



Tillicum Community School

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Hello Tillicum students, families, and staff!



We hope this newsletter finds you in good health and spirits, and we are delighted to say that we are excited and ready for another successful school year at **Tillicum**! It has been our intent to have all students at our school feel like they belong here – it is their place! Our standards of behaviour and respect have been set high, all in an effort to create a positive, safe environment for teaching and learning.

This year's staff at **Tillicum** is committed to working with each and every student in our care. Of course, we strive to create a professional relationship with parents, as this is integral to the success of our work with our students.

A package of very important school documents will be sent home with students during the next week. Please take the time to read, update, sign and return these to your child's classroom teacher as soon as possible. The **PINK** Student Information Verification Form is extremely important as it is vital that we have current contact information for you and your child on file. Please take extra care to review the verification form.

Safety Around Tillicum

Our school enrolls approximately 400 students and we have over 60 staff members. We are encouraging alternative forms of transportation to and from school, hoping to avoid congestion problems and excessive traffic.

FOR SAFETY - PLEASE DO NOT DROP YOUR CHILDREN OFF IN THE STAFF PARKING LOT. The main entrance to the school from the parking lot on Albina Street is for staff and adult visitors to the school only. We ask that you practice having students come and go through the Orillia entrance or any of the smaller entrances in the fence around the perimeter of the school.

We also ask that you respect our neighbours by NOT parking in or blocking their driveways.

There is a designated bus drop-off zone along Orillia Street. This area must be kept clear for the school bus. You are reminded to observe the no parking signs in the bus zone for student safety. Please plan ahead, and give yourself enough time to park and walk a block or two if needed!



PACK IT IN - PACK IT OUT

Tillicum is joining other schools in taking on the initiative as a “pack it in - pack it out” school. This means that whatever comes to school for packaging snacks and lunches, goes home with the student to be recycled. We encourage students to bring recyclable containers for their food which saves plastic wrap and foil from going into the landfill and the garbage. The District of Saanich has a great recycling and organics program, so all banana peels, apple cores, etc. should also be taken home for home composting or for the green bin. This initiative encourages recycling and thoughtful use of what goes in garbage cans. Thank you for your assistance with this initiative.



Nutritional Snack Program

This program has just started for the year. Forms can be given to your child’s teacher. Each month a new permission form and menu will be available, OR you can sign up for the whole year. Additional menus and permission forms are available at the office. Information is also available on the school website.

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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. 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.

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Children's Book
Recycling Project

Family Accident Reimbursement Plan (Message from voluntary insurance provider)

The voluntary Family Accident Reimbursement Plan is for supplementing costs not covered by your provincial health insurance or existing employer extended health and dental plans. Regardless of the size of your family, all eligible family members can be insured under one set monthly rate. This program could help many families, providing much needed reimbursements for out-of-pocket costs.

If you have questions or would like to learn more about or apply for the Family Accident Reimbursement Plan, visit <https://www.solutionsinsurance.com/aonbc>

School District Complaint Process (Policy 1155)

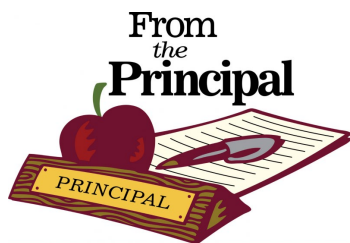
The purpose of the Complaint Process is to ensure that any individual’s concern will be given respectful attention while upholding the integrity of the educational system. The regulations provide clear procedures for the communication and resolution of any concern held by members of our Educational Community. The Educational Community includes parents, students, all Greater Victoria School District employees and members of the public.

Electrostatic Sprayers

The School District has invested in a large number of electrostatic sprayers to ensure that we can adequately disinfect all high touch surfaces. The District has also invested in a new disinfectant – Vital Oxide (DIN 02422654; SDS VO010118). This product is a food grade product that has a 0/0/0/0 rating. It is the gold standard in disinfecting and can be used by staff without the need for PPE. These sprayers are used each night by our evening custodial staff.

Meet the Teacher Night

Thursday, October 1st, is our annual Meet the Teacher Night. This year teachers will be introducing themselves to you in a variety of ways. If you have not received an email from your child's teacher by September 28th informing you how this will be taking place for their classroom, please reach out to them. This is a great opportunity to welcome new families to our school, "see" your child's classroom (via Zoom or other digital means) and talk with your child's teacher in an informal setting.



It is definitely our privilege to work with such a tremendous team of educators, students and parents again this year at **Tillicum** and we all look forward to a terrific year of learning. Please remember that our very dedicated staff are always open to discussing your child's learning.

Our office door is also 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 & Rhonda Leduc
Principal Vice-Principal



Tillicum Community School Calendar

September 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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| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 | 7 <i>Labour Day</i> <i>School is not in session</i> | 8 <i>Staff Safety Orientations</i> | 9 <i>Staff Safety Orientations</i> | 10 <i>First day of school</i> <i>9:00 AM - 11:00 AM</i> <i>12:30 PM - 2:30 PM</i> | 11 <i>Kindergarten Start</i> <i>Group A: 9 - 11 AM</i> <i>Group B: 12:30 - 2:30 PM</i> | 12 |
| 13 | 14 <i>Kindergarten Start</i> <i>Group A: 9 - 11 AM</i> <i>Group B: 12:30 - 2:30 PM</i> | 15 <i>Kindergarten Start</i> <i>Group B: 9 - 11 AM</i> <i>Group A: 12:30 - 2:30 PM</i> | 16 <i>Kindergarten Start</i> <i>Group A: 9 - 11 AM</i> <i>Group B: 12:30 - 2:30 PM</i> <i>PAC Meeting</i> <i>6:30 PM - Zoom</i> | 17 <i>Kindergarten full day</i> | 18 | 19 |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 <i>Fire Drill 9:55 AM</i> | 24 <i>Meet the Teacher</i> | 25 | 26 |
| 27 | 28 <i>Pro-D Day</i> <i>School is not in session</i> | 29 | 30 <i>Orange Shirt Day</i> | Early October: <i>October 1 - Meet the Teacher</i> <i>October 8 - Individual Picture Day</i> <i>October 21 & 22 - Early Closure (11:45 AM) Parent-Teacher Conferences</i> | | |