

Hello Tillicum Families,

As 2019 comes to a close it's affirming to take a moment to reflect on just what an amazing and vibrant community Tillicum is and how it continues to grow and evolve to meet the needs of students, staff and families. This fall has been an especially busy one. With our student population up by over 10% all of our after-school programs have been running at capacity.

Students are invited to join Mrs. Schubert and the volunteers for breakfast each morning between 8:15-8:30 am. This year we were fortunate to receive a grant from President's Choice Children's Charities (PCCC) that allowed for the purchase of a new stove and dishwasher! Our thanks to PCCC, Breakfast2Music, Save On Foods, and several local donors for their ongoing support of this program.

Burnside-Gorge programs have included a great variety of lunch time activities, as well as Science, Wolf Pack, Creative Kids and Lego Club – a favourite, after school. Thank you Jaz and Travis.

We've had a lot of exercise and fun in PISE and Fit&Fuel where students are engaged in a wide range of physical literacy activities indoors and out. Our young artists continue to produce fabulous creative pieces. Take time to view some of their work on the bulletin board around the corner from the General Office. Thank you the staff and volunteers for making these wonderful opportunities available to our students.

Also this fall, several groups of grade 2 and 3 students have learned about pet care through the BC SPCA after-school program.

New this year, Tillicum was invited to participate in a brand new program to Victoria, HEROS Hockey. Thank you to the wonderful team who work so hard to provide this opportunity for students all across Canada! Our Tillicum HEROS are on the ice at Pearkes Arena every Thursday until March – families are encouraged to come out to cheer and support!

FALL PROGRAMMING (September – December) WILL END AS FOLLOWS:

- Fit&Fuel, PISE AND ART programs will be ending the week of December 2-6.
- Burnside-Gorge after-school programs (Science, Wolf Pack, Creative Kids and Lego Club) will be ending the week of December 2-6, **WITH the exception of Wolf Pack which will end on November 29<sup>th</sup> with a special event at Burnside Gorge Community Centre.**
- BC SPCA Pet Care program ends on December 9<sup>th</sup>, please call Olivia at 250.388.7722 ext 1226 if you have any questions.
- Sierra Club BC Nature Kids program ends on December 11<sup>th</sup>, please Ciera at 250-386-5255 ext 245 if you have any questions.
- HEROS Hockey practices will be ending on December 19<sup>th</sup> and will resume on January 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Toast Program will end December 20<sup>th</sup> and resume on January 6<sup>th</sup>.

REGISTRATION FOR WINTER (January – March) Fit&Fuel, PISE and Burnside-Gorge programs will take place December 16-20 and January 6-8. Participation lists will be finalized and confirmations will be sent home between January 9 - 14 with programs beginning January 13-17. As always, we encourage you to be prompt at getting your registration forms returned, but please note, we will be giving priority to students who were waitlisted for Fall so we can ensure as many children as possible are able to participate over the course of the school year.

We are gratefully acknowledge our supporters and partners: School District 61, the Ministry of Children and Families – After School Sports and Arts Initiative, President's Choice Children's Charities, and the Municipality of Saanich, PISE, Burnside-Gorge Community Association, the BC SPCA, HEROS Hockey, Jr NBA (formerly Steve Nash Basketball), Tillicum PAC, Lowes, Save On Foods, Breakfast2Music, and various private donors for making the before, lunch-time and after school programming possible.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call me at 250-386-1408 ext 3. I'm in the Community School Office between 1-5 pm each day.

Dianne Dennis, Community Program Coordinator