



# Tillicum Community School

**February 2020**

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## ***Hello Tillicum students, families, and staff***

Thank you for making our Elementary School one that all of us are proud to be associated with! At **Tillicum**, we are committed to a strong academic program, healthy opportunities for socialization, developing creativity, working collaboratively, and celebrating a healthy school climate.

**Tillicum** is always a hub of activity and the month of February is no exception. Our grade 3s continue to enjoy their swimming lessons right through until spring break. Thank you to our PAC for continuing to sponsor our Grade 3 swimming program. Our grade 4/5 basketball team has been working hard at their practices in preparation for their Jamboree, and our Community School continues to offer a variety of excellent and engaging activities. A reminder that Board Games run every morning in Ms. Ottenbreit's room at 8:25 AM. All students are welcome to attend. Thank you to Mrs. Griffin for sponsoring this opportunity for our students.

Thank you for taking the time to support homework routines, special projects and home reading. Our students have already achieved over 2000 nights of home reading toward our 2<sup>nd</sup> 5000 night goal. Reading comprehension skills and the enjoyment of reading will serve all of our students well in their lives. If you have any questions or concerns about your child's home reading program, please contact your child's teacher or stop by the office to discuss with me. Your support at home is very much appreciated and makes a huge difference to your child's feeling of success.

Numeracy and all literacy skills continue to be developed through a variety of classroom activities throughout the school. Learning is both fun and interactive, and student projects are shared and demonstrated with pride.

It continues to be my pleasure to work in a community of supportive families, enthusiastic students, and dedicated staff.

## **February is Black History Month**

Every February, Canadians are invited to participate in Black History Month festivities and events that honour the legacy of Black Canadians, past and present. During Black History Month, Canadians celebrate the many achievements and contributions of Black Canadians who, throughout history, have done so much to make Canada the culturally diverse, compassionate and prosperous nation it is today. Black



History Month is a time to learn more about these Canadian stories and the many other important contributions of Black Canadians to the settlement, growth and development of Canada, and about the diversity of Black communities in Canada and their importance to the history of this country.

### Attendance Email

It's as simple as it sounds... just send an email to our attendance email address if you would like to let us know your student will be away ([attendance20@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:attendance20@sd61.bc.ca)). *Tillicum's* attendance email is just another way you can let us know of a student absence. Phone calls to the attendance line still work, and for your convenience, so will an email.

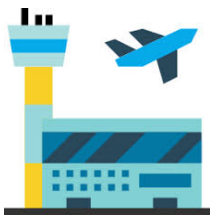
### Registration for September 2020

We have had a very busy kindergarten registration and transfer week at *Tillicum* and are looking forward to meeting our new kindergarten students at the open house in May (information will be emailed and mailed to parents).

If you, or someone you know, have a child who was born in 2015, and you haven't already done so, please come in to register for kindergarten for September 2020!



### 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<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> at all schools in our district and on the District website, [www.sd61.bc.ca](http://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/>

**Late French Immersion Registration:**

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

### Visit the school library from the comfort of home!

Have you visited the eLibrary? You can access it right from our school home page or put [elibrary.sd61.bc.ca](http://elibrary.sd61.bc.ca) in your browser address bar. There are online books, magazines and podcasts as well as reference tools to help answer any research question you may have. There are websites for all subject areas and a section for parents too. You can even browse our library catalog from home.



Some of our web resources are subscription-based. To find out how to access resources that require a username and password look for the lock icon explanation on applicable pages. You can access all the information about logging on from home by using the password: sd61.

## Anti-Bullying Day at Tillicum

At *Tillicum*, every day is Anti-Bullying Day! This year's Anti-Bullying Day across Canada occurs on Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. We encourage our students, staff, and parents to



WEAR PINK to show their support of Anti-Bullying Day. **Grade 5 Student Leadership** have been promoting this important event. In our classes, we have been tackling the issue of bullying. This issue has been a focus of discussion and is taken seriously in our learning community. All of our Grade groups are taking on this important discussion, all in an effort to eliminate bullying behaviour. We ask that parents follow up on this conversation at home. Talk about it

with your child. Everyone deserves the right to be and to feel safe!

***Let's all practice showing kindness every day!***

## Music News

This second term of the year is an exciting time for the Senior Choir. Senior Choir will be performing as part of the Pink Shirt Day assembly on Wednesday, Feb 26<sup>th</sup> (assembly begins at 1:45pm). Also, Senior Choir has been invited to participate in the Colquitz Family of Schools concert. This event will take place at Colquitz Middle School on Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> (a letter will be sent home regarding this event). Keep singing and have fun!



## 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!

## 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.

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

## February 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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2	3 <i>Fire Drill - 9:50am</i>	4	5 <i>Recognition Assembly 2:10 PM</i>	6	7	8
9	10	11 <i>Victoria Symphony Presentations</i>  <b>K - 12</b>	12 <i>PAC meeting Library - 6:30 PM Skipping Day TRANSFER</i>	13 <i>WE Bake Sale</i>  <b>PROCESS</b>	14 <i>Pro-D Day - School is not in session</i>	15
16	17 <i>Family Day -school not in session</i>	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 <i>Victoria Symphony for all Gr 2 &amp; 4 students</i>	26 <b>PINK SHIRT DAY</b>  <i>Recognition Assembly 2:10 PM</i>	27	28	<b>Early March:</b>  <i>Mar 6 - Food For Fun</i>