



# Tillicum Community School

**December 2019**

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***Hello Tillicum families,***



On behalf of the entire **Tillicum** staff, we wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and Happy New Year! Students and staff have worked hard and everyone is ready for a break! Take time to enjoy one another at this special time of year.



I truly appreciate the dedication of staff and the support of families as we continue focusing on literacy and numeracy skills for students. **Tillicum** students make strong efforts in classrooms and show commitment to being the best learners they can be. Clear, regular communication with classroom teachers, whether you drop into the school, phone, email, use the home school agenda or FreshGrade, is very helpful in ensuring that our students' needs are being met and successes are achieved.

At this time of year, especially, Mr. Lienard deserves a special thank you for the extra time he spends with the senior choir. We are always proud of their excellent performances! I would also like to acknowledge the time staff give to art and set design and the extra efforts they put into the staging and production of the winter concerts. We are looking forward to another fantastic show in the coming weeks!

Our office and custodial staff contribute greatly to the success of our students as well. I would like to acknowledge their contributions to the culture of our school and the success of our students. Thank you!



The contributions of our PAC are also very much appreciated. We are extremely fortunate to have such a dedicated, energetic team of volunteers willing to work so very hard to bring many opportunities and activities to our students to enrich their educational experience. Food for Fun, the gift sale, and Christmas Market are but a few of the PAC sponsored events that contribute so much to the culture of our school and community.

It takes incredible support and a team effort to make **Tillicum** Community School the great place that it is! Finally, I would like to extend my warmest wishes for a safe, relaxing, and rejuvenating holiday season to all of you.

### ***Pancake Breakfast for Students at Tillicum***

On Wednesday December 4<sup>th</sup> Coast Capital Savings will be providing a pancake breakfast to all of our students and staff. We will also mark this day by making it Pajama Day! In an effort to “go green”, **students have been asked to bring their own plate, cutlery, napkin, and bag for the event.** We are determined as a school to REDUCE and ELIMINATE unnecessary garbage. Thank you for also providing a bag for the plate and cutlery to go home in.



### ***Granola Bar Drive for the Homeless***

Mrs. Dagg’s class has begun their annual Granola Bar drive on behalf of “The Q” radio station. All donated granola bars can be dropped off into the “Granola Bar Train” outside her classroom. The final day to donate granola bars will be Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. Thank you so much for your support!

### ***Lost & Found***



Lost and Found articles will be displayed in the lower hallway during the last week of school before the winter break. Please take time to claim any lost items before December 20<sup>th</sup>. All unclaimed items will be donated to charity.

### ***Sports News***

**Tillicum** Thunderbirds Basketball Team will be practicing on Monday’s at lunch in the gym beginning in December. They will be working on skills and team play in preparation for the Spectrum Family Jamboree that will be coming in the New Year.



**Tillicum** Thundersharks Swim Team has begun the 2019-20 Swim Year. We have started our Tuesday afternoon training sessions at Commonwealth Pool. Our first chance to show off our skills will be at The Stand Up and Race Meet in January. This is an important event for new and novice swimmers in preparation for the Elementary/Middle School Preliminary and City Final meets in February.

### ***Music News***



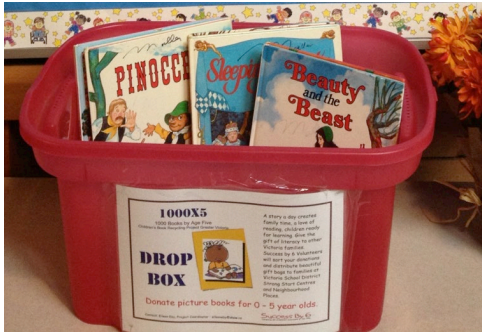
**Tillicum** students have been busy getting ready for the Winter Concert- “Time Travel Through the Holidays.” **Performance dates are Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00pm and Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup> @ 1:15pm.**

In other music news, **Tillicum** has recently received a generous donation of \$1500 from the Rotary Club of Oak Bay. This money will be used to purchase new music instruments, including Recorders, Ukuleles and Hand Drums. Watch for some of these instruments in action at the Winter Concerts.

Finally, Mr. Duyndam & Mr. Lienard have been working with the Victoria Symphony and they have selected us as their adopted school this year! This means **Tillicum** students will be receiving a variety of music programs. The first program will take place in January with

all Grade 1 students attending 'Symphony Storytime' hosted by a member of the Victoria Symphony.

### 1000 x 5 Book Drive



This is the third year of the three book challenge. As we head into the holiday season, many families appreciate a bit of help with gifts. Every month 1000x5 pops 3000 books in 1000 gift bags: three books for each receiving child. If each child at **Tillicum** brought in 3 gently used books for babies and preschoolers, we would collect 1250 books. Let's make it happen. Drop books for babies and preschoolers off in the pink bin outside the office.

### 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.



### Thank you Tillicum Students and Staff!



The entire **Tillicum** learning community is to be congratulated for the generous contributions made this fall. We have been collecting non-perishable food items for **Saanich Neighbourhood Place** and were very pleased to present almost 1400 items to them. At **Tillicum**, being socially responsible citizens is a goal that we take seriously. It has been heartwarming to experience the care **Tillicum** has for its community. Well done everyone.

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and Happy Holidays, everyone! Have a safe, wonderful holiday and see you January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020!

**Jeff Duyndam & Sue Ottenbreit**  
**Principal Vice-Principal**



# Tillicum Community School Calendar

## December 2019



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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 <i>Granola Bar Drive for the Homeless</i>	3	4 - <i>Pajama Day Pancake Breakfast (Bring plate, cutlery, napkin, bag)</i>	5 <i>Last day for Granola Bar Drive for the Homeless</i>	6	7
			<i>Recognition Assembly 2:10pm</i>			
8	9	10 <i>PAC Christmas Sale 9 - 2:45 PM (Classes)</i>	11 <i>Saanich Braves Floor Hockey @ lunch  PAC meeting Library - 6:30 PM</i>	12	13 <i>Report Cards Go Home</i>	14
15	16	17	18 <i>Winter Concert GYM - 6 PM</i>	19 <i>Winter Concert GYM - 1:15 PM</i>	20 <i>Last Day of classes before Winter Break</i>	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	<i>Early January: Jan 6 - First day back Jan 14 - Gr 3 Swimming Begins Jan 15 - PAC meeting 6:30 PM</i>			