



Tillicum Community School

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Hello Tillicum students, families, and staff

Welcome back! We hope you had a restful spring break and are returning to school recharged. This newsletter brings us to April, with much to celebrate and reflect upon, as well as much to prepare for! As we enter the final three months of the school year, we delight in the many highlights of the past term around our school, as well as look forward to some of the exciting events ahead!

Our fields are open once again for play and track practice. Daily physical activity is a focus at Tillicum and we have a significant amount of equipment and activity available for students throughout the day. Outdoor play is very important to student learning, health and well-being. Particularly at this time of year, please help your child be prepared for all types of weather by reminding them to dress in layers and have closed toe, flat shoes at school at all times for active and safe participation in the gym and outside. Your continued support is very much appreciated.

Tillicum **ROCKS!** and we continue to focus on **Respect, Organization, Cooperation, Kindness** and **Safety** in class, on announcements, and throughout the school. Expected behaviours in all areas of school have been defined on our Behaviour Matrix and have been taught in all classes. This matrix is available on our school website as well. Using **WITS** is also common practice at Tillicum. We work hard to ensure that Tillicum is a safe and nurturing place for us all. Every day at Tillicum we focus on kind and friendly behaviours, providing all students the opportunity to fix any mistakes and for everyone to demonstrate learning from each mistake. Thank you for all you do to reinforce these beliefs. It is definitely a pleasure to work with such a supportive community.

Student-Led Conferences

April 20 & 21, students and families will be participating in one of the most important events of our year, Student Led Conferences. This is an opportunity for students to share the work they have been doing and for us to celebrate the accomplishments of your children with pride. As a reminder on **April 20, we have an early dismissal at 1:35 PM for all Divisions.**

Every Division teacher will be reaching out to their families to inform them of what this will look like for their Division.



Class Placements for 2022-23

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 2nd, 2022.

Music News



We are so excited to announce the return of Senior Choir! This is a group that is open to all Grade 3, 4 and 5 students. Even if you were not in choir earlier in the year, you are still welcome to come out. Practices will be on Wednesday's at lunch recess (11:56- 12:31) in the music room. The first practice will be on Wednesday, April 6th.

Mr. Lienard is looking for some committed Grade 4 and 5 students interested in being part of a First Nations Drumming group. One of the goals of this group will be preparing for a performance on National Indigenous Peoples day in June. The first meeting will be Friday, April 8th at lunch recess in the music room for interested students.

Track

We are just beginning our track season. We are hoping to have both fields lined by the middle of April. Track practices will be held before school, at lunch, and during PE classes. More information will be coming out shortly with regard to our Zone Meet – tentative date is Friday, May 27 (no City Finals this year).



Screen Time

Our health and safety team would like to remind parents that they can protect their children from potential harm from video games by following a few common sense strategies — particularly if they are concerned that their children might be vulnerable to the effects of violent content. These simple precautions may help:

- Check the ESRB rating to better understand what type of content a video game has.
- Play video games with children to better understand the content, and how children react.
- Place video consoles and computers in common areas of the home, rather than in children's bedrooms.

- Set limits on the amount of time youths can play these games. The AAP recommends two hours or less of total screen time per day, including television, computers, and video games.
- Encourage participation in sports or school activities in which youths can interact with peers in person rather than online.

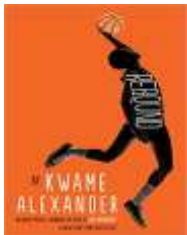
Video games share much in common with other pursuits that are enjoyable and rewarding, but may become hazardous in certain contexts. Parents can best protect their children by remaining engaged with them and providing limits and guidance as necessary.

For the full article please see: https://www.health.harvard.edu/newsletter_article/violent-video-games-and-young-people

Book Recommendations by Grade 5s

Here are some book recommendations from Grade 5 students who thought other children in Grades 3-5 might enjoy:

Timmy Failure is a series about a boy named Timmy, his mom, and his polar bear Total, (as in Total Failure). In the first book, he goes through a series of unfortunate, yet funny events. He runs a detective agency called Total Failure Inc. and he rides around on his mom's segway, or as he calls it, the failure mobile. While he is facing his enemy, Corrina Corrina, he has to deal with his mom's new boyfriend, moving to a new apartment, and detective cases. We recommend this book to readers in grade 3 and up because there tends to be some long words in there. We also recommend this to readers who like the Diary of a Wimpy Kid series and Big Nate, as it has seriousness and humour. We rate this book a 5/5. By Malekai and Zephyr in Div. 1.



“Rebound” by Kwame Alexander is a novel written in verse. The book is about a kid named Charlie and his dream to be the best at basketball. Charlie is sent to his grandparents for the summer because he got in an argument with his mom. He thought the summer was going to be the worst summer of his life. Read this book and find out if this will be his worst or the best summer ever. The readers that would like this book are the people who like action and adventure. We would recommend this book for Grades 4 and up. By Gabe & Aaron in Div. 1

We recommend Sisters by Raina Telgemeier to readers between the ages of 7-12. In this book, Raina and her sister, Amara, do not get along. They have to spend two weeks in a small minivan together to get to their cousin's house. On the way back their mom and little brother had to hitchhike to get a tow truck because their minivan broke down. During that, Raina starts to worry about her father and mother getting a divorce (which ends up bringing them closer together). Raina had not noticed this was going on because she was not focusing and spending lots of time on her walkman. This book includes drama, fun flashbacks, bonding, and hatred. This book is a graphic novel. By Kaia P. & Talia Z.



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

April 2022



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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 <i>Spring Break</i>	2
3	4 <i>School re-opens after Spring Break</i>	5 <i>Tillicum Tuesday</i>	6 <i>Gr. 3-5 Choir Begins Again!</i>	7	8	9
10	11 <i>Track practices begin this week!</i>	12 <i>Tillicum Tuesday</i> <i>Fire Drill</i>	13 <i>PAC meeting</i> <i>6:30 PM - Zoom</i>	14	15 <i>Good Friday</i> <i>School is not in session</i>	16
17	18 <i>Easter Monday</i> <i>School is not in session</i>	19 <i>Tillicum Tuesday</i>	20 <i>Student-Led Conferences</i> <i>EARLY CLOSURE</i> <i>1:35 PM</i> <i>Scholastic Book Fair</i>	21 <i>Student-Led Conferences</i> <i>Regular Dismissal</i> <i>2:35 PM</i> <i>Scholastic Book Fair</i>	22	23
24	25	26 <i>Tillicum Tuesday</i>	27	28	29 <i>Food For Fun</i>	30 <i>Early May:</i> <i>May 4 - PAC Plant Sale</i> <i>May 7 - PAC Bottle Drive</i> <i>May 11 - PAC Meeting</i>