



Tillicum Community School

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Hello Tillicum students, families, and staff

It is hard to believe that May is here. With only eight full weeks of school left this year, we have much to do and much to celebrate. Many year-end activities are beginning to be planned in classrooms and throughout the school while we continue to focus on the critical classroom learning yet to be done. It is spring, and time to practice being “sun safe”. Light, layered clothing, hats, sunscreen, appropriate footwear and plenty of water will help students enjoy outdoor activities in comfort. Thank you for your support with this.

On Thursday, May 19th our grade 5 students will participate in transition day activities by visiting the middle school they will be attending in September. Our students will be well prepared for middle school and are getting very excited about moving on to the next stage of their schooling. As we prepare our grade 5s for transition to middle school, we will also welcome our new kindergarten students with our Welcome to Kindergarten event. This event will look similar to the past where parents with new kindergarten students are welcomed to our school and are able to talk through any questions they may have. This event will take place, May 19th from 9:30-11:00 AM.

Thank you to everyone for supporting last year’s ***Bike to School Week***. This year’s event is planned for the week of May 30th-June 3rd. More information will be coming home shortly.

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.

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/or social/emotional reasons, please send an e-mail to Mr. Duyndam (jeduyndam@sd61.bc.ca) no later than Monday, May 2nd, 2022.

The Month of June at Tillicum

June is the final month of the school year and each of our classes at **Tillicum** are planning some outstanding activities and outings. Teachers will communicate this information to all parents. Additionally, **Tillicum** has traditionally enjoyed a final school-wide event to celebrate the end of the school year. Our annual school-wide year-end celebration will be held at **Cadboro-Gyro Beach Park** on Monday, June 13th, 2022. This will be an opportunity for us to celebrate our year with one another, take time for recreation and the outdoors, and have some fun! This will be a great outing! If your child is on the Nutritional Snack Program then food will be provided; all other students will **NEED TO BRING A BAG LUNCH**. All of the Cadboro-Gyro Beach Park outing information will be coming home to **Tillicum** families and will also be posted on our school website. Thank you to our **Tillicum** PAC for funding the busses that make this event possible!



Track

Grade 3-5 athletes continue training for our Zone D track meet on Friday, May 27th.



100 metre practices are held on the Burnside field.

Relay practices are held on the Maddock field.

800 metre practices are held on the Maddock field on Tuesday's and Thursday's at recess.

Please remind your child that attendance at practices is required for participation in the track meet. Ensure your children wear or have runners at school for the track practices.

Cops for Cancer – Tour de Rock

We are so pleased to announce that Canadian Cancer Society has chosen our school to do their media kickoff event for the 25th annual Cops for Cancer-Tour de Rock ride! This is the first time in their history that the event will take place at an elementary school. This event will be happening on Friday, May 6. The assembly is by invitation only as space is limited. We are encouraging everyone to wear Blue and Yellow (Gold) that day to show our support for the great work they are doing to fight pediatric cancer.



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Rainbow Club

The Rainbow Club will be hosting a Toonie Walkathon to help raise funds for club activities on Tuesday May 17. The Rainbow Club is for anyone who identifies as LGBTQ2S+ and also for allies. Allies are friends and support people, anyone who supports making the world a safer, happier place for LGBTQ2S+ people to be. The idea of the club is to celebrate everyone's uniqueness. This is the first year the club has run and we are excited for it to continue each year to provide a safe space for students to be themselves and feel supported. This year our club members have been putting together a bulletin board to help others learn about



pronouns and each week we will be doing crafts and activities to spread awareness and acceptance. We are asking Tillicum students and families if they are able to support us to bring in a Toonie during the Rainbow Walkathon Day.

Thank you from the students and teacher sponsors of the Rainbow Club;
Carla Evans, Tara Poole, Kathleen O'Malley and Carol Mowat.

Be Active Every Day



Active people are more productive, more likely to avoid illness, and have more energy. Regular physical activity in childhood not only improves physical fitness and bone density, it also promotes concentration, better academic performance, self-esteem and lowers stress. It is recommended that children and youth get at least 60 minutes of physical activity every day. You don't have to do it all at once. Start slowly and build up!

Tips for getting your family moving:

- ✓ Make physical activity a part of every day. Walk or ride bikes to school. Take the family skating or to the pool. Join a sports team or club. Work in the yard together.
- ✓ Set a good example. Demonstrate that being active feels good.
- ✓ Limit screen time. Your kids will find other more active ways to entertain themselves.

Establishing positive habits in childhood and adolescence can last a lifetime!

A message from your Nutritional Snack Program Dietitian.

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 great importance – please do your part to be safe!

Summer Book Exchange



Our two "Tillicum Book Exchange" boxes continue to allow students access to books year round with an emphasis on Student Summer Reading. 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 have your child 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. Thank you so much for your support.

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
1	2	3	4 <i>PAC Flower Sale Pick up</i>	5	6  Canadian Cancer Society <i>Cops for Cancer Tour de Rock Media Event Dress in Blue and Yellow/Gold</i>	7 <i>PAC Bottle Drive 9am-3pm (on Orillia Side)</i>
8	9	10	11 <i>Class Photo Day PAC meeting 6:30 PM - Zoom</i>	12 <i>Extra Recess for 5000 Nights of Home Reading!</i>	13	14
15	16 <i>Rainbow Week</i>	17 <i>Dress Colourfully Rainbow Run Blacktop Chalk</i>	18	19 <i>Welcome to Kindergarten (9:30) District Orientation/ Student Transition</i>	20 <i>Pro-D Day School is not in session</i>	21
22	23 <i>Victoria Day School is not in session</i>	24	25 <i>Fire Drill</i>	26	27 <i>Zone D Track Meet UVIC</i>	28
29	30	31	<i>Early June: June 8 - PAC Meeting June 10 - Food For Fun</i>			