



Tillicum Community School

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Hello Tillicum students, families, and staff

Welcome back and Happy New Year! Students and staff have returned to school full of energy and enthusiasm for learning. Thank you for making our elementary school one that all of us are proud to be associated with! **Tillicum** is off and running in 2020 with our commitment to a strong academic program, opportunities for socialization, developing creativity, working collaboratively, and celebrating a healthy school climate.

Thank you to all families for supporting our Home Reading program. Just before the winter break our students earned an extra recess by collectively reading 5000 nights. Be reminded that **every class** participates in Home Reading in some format. Your child should be reading with/to an adult or discussing the book they are reading at home with an adult for about 10 - 20 minutes daily. Please check with your child's teacher if you are not sure about specific Home Reading expectations for the class.

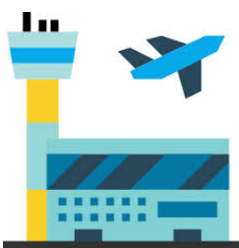
Kindergarten Registration

We are beginning preparations for the 2020/21 school year. A note to all **Tillicum** families with a child who will be entering kindergarten in September 2020 - We strongly recommend that you attend the office to register your child as early during registration week as you can.



Kindergarten Registration and Transfers for September 2020 will be the week of **January 20-24**.

Student Transfer Application Week



Every address is associated with an elementary, middle and secondary school in our District that new students must register at. To determine which schools are associated with a home address, visit the **School Locator Tool**. Students at all grade levels (K-12) wishing to change schools will need to complete a Student Transfer Application Form, which is available from February 10-18 at all schools in our district and on the District website, www.sd61.bc.ca. You will find additional

information regarding the transfer process on our school district website.

Important SD61 Dates - **Registration & Transfers:**

<https://www.sd61.bc.ca/parent-student-resources/registration/registration-transfer-dates/>

Information on **Late French Immersion Registration:**

<https://www.sd61.bc.ca/parent-student-resources/registration/late-french-immersion/>

Student Supervision at Tillicum

As a reminder, it is important that *Tillicum* families know that the supervision of students at *Tillicum* before and after instructional time commences at 8:30 AM before school, and runs until 3:00 PM after school. We do not have any supervision in the hallways before classes begin at 8:45 AM, and students have been asked to not be in the hallways at that time.

1000 x 5

1000 Books by Age Five- Donate books to increase early literacy!

Do you know that reading books to babies and preschoolers is the most significant indicator of early school success? Cuddling and reading to your little ones shows that you value reading, builds comfort, enjoyment and early skills that last a lifetime. **January 27 is Family Literacy Day.** As well as enjoying a new story with your child, please make an extra effort to drop off gently used picture books for babies and preschoolers in the brown drop box at the school office door. All children benefit from being read to – help make that a reality for more.

Music News



Thank you to all students for their participation in “Time Travel Through the Holidays” our Winter Show. Great job! In the New Year we will continue singing and learning new instruments. Grade 4 and 5 classes will continue with ukulele, the Grade 3 students with recorders, and Grade 1 and 2 students on the orff instruments.

In January, the Senior Choir will continue to rehearse at their regular time- Wednesday’s @ Lunch. At this time, the Senior Choir will be welcoming new members, so please come and try it out! In the spring, the Senior Choir will be looking forwards to some performances out in the community... more info coming soon.

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. Proper clothing will help keep your child warm and dry throughout the day.



Community School News

Toast Program will start Jan 6 and run Monday-Friday. Community after-school PISE AND BURNSIDE-GORGE programs will be starting the week of January 13 – 17. Other programs may have different start dates and end times which are indicated in our Community School News.

We gratefully acknowledge our community partners and funders: School District 61, the Ministry of Children and Families – After School Sports and Arts Initiative, Canadian Tire Jumpstart, President’s Choice Children’s Charities, the Municipality of Saanich, PISE, Burnside-Gorge Community Association, BC Parks and Recreation Association, the BC SPCA, HEROS Hockey, Jr NBA, **Tillicum** PAC, Lowes, Save On Foods, Breakfast2Music, Heron Rock Bistro, and various private donors, whose support makes this programming possible. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call Dianne Dennis, our Community Program Coordinator, at 250-386-1408 ext 3.

Tillicum Community Gives Back

Mrs. Dagg’s class had their annual Granola Bar drive on behalf of “The Q” radio station. Our community brought in an impressive 1386 granola bars for those in need! We are very proud of the way our students and families give back to the community! Thank you!

Tillicum would also like to thank Mena Westhaver at Saanich Parks & Rec, and Canadian Tire Jumpstart for providing all of our 415 students with warm socks for the holidays!



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

January 2020



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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	6 <i>School reopens</i>	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 <i>Science World Presentations All Divisions</i>	14 <i>Gr. 3 Swimming begins</i>	15 <i>PAC meeting Library - 6:30 PM</i>	16 <i>EXTRA RECESS For 5000 nights of Home Reading! 1:45-2:05 PM</i>	17	18
19	20 <i>Pro-D Day - School is not in session</i> <i>KINDERGARTEN</i>	21 <i>REGISTRATION</i>	22 <i>Recognition Assembly 2:10 PM</i> <i>AND</i>	23 <i>TRANSFER</i>	24 <i>WEEK</i>	25
26	27 <i>Family Literacy Day</i>	28	29	30 <i>PAC Game Night GYM - 6 PM</i>	31 <i>Food For Fun</i>	<i>Early February:</i> <i>Feb 3: Fire Drill</i> <i>Feb 5: Recognition Assembly</i>