



# Tillicum Community School

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

This is the last newsletter of the school year – what a year we have had at **Tillicum**! Where has this year gone? There are a number of important events happening this month. Each class will be informing parents about special events specific to their division. **We have a school wide event planned for Monday, June 13<sup>th</sup> - our Cadboro-Gyro Beach Day.** Information will come home this week with respect to details for the day. Lunch is not provided. **Our grade 5 ceremony happens Wednesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> with parents invited to arrive at 10:30 AM.** Thursday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> is the final school day of the year; report cards will come home the afternoon of June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

We wish to express our congratulations to our grade 5 students as they have completed their time at Tillicum School. Most of our grade 5 students are on their way to Colquitz, and we have some students that will be attending Glenford, Central, Lansdowne, Shoreline and Rockheights as well. Thanks so much to all of you for your leadership and overall outstanding contributions to our school! All the Best! We look forward to welcoming a whole new class of Kindergarten students in September!

Thanks go out to all of our amazing Tillicum staff for their tremendous commitment and dedication to our students this year! We wish to extend appreciation to our staff that will be moving on to other positions in the school district, and to those staff who will be retiring. Thanks to our **Tillicum PAC** and to all of our Tillicum parents – it has been great working together with you in support of our kids! Take time this summer to relax, enjoy the outdoors, and find balance in life. Spend quality time with friends and loved ones, enjoy some great books, exercise, and see you in September! School opens on **Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022**. All students will meet on the Orillia Street blacktop and Tillicum will be in session from 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM on the first day.

***Parents of students currently in grades K-4: If your child will NOT be attending Tillicum in September of 2022, please call the office to inform us of this important information.***

## ***Congratulations and Thank You – Ms. Carol Mowat***

**Tillicum** Community School wishes to sincerely thank Ms. Carol Mowat for all of her outstanding service to our community. She has made a tremendous impact on so many students and families. We wish Ms. Mowat a wonderful retirement! Ms. Mowat, you will be missed. All the best to you in your retirement!



## New Elementary School Schedule for 2022-2023

The School District will be moving to a common schedule across all elementary schools for the 2022-2023 school year. Based on survey results from families, ALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS in SD61 will start at **8:45am** and end at **2:37pm** (Lunch recess from 11:50am-12:35pm).

### Beginning September 2022

START	8:45 AM
Recess	10:15 AM – 10:30 AM
Lunch Eating Period	11:30 AM – 11:50 AM
Lunch Recess	11:50 AM – 12:35 PM
END	2:37 PM

### Learning Through Lunch at Tillicum



Our staff and our PAC agree that Learning Through Lunch at Tillicum has been very successful, works best for our kids and our Learning Community, and will continue next year. Students eat their lunch before or after their outside break leaving a full 45 minutes for outside play. If we did not have Learning Through Lunch, students would receive only 25 minutes outside. We have found that having a full 45 minutes for lunch break allows more time for choir, track, chess club, Lego club, and our many other offerings to thrive. Parents have been clear that having the teacher in the classroom during eating time results in more students eating their lunches. Since implementing Learning Through Lunch we have seen significantly less behaviour issues in and around the school, classrooms are left cleaner, and our EA's who support students in a 1-1 role are able to be in the classroom more.

### Grade 5 Recognition Assembly

**Wednesday, June 22 - 10:45 AM in the gym**

All families of our grade 5 students are invited to attend this special assembly as we bid farewell! Please be in touch with your child's teacher to let them know if you can attend and how many people will be in your party.

### Lost and Found

Please take the time to check the Lost and Found. Items will be spread out in the hallway near the gym in the lower hallway during the last week of school. Small items will be spread out on a table across from Ms. Beaulac's office.



### Library

All student library books need to be returned on or before June 10<sup>th</sup>. Please check your email for overdue books or missing book notices. If you are unable to locate a book, please let Mr. Duthie know via email as soon as possible. Thanks for your help in getting our library ready for the new school year.

Your child has learned a lot this school year. Research shows students will lose some of this valuable learning over the summer if they do not continue to read. Two to three hours of reading per week over the summer will prevent learning loss. Summer reading is an important, fun, and free activity for your child. Please visit the public library regularly over the summer.

### Summer Book Exchange



Tillicum staff are working to build two "Tillicum Book Exchange" boxes to be placed on the school grounds for a Student Summer Reading Program. These boxes are intended to allow students to have access to books over the summer. 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 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](mailto:lnault@sd61.bc.ca). Thank you so much for your support, Summer Reading Council.

### Rainbow Club

Thank you for all of your support for Rainbow week. Students and staff were very colourfully dressed all week and we had many inclusive chalk messages across our blacktops. On May 17<sup>th</sup> we had a very successful Rainbow Walkathon that raised \$503.70. Thank you Ms. Sanizlo for leading the whole-school warm up! Half of the funds raised will be spent on books with LGBTQ+ representation for our school library so that more children can connect with themselves and others through these stories. The other half of the funds raised will be put towards engaging activities happening in Rainbow Club. Thank you again for supporting making our school feel more inclusive and welcoming for ALL of our students.

### Bike to School Week: May 30 to June 3

**Tillicum** School is registered to participate in the upcoming Bike to School Week from May 30 to June 3! All students and staff are invited to ride their bikes, scooters, skateboards, etc. to school each day that week. All forms of non-motorized transportation are eligible! Students are welcome to lock their bikes to the school bike racks. If the racks become full, students are allowed to lock their bikes to the adjacent chain link fence. We're looking forward to a great week of riding to school!



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We have had a very successful year full of wonderful events including: cultural and fine arts activities, sporting activities, fun and celebratory days, and a great deal of hard work! Our students are to be commended for their diligence, and we are all very proud of their accomplishments. The staff at **Tillicum** would like to thank all of our families for their continued support of the learning that takes place in and around our wonderful school. We appreciate everything you have done for your children.

Many thanks to our fabulous PAC executive, who seem tireless in their endeavours to make **Tillicum** a better place to be. We would also like to acknowledge the amazing community partners who support us in a variety of ways. Finally, thank you to the **Tillicum** staff for their

unending dedication to the progress of every child here at **Tillicum** Community School.

As we work together, we know without a doubt how lucky we are to work in such a caring, thoughtful, hardworking, and child-focused community. We wish you all a relaxing and safe summer!

**Jeff Duyndam & Rhonda Leduc**  
**Principal Vice-Principal**





# Tillicum Community School Calendar

## June 2022



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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 <i>Weekly June Draw for Tour de Rock Prizes \$2 entry</i>	4
5	6	7 <i>Fire Drill</i>	8	9	10 <i>Food For Fun  Draw for Ride to School in a Fire Truck - \$5 entry</i>	11
12	13 <i>School Beach Day @ Gyro Beach</i>	14 <i>School Wide Art Starts Presentation in the gym</i>	15 <i>WINNER OF RIDE TO SCHOOL IN A FIRE TRUCK PAC meeting 6:30 PM - Zoom</i>	16 <i>Fun Day</i>	17 <i>Weekly June Draw for Tour de Rock Prizes and Pizza Party \$2 entry</i>	18
19	20 <i>Grade 5 Field Trip</i>	21	22 <i>Grade 5 Celebration in the gym 10:45 AM Start (arrive 10:30)</i>	23 <i>Last Day of School Report Cards Home</i>	24 <i>Administrative Day No Students</i>	25
26	27	28	29	30	<b>September:</b> First day of school - Tuesday, September 6 (9-11:30 AM) First day of regular hours - Wednesday, September 7 (8:45-2:37 PM)	

