



# Tillicum Community School

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

This is the last newsletter of the school year – what a year we have had at ***Tillicum!*** Where has this year gone? There are a number of important events happening this month. Each class will be informing parents about special events specific to their division. **We have a school-wide event planned for Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup> - our Cadboro-Gyro Beach Day.** Information will come home shortly with respect to details for the day. Lunch is not provided. **Our grade 5 ceremony will happen Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup> with parents invited to arrive at 10:30 AM.** Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup> is the final school day of the year and the Summary of Learning (formally known as, report card) will be available on Parent Connect at 3pm on June 27<sup>th</sup>.

We wish to express our congratulations to our grade 5 students as they are completing their time at ***Tillicum*** School. Most of our grade 5 students are on their way to Colquitz, and we have some students that will be attending Arbutus, Cedar Hill, Lansdowne, Shoreline, and Rockheights as well. Thanks so much to all of you for your leadership and overall outstanding contributions to our school! All the best! We look forward to welcoming a whole new class of Kindergarten students in September!

Thanks go out to all of our amazing ***Tillicum*** staff for their tremendous commitment and dedication to our students this year! We wish to extend appreciation to our staff who will be moving on to other positions in the school district, and to those staff who will be retiring.

Thanks to our ***Tillicum PAC*** and to all of our ***Tillicum*** parents – it has been great working together with you in support of our kids! Take time this summer to relax, enjoy the outdoors, and find balance in life. Spend quality time with friends and loved ones, enjoy some great books, and exercise, and we will see you in September! School opens on **Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024.** All students will meet on the Orillia Street blacktop, and ***Tillicum*** will be in session from 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM on the first day.

## **HAPPY RETIREMENT**

As the school year draws to a close, we bid a fond farewell to two beloved members of our ***Tillicum*** School family. Vice-Principal Ms. Rhonda Leduc and teacher Ms. Carly Piggott are setting off on their well-deserved retirements after many years of dedicated service. Ms. Leduc and Ms. Piggott have touched the lives of countless students through their commitment to excellence in education and their nurturing spirits. We are incredibly grateful for their enduring contributions and the positive impacts they have



made at **Tillicum** School. Please join us in wishing them both a joyful and fulfilling retirement. You will both be deeply missed!

**Parents of students currently in grades K-4: If your child will NOT be attending Tillicum in September of 2024, please call the office to inform us of this important information.**

## Elementary School Schedule for 2024-2025

ALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS in SD61 will start at **8:45am** and end at **2:37pm**.

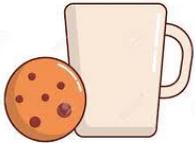
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| <b>START</b>        | <b>8:45 AM</b>      |
| Recess              | 10:15 AM – 10:30 AM |
| Lunch Eating Period | 11:30 AM – 11:50 AM |
| Lunch Recess        | 11:50 AM – 12:35 PM |
| <b>END</b>          | <b>2:37 PM</b>      |

## Grade 5 Recognition Assembly

**Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup> - 10:45 AM in the gym**

All families of our grade 5 students are invited to attend this special assembly as we bid farewell! Please be in touch with your child's teacher to let them know if you will be attending and how many people will be in your party.

## Parent Appreciation Coffee & Cookies



We very much value the willingness of parents and guardians to help us achieve our goals at **Tillicum**. The members of the **Tillicum** PAC are a group of parents that do so much to help our programs succeed. Additionally, families and friends of **Tillicum** students find ways in their busy schedules to help us out with our field trips, sports team outings, reading to and with children in classes, and numerous other activities. We would like to say THANK YOU to the many parents, grandparents, and guardians who have volunteered their time this year! On **Wednesday, June 19<sup>th</sup>** we invite you to join us when you drop your child off before school. Stop by for a coffee and cookie to start you off on your day! This is a small token of our appreciation to our wonderful volunteers!

## Lost and Found

Please take the time to check the Lost and Found. Items will be spread out in the hallway near the gym in the lower hallway during the last week of school. Small items will be spread out on a table across from Ms. Beaulac's office.



