



Tillicum Community School

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Hello Tillicum students, families, and staff

Welcome back and Happy New Year! Students and staff are returning 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 2022 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. This recess was scheduled to happen the afternoon of Thursday, January 13th. Due to our new schedule, this recess has been cancelled... and replaced with me buying popsicles for everyone! 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 2022/23 school year. A note to all **Tillicum** families with a child who will be entering kindergarten in September 2022 – **All registrations are now completed [ONLINE](#).**



Kindergarten Registration and Transfers for September 2022 will be the week of **January 24-28**.

Student Transfer Application Week



Every address is associated with an elementary, middle and secondary school in our District. 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 and submit it prior to February 11 at 3pm. More information for all schools in our district can be found on the District website, www.sd61.bc.ca.

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 8:38 AM before school, and runs until 2:50 PM after school. We do not have any supervision in the hallways before classes begin at 8:53 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 23-29 is Family Literacy Week.** 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.

Dressing for the Weather



With the arrival of January, 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.

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 a record breaking 2032 granola bars for those in need! We are very proud of the way our students and families give back to the community! Thank you!

together
**WE CAN MAKE A
DIFFERENCE**

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 <i>School re-opens after Winter Break</i>	5	6	7	8
9	10 <i>School Start for most students</i>	11	12 <i>PAC meeting 6:30 PM - Zoom</i>	13 <i>Home Reading Popsicles!</i>	14 <i>Spirit Day - Jersey Day</i>	15
16	17 <i>Fire Drill</i>	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28 <i>PRO-D Day School is not in session</i>	29
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	K I N D E R G	A R T E N R	E G I S T R A	T I O N / T R A	N S F E R	
30	31	Early February: <i>Feb 9 - PAC Meeting</i>				