



Tillicum Community School

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Hello Tillicum students, families, and staff

It is hard to believe that May is here. With only eight full weeks of school left this year, we have much to do and much to celebrate. Many year-end activities are beginning to be planned in classrooms and throughout the school while we continue to focus on the critical classroom learning yet to be done. It is spring, and time to practice being “sun safe”. Light, layered clothing, hats, sunscreen, appropriate footwear and plenty of water will help students enjoy outdoor activities in comfort. Thank you for your support with this.

On Thursday, May 20th our grade 5 students will participate in transition day activities by virtually visiting the middle school they will be attending in September. Our students will be well prepared for middle school and are getting very excited about moving on to the next stage of their schooling. As we prepare our grade 5s for transition to middle school, we will also welcome our new kindergarten students with our Welcome to Kindergarten event. This event will look similar to last year where parents with new kindergarten students are welcomed by our staff in an outdoor setting and are able to talk through any questions they may have. This event will take place, May 20th from **9:30-11:00 AM.**

Thank you to everyone for supporting last year’s ***Bike to School Week***. This year’s event is planned for the week of May 31st-June 4th. More information will be coming home shortly.

Parents of students currently in grades K-4: If your child will NOT be attending Tillicum in September of 2021, please call the office to inform us of this important information.

Class Placements for 2021-22

We are beginning to plan for our classes for next year! Our current grade five students will be transitioning to various middle schools. We have been busy registering kindergarten students for the fall. If your child is currently in kindergarten to grade four and will not be attending Tillicum Community School next year, please advise the office staff. As we work together to place students we consider the following factors:

- **Specific learning strengths, needs, and styles**
- **The child’s need for attention in social, emotional and behavioural areas.**
- **The child’s need for learning support or access to inclusive education services.**
- **Interests, learning styles, effort and independence**
- **Class size and composition**

The staff at ***Tillicum*** will continue to put considerable time and effort into forming balanced classes according to the criteria noted above. Should parents wish to provide input to the

class placement process citing educational and social/emotional reasons, please send an e-mail to Mr. Duyndam (jeduyndam@sd61.bc.ca) no later than Monday, May 3rd, 2021.

New Elementary School Schedule

The School District will be moving to a common schedule across all elementary schools for the 2021-2022 school year. The reason for this change is that we currently have 27 elementary schools and a wide variety of schedules. This year, with staggered start/end times and break times has highlighted an issue that the School District has wanted to address for some time. With a variety of schedules, it has been challenging for staff who work in multiple schools, TTOCs (Teachers Teaching On Call), and itinerant staff (OT, PT, SLP, etc).

Beginning September 2021

START	8:53 AM
Recess	10:05 AM – 10:20 AM
Lunch Eating Period	11:36 AM – 11:56 AM
Lunch Recess	11:56 AM – 12:31 PM
END	2:35 PM

Mental Health & Wellness Sessions

We are pleased to let you know that the Ministry of Education has announced new Mental Health and Wellness Sessions for Educators, Parents and Students which include the following topics:

Educator Sessions:

Anxiety in Youth
Self Harm & Suicide in Youth
Educator Wellness
Depression in Youth
Substance Use in Youth

Parent Sessions:

Mental Wellness
Substance Use

Student Sessions:

Stress & Anxiety

There are also four additional Hybrid VTRA/DTA full day trainings in May, as well as four Social Media Awareness Sessions for Students in grades 8-12.

For more information and to register, links to all trainings can be found on the ERASE website at: <http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/erase/documents/erase-training-schedule.pdf>

Be Active Every Day

Active people are more productive, more likely to avoid illness, and have more energy. Regular physical activity in childhood not only improves physical fitness and bone density, it also promotes concentration, better academic performance, self-esteem and lowers stress. It is recommended that children and youth get at least 60 minutes of physical activity every day. You don't have to do it all at once. Start slowly and build up!



Tips for getting your family moving:

- ✓ Make physical activity a part of every day. Walk or ride bikes to school. Take the family skating or to the pool. Join a sports team or club. Work in the yard together.
- ✓ Set a good example. Demonstrate that being active feels good.
- ✓ Limit screen time. Your kids will find other more active ways to entertain themselves.

Establishing positive habits in childhood and adolescence can last a lifetime!

A message from your School Meal Program Dietitian.

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!

Summer Book Exchange



Our two “Tillicum Book Exchange” boxes continue to allow students access to books year round with an emphasis on Student Summer Reading. We would greatly appreciate any books families would be willing to donate. If you have gently used books at home (picture books or chapter books) that your children no longer need, please have your child bring them to school. Our staff will sort through these books and use them to fill the book boxes throughout the summer.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mrs. Nault at lnault@sd61.bc.ca. Thank you so much for your support.

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 & Rhonda Leduc
Principal Vice-Principal



Tillicum Community School Calendar

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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	4	5	6 <i>Class Photo Day</i>	7	8
9	10	11	12 <i>PAC meeting 6:30 PM - Zoom</i>	13	14	15
16	17 <i>Rainbow Week Fire Drill</i>	18	19	20 <i>Welcome to Kindergarten District Orientation/ Student Transition</i>	21 <i>Pro-D Day School is not in session</i>	22
23	24 <i>Victoria Day School is not in session</i>	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	<i>Early June: June 4 - Food For Fun June 9 - PAC Meeting</i>				