



Tillicum Community School

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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 and educational assistants 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 attention he gives to our students. We are always proud of their excellent performances! I would also like to acknowledge the time staff have given to pivoting our winter concert once again to make it safe and accessible to all.

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.

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.

Congratulations and Thank You – Mrs. Debbie House



Tillicum Community School wishes to sincerely thank Mrs. Debbie House for all of her outstanding service to our community and to the Greater Victoria School District over the past 20 years. She has made a tremendous impact on so many students and families. We wish Mrs. House a wonderful retirement! Mrs. House, you will be missed. All the best to you in your retirement!



Lost & Found



Lost and Found articles will be displayed outside on the Orillia Street fence during the last week of school before winter break. Please take time to claim any lost items before December 15th. All unclaimed items will be donated to charity.

Granola Bar Drive – “Feed the Need”

Tillicum School 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 the office. The final day to donate granola bars will be Thursday, December 2nd. Thank you so much for your support and a big thank you to Mrs. Dagg and her class for organizing!

Library

The winter break is a wonderful time for families to read together. Students will be taking extra library books home over the winter break. Please encourage some quiet reading time and have them bring their books back on the first day of school in January.



1000 x 5 Book Drive



As we head into the holiday season, many families appreciate a bit of help with gifts. Every month 1000x5 pops 3000 books in to 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 over 1200 books. Let's make it happen. Drop books for babies and preschoolers off in the pink bin outside the office.

Dressing for the Weather

With the arrival of December, we are guaranteed to see wet, windy, west coast weather. Outdoor play continues to be vitally important to our overall health and has been shown to provide a huge number of benefits including improved executive function, stress reduction, and improved sleep (and what parent doesn't like that!). It is so important that students are dressed appropriately for these conditions. We would appreciate your support in ensuring that your child arrives at school 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. 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.

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and Happy Holidays, everyone! Have a safe, wonderful holiday and see you January 4th, 2022!

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
			1 <i>Pajama Day</i> <i>Holiday Surprise from Coast Capital</i>	2 <i>Last Day to Donate Granola Bars to "Feed the Need"</i>	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10 <i>Food For Fun</i>	11
12	13	14	15	16	17 <i>Report Cards Go Home</i> <i>Last day of classes Before Winter Break</i>	18 <i>Happy First Day of Retirement Mrs. House</i>
19	20 <i>W</i>	21 <i>I</i>	22 <i>N T</i>	23 <i>E</i>	24 <i>R</i>	25
26	27 <i>B</i>	28 <i>R</i>	29 <i>E</i>	30 <i>A</i>	31 <i>K</i>	Early January: <i>Jan 4 - School Re-opens</i> <i>Jan 12 - PAC Meeting</i>