid-October. We will be collecting non-perishable food items, soap (laundry, dish and personal) and toiletries: Donations collected Oct 14th- Oct 31st. All donations will be given to Saanich Neighbourhood Place. Thank you on behalf of the WE student leaders, Mrs. Chase and Mrs. Easton

Spirit Day - Orange and Black Day

On October 31st, we will be having our annual Orange and Black Day. In the past, this has been extremely successful in allowing students the opportunity to dress up a little and have some fun on Halloween. We encourage everyone to wear black and/or orange clothing. In the past some students have used black and orange face makeup and hair spray. We would ask students to leave their costumes at home so that they are not damaged or lost during the day.

Upcoming Special Event at Tillicum



Every year, schools in Canada organize a special assembly at Remembrance Day. The **Tillicum** Remembrance Day assembly for this year is planned for the morning of Friday, November 8th, at 10:45 AM. You are encouraged to take part in this opportunity as **Tillicum** show's respect to those that have served. **Tillicum's** Honour Guard Procession is an open invitation 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.

See you in and around **Tillicum**!

Jeff Duyndam & Sue Ottenbreit
Principal Vice-Principal



Tillicum Community School Calendar

October 2019

For events specific to each Division, please speak with your child's teacher.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 <i>Recognition Assembly 2:10pm</i>	3 <i>Individual Picture Day</i>	4 <i>Cops for Cancer 11 AM @ Tillicum Mall Food For Fun</i>	5
6	7	8 <i>FREE Parent Work- shop at Spectrum School 7pm (see email)</i>	9 EARLY CLOSURE 11:45 AM <i>Parent/Teacher interviews Book Fair in Gym PAC meeting 6:30 PM</i>	10 EARLY CLOSURE 11:45 AM <i>Parent/Teacher interviews Book Fair in Gym Fire Drill 10:30am</i>	11	12
13	14 <i>Thanksgiving School is not in session</i>	15	16	17 <i>Earthquake DRILL</i>	18	19
20	21 <i>Federal Election Day</i>	22	23 <i>Recognition Assembly 2:10pm</i>	24 <i>PAC Halloween Party 6-7pm - Gym</i>	25 <i>Pro-D Day School is not in session</i>	26
27	28	29	30	31 <i>Orange & Black Day No costumes please</i>	Early November: <i>November 6 - Recognition Assembly November 8 - Remembrance Day Assembly</i>	