



# Tillicum Community School

**March 2024**

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

Spring Break will soon be here! Before we are off, please take the time to celebrate your child's successes when reviewing their Learning Update (formerly known as Report Card). We are all very proud of the accomplishments our students have made this term. Students have put in their best efforts and have made significant progress. Thank you to all parents for their tremendous support. Regular communication with classroom teachers, help with field trips, and consistent home reading are all very much appreciated.

We have enjoyed another very busy second term at Tillicum. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the dedicated and skilled Tillicum staff for all of their efforts this term. Our staff provide outstanding classroom learning activities, exemplary assessment of learning practices, and combine this with targeted supports supporting all students.

We would also like to thank our wonderful PAC for their continued support of our grade 3 swim program. This program is a big success and is only made possible by the generous support of our PAC.

It is definitely a pleasure to work with such hard-working students and staff, and such a supportive community!

## **Planning for September**

We are making plans for our school organization for next year. It is imperative for us to know if a **current Kindergarten - Gr 4 child** is moving/not returning to Tillicum Community School in September. If this is the case for your family, please advise the office (250-386-1408) or by e-mail: [tillicum@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:tillicum@sd61.bc.ca) as soon as possible. This information is very much appreciated and greatly assists us in our planning.

## **Student-led Conferences**

More detailed information will be sent home before Spring Break but we wanted to let you know that this year, Student-led conferences will look and feel similar to last year. Every Division teacher will be communicating their plans for Student-led Conferences to their families individually. Student-led conferences are on April 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> – with **EARLY DISMISSAL on**

**Wednesday, April 17 – 11:50 AM** and regular dismissal on Thursday, April 18 (2:37 PM).



## Learning Updates (Report Cards) – Available ONLINE

As you are aware, the Greater Victoria School District has moved all Learning Updates online. You can access your child's Learning Update through [Parent Connect](#) by clicking on Assessment History. With 97% of our families already on Parent Connect, this has been an easy transition for us. Paper copies of Learning Updates will continue to be available for families without internet access (please speak with your child's teacher). Term 2 Learning Updates will be uploaded and available at the end of the school day on Friday, March 15.

## Visit the school library from the comfort of home during Spring Break!

Have you visited the eLibrary? You can access it right from our school home page or by entering [elibrary.sd61.bc.ca](http://elibrary.sd61.bc.ca) into your browser address bar. There are online books, magazines and podcasts, as well as reference tools to feed the inquisitive mind. There are websites for all subject areas and a section for parents, too. You can even browse our library catalog from home.



Some of our web resources are subscription-based. To find out how to access resources that require a username and password, look for the lock icon explanation on applicable pages. You may access all the information about logging in from home by using the password: sd61.

## Music News

Congratulations to all of our Junior Choir students who participated in performing the song, 'Make a Little Music,' as part of this year's Pink Shirt Day assembly. As part of our commitment to increased Indigenous awareness and content, a Drumming Circle has been happening every Friday morning, at 8:35 AM. Please come and join in, as parents and students are welcome to participate.



## HEROS Hockey



For the last 20 weeks, a group of grade 4/5 students have had the privilege to take part in a HEROS Hockey Program with other local schools. This program is ending mid-March. HEROS Hockey is a wonderful program teaching lifelong friendship and hockey skills, respect and responsibility. We would like to thank all of the dedicated volunteers (especially our very own Christa Easton), Victoria Police Department, Saanich Recreation and Tillicum Community School for providing this amazing opportunity for Tillicum students. <https://heroshockey.com/>

**1000X5 - 1000 Books by Age Five**  
Children's Book Recycling Project Greater Victoria  
**1000X5 would love books from your spring cleaning**



13 years: 320,000 books

1000 babies and preschoolers/month receive a gift bag of 3 books

Please check the corners of your house and continue to donate books into the pink bin just outside the office.

**Leisure Involvement for Everyone (LIFE)**

Financial Assistance - Saanich helps low-income residents access recreation services and programs at Saanich recreation centres. More information here:

<https://www.saanich.ca/EN/main/parks-recreation-community/community-services/financial-assistance/financial-assistance.html>

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As always, we are 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.



Have a wonderful Spring Break everyone! See you back after the break on **Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>**.

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





# Tillicum Community School Calendar

## March 2024



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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6 <i>ArtStarts Performance</i>  <i>PAC meeting</i> <i>6:30 PM - Teams</i>	7 <i>Nrityagram Lec-Dem</i> <i>Dance Performance</i>	8 <i>Food For Fun</i>	9
10  <small>SPRING FORWARD DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS</small>	11	12 <i>PAC Plant Fundraiser</i> <i>Opens - See PAC</i> <i>Newsletter</i>	13	14	15 <i>Learning Updates</i> <i>Available on</i> <i>Parent Connect</i>	16
17  <b>HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY</b>	18 <hr style="border: 1px solid black;"/>	19 <i>S</i>	20 <i>P</i>	21 <i>R</i>	22 <i>I</i>	23 <i>N</i>
24	25 <hr style="border: 1px solid black;"/>	26 <i>B</i>	27 <i>R</i>	28 <i>E</i>	29 <i>A</i>	30 <i>K</i>
31	<i>April 1</i> <i>Easter Monday</i>	<i>2</i> <i>Good Friday</i> <i>(observed)</i>	<i>3</i> <i>School re-opens after</i> <i>Spring Break</i>		<i>Early April:</i> <i>April 3 - School Reopens</i> <i>April 10 - PAC Meeting</i>	