



Tillicum Community School

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Hello Tillicum families,



On behalf of the entire **Tillicum** staff, we wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and Happy New Year! Students and staff have worked hard and everyone is ready for a break! Take time to enjoy one another at this special time of year.



We truly appreciate the dedication of staff and the support of families as we continue focusing on literacy and numeracy skills for students. **Tillicum** students make strong efforts in classrooms and show commitment to being the best learners they can be. Clear, regular communication with classroom teachers and educational assistants is very helpful in ensuring that our students' needs are being met and successes are achieved.

We would like to acknowledge the time staff give to art and set design and the extra efforts they put into the staging and production of the winter concerts. We are looking forward to another fantastic show in the coming weeks!

Our office and custodial staff contribute greatly to the success of our students as well. We would like to acknowledge their contributions to the culture of our school and the success of our students. Thank you!



The contributions of our PAC are also very much appreciated. We are extremely fortunate to have such a dedicated, energetic team of volunteers willing to work so very hard to bring many opportunities and activities to our students to enrich their educational experience. Food for Fun and the Christmas Market are but a few of the PAC-sponsored events that contribute so much to the culture of our school and community.

It takes incredible support and a team effort to make **Tillicum** Community School the great place that it is! Finally, we would like to extend my warmest wishes for a safe, relaxing, and rejuvenating holiday season to all of you.

Pancake Breakfast for Students at Tillicum

On Friday, December 1st Coast Capital Savings will once again be working with us to provide a pancake breakfast to all of our students and staff. We will also mark this day by making it Pajama Day! In an effort to “go green”, **students have been asked to bring their own plate, cutlery, napkin, and bag for the event.** We are determined as a school to REDUCE and ELIMINATE unnecessary garbage. Thank you for also providing a bag for the plate and cutlery to go home in.



Lost & Found



Lost and Found articles will be displayed outside on the Orillia Street fence during the last week of school before winter break (weather permitting). Please take time to claim any lost items before December 22nd. All unclaimed items will be donated to charity.

Granola Bar Drive – “Feed the Need”

Tillicum School has begun our annual Granola Bar drive on behalf of “The Q” radio station. All donated granola bars can be dropped off into the “Granola Bar Train” outside the office. The final day to donate granola bars will be Thursday, November 30th. Thank you so much for your support and a big thank you to Mrs. Dagg and her class for organizing!

Music News



Tillicum students have been busy getting ready for the Winter Concert- “Songs for a Brighter World.” **Performance dates are:**

- **Tuesday, December 19th (\$2 per person)**

▪ **K-2 5:30pm**

▪ **Gr 3-5 6:30pm**

- Families with students in both performances will only need to pay once.

▪ **Wednesday, December 20th @ 1pm (\$1 per person)**

▪ **Thursday, December 21st @ 1pm (\$1 per person)**

- Everyone attending will pay at the door upon entry.

We are also pleased to announce that Jr. Choir is back! Thank you to the Victoria Conservatory of Music for partnering with us again this year. This opportunity is open to all Grade 1 & 2 students. Practices are Thursdays at lunch.

Library

The winter break is a wonderful time for families to read together. Students will be taking extra library books home over the winter break. Please encourage some quiet reading time and have them bring their books back on the first day of school in January.



1000 x 5 Book Drive



As we head into the holiday season, many families appreciate a bit of help with gifts. Every month 1000X5 pops 3000 books into 1000 gift bags: three books for each receiving child. If each child at **Tillicum** brought in 3 gently used books for babies and preschoolers, we would collect over 1350 books. Let's make it happen. Drop books for babies and preschoolers off in the pink bin outside the office.

Dressing for the Weather

With the arrival of December, we are guaranteed to see wet, windy, west coast weather. Outdoor play continues to be vitally important to our overall health and has been shown to provide a huge number of benefits including improved executive function, stress reduction, and improved sleep (and what parent doesn't like that!). It is so important that students are dressed appropriately for these conditions. We would appreciate your support in ensuring that your child arrives at school 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. Some field trips also involve students being outdoors, even when the weather is wet. Proper clothing will help keep your child warm and dry throughout the day.



Thank you Tillicum Students and Staff!



The entire **Tillicum** learning community is to be congratulated for the generous contributions made this fall. At **Tillicum**, being socially responsible citizens is a goal that we take seriously. It has been heartwarming to experience the care **Tillicum** has for its community.

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and Happy Holidays, everyone! Have a safe, wonderful holiday and see you January 8th, 2024!

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 <i>Pajama Day - Pancake Breakfast</i>	2
3	4	5	6	7	8 <i>Food For Fun</i>	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 <i>Dress Rehearsal 1pm</i> <i>Winter Concert (\$2)</i> <i>K-2 5:30pm</i> <i>3-5 6:30pm</i>	20 <i>Winter Concert 1pm (\$1)</i> <i>K-5</i>	21 <i>Winter Concert 1pm (\$1)</i> <i>K-5</i>	22 <i>Learning Updates Available on Parent Connect</i> <i>Last day of classes</i>	23
24	25 <i>W</i>	26 <i>I</i>	27 <i>N T</i>	28 <i>E</i>	29 <i>R</i>	30
	<i>B</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>E</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>K</i>	
31	<p>Early January:</p> <p><i>Jan 8 - School Re-opens</i></p> <p><i>Jan 17 - PAC Meeting</i></p>					