



Tillicum Community School

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Hello Tillicum students, families, and staff

Welcome back and Happy New Year! Students and staff are returning to school full of energy and enthusiasm for learning. Thank you for making our elementary school one that all of us are so proud of! **Tillicum** is off and running in 2024 with our commitment to a strong academic program, opportunities for socialization, developing creativity, working collaboratively, and celebrating a healthy school climate.

Thank you to all families for supporting our Home Reading program. Just before the winter break our students earned an extra recess by collectively reading 5000 nights. This recess is scheduled to happen on the afternoon of Tuesday, January 16th. Please be reminded that **every class** participates in Home Reading in some format. Your child should be reading with/to an adult or discussing the book they are reading at home with an adult for about 10 - 20 minutes daily. Please check with your child's teacher if you are not sure about specific Home Reading expectations for the class.

Kindergarten Registration

We are beginning preparations for the 2024/25 school year. A note to all **Tillicum** families with a child born in **2019** and who will be entering kindergarten in September 2024 – **All registrations are now completed ONLINE.**



Kindergarten Registration and Kindergarten Transfers for September 2024 will be the week of **January 29-February 2.**

Student Transfer Application Week



Every address is associated with an elementary, middle and secondary school in our District. To determine which schools are associated with a home address, visit the **School Locator Tool**. Students at all grade levels (K-12) wishing to change schools will need to complete a Student Transfer Application Form and submit it prior to February 16 at 3:30pm. More information for all schools in our district can be found on the District website, www.sd61.bc.ca.

Important SD61 Dates - **Registration & Transfers:**

<https://www.sd61.bc.ca/parent-student-resources/registration/registration-transfer-dates/>

Information on **Late French Immersion Registration:**

<https://www.sd61.bc.ca/parent-student-resources/registration/late-french-immersion/>

Student Supervision at Tillicum

As a reminder, student supervision commences at 8:30 AM (15 minutes before the bell) and runs until 2:47 PM (10 minutes after the bell). We do not have any supervision in the hallways before classes begin at 8:45 AM, and students are asked to not be in the hallways at that time.

1000 x 5

1000 Books by Age Five- Donate books to increase early literacy!

Do you know that reading books to babies and preschoolers is the most significant indicator of early school success? Cuddling and reading to your little ones shows that you value reading, builds comfort, enjoyment and early skills that last a lifetime. **January 22-26 is Family Literacy Week.** As well as enjoying a new story with your child, please make an extra effort to drop off gently used picture books for babies and preschoolers in the pink drop box at the school office door. All children benefit from being read to – help make that a reality for more.

Music News

Thank you to all students for their participation in “Songs for a Brighter World,” our Winter Show. Great job! In the New Year we will continue with learning instruments... Grade 4 and 5 classes will continue with ukulele, the Grade 3 students with recorders, and Grade 1 and 2’s on the Orff instruments.



Dressing for the Weather



With the arrival of January, 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.

Community School News

Breakfast Program will start Jan 8 and run Monday-Friday. We thank Andrew Moffatt and Heron Rock Bistro for supporting our team! We also acknowledge Coast Capital Savings, President’s Choice Children’s Charities and Breakfast 2 Music for their support of this program.

together
**WE CAN MAKE A
DIFFERENCE**

Before, during and after school, there are many opportunities to get moving and wake up your artist this winter term! Thanks to the After-School Sports and Arts Initiative, Saanich Canadian Tire Jumpstart, and BC Recreation and Parks for making our programs a reality!

Grade 3 Swimming

We're excited to announce the annual return of Grade 3 swimming! This incredible opportunity wouldn't be possible without the unwavering support of our Parent Advisory Council (PAC), who generously fund this program for all our Grade 3 students. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the PAC for their continuous dedication to enriching our students' experiences. A special thanks to Ms. Leduc for her exceptional efforts in coordinating the classes, organizing transportation, and liaising with the pool to schedule these sessions. Thank you all for your support in making this opportunity possible for our Grade 3 learners!



Head Lice – Island Health



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The identification, management and treatment of head lice shall be a cooperative endeavour between the family and community with primary responsibility of checking and treatment resting with parents or caregivers. At all times, schools must safeguard the protection of privacy of students. It is important to protect the privacy of students with head lice as reactions can significantly interfere with a child's emotional well-being, social status in the classroom and ability to learn.

Island Health recommends children continue to be included in all school activities when lice is suspected or confirmed. Schools no longer report cases of head lice or send letters home when cases are identified. The school's role is one of education and is to include information regarding head lice management in school newsletters and to assist families looking for information. For more information: [Head Lice Awareness – Island Health](#)

Tillicum Community Gives Back

Mrs. Dagg's class held their annual Granola Bar drive on behalf of "The Q" radio station last month. Our community brought in a record-breaking 2,663 granola bars for those in need! We broke our record set just last year! Great job! We are very proud of the way our students and families give back to the community! Thank you!

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

January 2024



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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<i>I</i> <i>W</i>	<i>2</i> <i>I</i>	<i>3</i> <i>N T</i>	<i>4</i> <i>E</i>	<i>5</i> <i>R</i>	<i>6</i>
	<i>B</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>E</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>K</i>	
<i>7</i>	<i>8</i> <i>School re-opens after Winter Break</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i> <i>PAC Bottle Drive 9am-3pm</i>
<i>14</i>	<i>15</i> <i>Black Excellence Day Assembly 1:45</i>	<i>16</i> <i>Extra Recess for 5000 Nights of Home Reading!</i>	<i>17</i> <i>PAC meeting 6:30 PM - Teams</i>	<i>18</i> <i>Fire Drill</i>	<i>19</i> <i>Spirit Day - Jersey Day</i>	<i>20</i>
<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i> <i>PRO-D Day School is not in session</i>	<i>27</i>
<i>28</i>	<i>29</i> <i>O</i>	<i>30</i> <i>N</i>	<i>31</i> <i>L I</i>	<i>Feb 1</i> <i>N E</i>	<i>Feb 2</i> <i>Food For Fun</i>	<i>Early Feb:</i> <i>Jan 14 - PAC Meeting</i>
	<i>K I N D E R G</i>	<i>A R T E N R</i>	<i>E G I S T R A</i>	<i>T I O N / T R A</i>	<i>N S F E R</i>	