



# Tillicum Community School

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

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

Thank you for taking the time to support homework routines, special projects and home reading. Our students have already achieved over 1000 nights of home reading toward our second 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. 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 our 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 your student will be away ([attendance20@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:attendance20@sd61.bc.ca)). **Tillicum's** attendance email is one of several ways you can let us know of a student absence. Phone calls and answering machine messages will still work...250-386-1408 ext 2.

## Registration for September 2022

We have had a very busy kindergarten registration and transfer week at **Tillicum** and are looking forward to meeting our new kindergarten students in May (information will be emailed and mailed to parents). If you, or someone you know, have a child who was born in 2017, and you haven't already done so, please go online to register for kindergarten for September 2022!



## 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 7<sup>th</sup> – 11<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 enter [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 23<sup>rd</sup>. We encourage our students, staff, and parents to



WEAR PINK to show their support of Anti-Bullying Day. **All of our staff** 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

We are planning to restart Choir following Spring Break... fingers crossed! The music program is deeply grateful to Dianne Dennis, our Community School Coordinator, and her work with the Breakfast2Music program. As part of a grant through this program, Tillicum was able to purchase 4 brand new Ukuleles! All of the Ukuleles that our Grade 4 and 5 students play on are now the same brand and quality. Thank you Dianne!



## 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.

## Book Recommendations by Grade 5s

These are book recommendations by students in Grade 5 that thought other children in Grade 3-5 might enjoy:

### Ground Zero by Alan Gratz

This book is about a boy named Brandon who has to escape the twin towers while 9/11 is happening. It is also about a girl named Reshmina who lives in a village in Afghanistan. She is trying to stop her brother from joining the Taliban in the Afghanistan war. In New York, Brandon goes away from his father to buy some Wolverine gloves that he broke. But when he is on the elevator he hears a BOOM and the elevator starts to shake. At first, he did not know what it was but later he finds out that it was a plane crashing into the tower! Read this book to find out what happens. We think that people who may like this book are people who like historical fiction and action-packed books.

By Carter and Aaron F. in Div. 1

### A Wolf Called Wonder by Rosanne Parry

This book is about a wolf named Swift. He lived in the mountains with his pack, but a strange new wolf pack comes and kills everyone except him and his brother Warm. Swift runs away and finds his brother Warm, but some humans come and shoot at them. However, Swift and Warm can't run very fast because Warm has claw marks all the way down his flank and Swift was kicked by an elk. Swift gets away but Warm gets shot by a bullet. Later on in the story, Swift finds out that he can never go home. Near the end of the book, Swift finds a she-wolf

named Night, they have five litters together. Swift changes his name to Wander because he is no longer just swift but has travelled a long way to find a new home. I recommend this book for grades 4-5, you might like this book if you like animals, specifically wolves and adventure. I found this story a little sad because Wander can't go home.

By Olive K in Div. 1

**Drama by Raina Telgemeier**

We recommend Drama to readers between the ages of 8 to 12. In this book a girl named Callie meets these two boys named Jesse and Justin. Justin and Jesse are twin brothers. Justin is kind, loving and loves to be on stage. Jesse is shy, kind and a really great singer. Callie loves theater and she is the stage crew in the school play. But between the drama of the school play and her crush, the drama of it all is just too crazy! If you want to find out how it all turns out we suggest you read this book! This book includes LGBTQ+ themes if that's something you enjoy in a book. We recommend this book to people who like drama, love, and high school life.

By Aliya H, Tally, and Kaia in Div. 1

As always, we are always 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

## February 2022



For events specific to each Division, please speak with your child's teacher.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <i>Tillicum Tuesday's</i> <i>(wear your Tillicum gear</i> <i>and/or Blue/Gold - Yellow)</i>	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 <i>K / 12</i>  <i>Tillicum Tuesday's</i>	9 <i>T R A N S F E R</i>  <i>PAC meeting</i> <i>6:30 PM - Zoom</i>	10 <i>W E E K</i>	11	12
13	14 <i>Valentine's Day</i>  <i>Skipping Week</i> <i>Begins</i>	15 <i>Earthquake Drill</i>  <i>Tillicum Tuesday's</i>	16	17	18 <i>Pro-D Day</i>  <i>School is not</i> <i>in session</i>	19
20	21 <i>Family Day - School</i> <i>is not in session</i>	22  <i>Tillicum Tuesday's</i>	23  <i>PINK SHIRT DAY</i>	24  <i>Fire Drill</i>	25	26
27	28	<i>Early March:</i>  <i>Mar 9 - PAC Meeting</i> <i>Mar 18 - Report Cards Sent Home</i>				