## Library

All student library books need to be returned on or before June 7<sup>th</sup>. Please check your email for overdue books or missing book notices. If you are unable to locate a book, please let Ms. K ([tillicum@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:tillicum@sd61.bc.ca)) know via email as soon as possible. Thank you for your help in getting our library ready for the new school year. Your child has learned a lot this school year. Research shows students will lose some of this valuable learning over the summer if they do not continue to read. Two to three hours of reading per week over the summer will prevent learning loss.

Summer reading is an important, fun, and free activity for your child. Please visit the public library regularly over the summer.

### Summer Book Exchange



*Tillicum* staff are working to build two "*Tillicum* Book Exchange" boxes to be placed on the school grounds for a Student Summer Reading Program. These boxes are intended to allow students to have access to books over the summer. We would greatly appreciate receiving any books families are willing to donate. If you have gently used books at home (picture books or chapter books) that your children no longer need, please 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](mailto:lnault@sd61.bc.ca). Thank you so much for your support, the Summer Reading Council.

### Rainbow Club

Thank you for all of your support for Rainbow week. Students and staff were very colourfully dressed all week, and we had many inclusive chalk messages across our blacktops. Thank you again for your support in making our school feel more inclusive and welcoming for ALL of our students.

### Bike to School Week: June 3 to June 7

*Tillicum* School is registered to participate in the upcoming Bike to School Week from June 3 to June 7! All students and staff are invited to ride their bikes, scooters, skateboards, etc. to school each day that week. All forms of non-motorized transportation are eligible! Students are welcome to lock their bikes to the school bike racks. If the racks become full, students are allowed to lock their bikes to the adjacent chain link fence. We're looking forward to a great week of riding to school!



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We have had a very successful year full of wonderful events including: cultural and fine arts activities, sporting activities, fun and celebratory days, and a great deal of hard work! Our students are to be commended for their diligence, and we are all very proud of their accomplishments. The staff at *Tillicum* would like to thank all of our families for their continued support of the learning that takes place in and around our wonderful school. We appreciate everything you have done for your children.

Many thanks to our fabulous PAC executive, who seem tireless in their endeavours to make *Tillicum* a better place to be. We would also like to acknowledge the amazing community partners who support us in a variety of ways. Finally, thank you to the *Tillicum* staff for their unending dedication to the progress of every child here at *Tillicum* Community School.

As we work together, we know without a doubt how lucky we are to work in such a caring, thoughtful, hardworking, and child-focused community. We wish you all a relaxing and safe summer!

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





# Tillicum Community School Calendar

## June 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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| 2                         | 3<br><i>Bike to School Week</i>                                                                                                                                                      | 4                           | 5                                                                                                          | 6                                                                                                                                                   | 7<br><i>Food For Fun</i>                                             | 8   |
| 9                         | 10                                                                                                                                                                                   | 11<br><i>Fire Drill</i>     | 12<br><i>Beach Day @ Gyro</i><br><br><i>PAC meeting</i><br><i>6:30 PM - Teams</i>                          | 13                                                                                                                                                  | 14                                                                   | 15  |
| 16<br><i>Father's Day</i> | 17                                                                                                                                                                                   | 18<br><b><i>Fun Day</i></b> | 19 <i>Juneteenth</i><br><br><i>Parent Appreciation</i><br><i>Coffee &amp; Cookies</i><br><i>8:30am-9am</i> | 20<br><br><i>Extra Recess</i><br><i>Home Reading for</i><br><i>5000 Nights!</i>                                                                     | 21<br><br><i>National</i><br><i>Indigenous</i><br><i>Peoples Day</i> | 22  |
| 23                        | 24<br><br><i>Grade 5 Field Trip</i>                                                                                                                                                  | 25                          | 26<br><br><b><i>Grade 5 Celebration</i></b><br><b><i>10:45 AM</i></b>                                      | 27<br><b><i>Last Day of School</i></b><br><br><b><i>Summary of Learning</i></b><br><b><i>available on</i></b><br><b><i>Parent Connect (3PM)</i></b> | 28<br><br><i>Administrative Day</i><br><i>No Students</i>            | 29  |
| 30                        | <b><i>September:</i></b><br><i>First day of school - Tuesday, September 3 (9-11:30 AM)</i><br><br><i>Gr. 1-5: First day of regular hours - Wednesday, September 4 (8:45-2:37 PM)</i> |                             |                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                      |     |