



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 18th 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 when 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 on May 18th from 9:30-11:00 AM.

Tillicum athletes continue to train for our annual track meet to be held at the University of Victoria on Wednesday, May 31st from 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM. Thank you to the many staff and parents who are able to support our students at this event and the practices leading up to it. Parents are welcome and encouraged to join us at the university to cheer on our athletes.

Thank you to everyone for supporting last year’s ***Bike to School Week***. This year’s event is planned for the week of May 29th-June 2nd. 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 2023, please call the office to inform us of this important information.

Class Placements for 2023-24

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 1st, 2023.

The Month of June at Tillicum

June is the final month of the school year and each of our classes at **Tillicum** is 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 23rd, 2023. 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 buses that make this event possible!



Track



Grade 3-5 athletes continue training for our Zone D track meet on Wednesday, May 31st.

100 metre practices are held on the Burnside field on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at recess. 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.

Music News

Senior Choir has officially moved their practices to Tuesday at Lunch Recess. Senior Choir is very thankful to be able to now work with our piano player, Mrs. Mandy Weston, on a regular basis. Senior Choir is now preparing to be part of the Year End activities and Grade 5 Assembly.



Library

Through the book fair, we raised \$2172.16 for our library. We have already purchased \$1050 worth of books with these funds and look forward to buying many more in the near future. Thanks to the **Tillicum** Community for your generous support.

Rainbow Club

The Rainbow Club will be hosting a Walkathon to celebrate Rainbow Week. During this week we celebrate the wonderful diversity of our students, families and staff and show our support for the equal rights of all Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and Two-Spirit people. At Tillicum, students grade 3 and up can be a part of the Rainbow Club. This 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 and happier place for LGBTQ2S+ people. The idea of the club is to celebrate everyone's uniqueness. This is the second year the club has run, and we are excited to see it continue every year to provide a safe space for students to be themselves and feel supported. This year our club members we will be participating in activities to spread awareness and acceptance all year, and particularly during Rainbow week.



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

Thank you Tillicum PAC!

On behalf of the entire school community, we wanted to express our deepest gratitude for all of the incredible contributions our PAC has made to our school. Your tireless efforts and unwavering commitment to our students, staff, and families have truly made a difference in the lives of so many.

Your support has improved the learning environment for our students, enhanced our programs, and ensured that our school is a safe and welcoming place for all. We are so grateful for all that you do, and we cannot thank you enough for your dedication and hard work.

Please know that your efforts have not gone unnoticed, and we appreciate everything you do for us. You truly are an invaluable part of our school community, and we are lucky to have you on our team.

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 utmost 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 <i>PAC Flower Sale</i> <i>Pick up - Library</i>	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 <i>Class Photo Day</i> <i>PAC meeting</i> <i>6:30 PM - Teams</i>	11	12	13
14 <i>Happy Mother's Day</i>	15 <i>Rainbow Week</i>	16 <i>Dress Colourfully</i> <i>Rainbow Run</i>	17 <i>Assembly 1:45</i>	18 <i>Welcome to</i> <i>Kindergarten (9:30)</i> <i>District Orientation/</i> <i>Student Transition</i>	19 <i>Pro-D Day</i> <i>School is not</i> <i>in session</i>	20
21	22 <i>Victoria Day</i> <i>School is not</i> <i>in session</i>	23	24 <i>Fire Drill</i>	25	26	27 <i>PAC Bottle Drive</i> <i>9am</i>
28	29	30	31 <i>Zone D Track Meet</i> <i>UVIC</i>	Early June: <i>June 2 - Food For Fun</i> <i>June 14 - PAC Meeting</i>		