



# Tillicum Community School

**February 2025**

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

Thank you for making our Elementary School one that all of us are so proud to be associated with! At **Tillicum**, we are committed to a strong academic program, healthy opportunities for socialization, developing creativity, working collaboratively, and celebrating a healthy school climate.

**Tillicum** is always a hub of activity and the month of February is no exception. Our grades 3's continue to enjoy their swimming lessons right through to spring break. Thank you to our PAC for continuing to sponsor our Grade 3 swimming program and to our Community School for continuing to offer a variety of excellent and engaging activities!

Thank you for taking the time to support homework routines, special projects and home reading. Our students have already achieved over 1000 nights of home reading toward our second 5000-night goal. Reading comprehension skills and the enjoyment of reading will serve all of our students well in their lives. If you have any questions or concerns about your child's home reading program, please contact your child's teacher. Your support at home is very much appreciated and makes a huge difference to your child's feeling of success.

Numeracy and all literacy skills continue to be developed through a variety of classroom activities throughout the school. Learning is both fun and interactive, and student projects are shared and demonstrated with pride.

It continues to be our pleasure to work in a community of supportive families, enthusiastic students, and dedicated staff.

## **February is Black History Month**

Every February, Canadians are invited to participate in Black History Month festivities and events that honour the legacy of Black Canadians, past and present. During Black History Month, Canadians celebrate the many achievements and contributions of Black Canadians who, throughout history, have done so much to make Canada the culturally diverse, compassionate, and prosperous nation it is today.

Black History Month is a time to learn more about these Canadian stories and the many other important contributions of Black Canadians to the settlement, growth and development of Canada, and about the diversity of Black communities in Canada and their importance to the history of this country.



## Attendance Email

If your child is away from school for any reason, please send an email to our attendance email address ([attendance20@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:attendance20@sd61.bc.ca)). **Tillicum's** attendance email is one of several ways you can let us know of a student absence. Phone calls and answering machine messages are also still available... 250-386-1408 ext 2.

## Registration for September 2025

We have had a very busy Kindergarten registration and transfer week at **Tillicum** and are looking forward to meeting our new kindergarten students in May (information will be emailed to parents).

If you, or someone you know, have a child who was born in 2020, and you haven't already done so, please go online to register for Kindergarten for September 2025!



## 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 (available in the office or online Feb 10) and submit it prior to February 13 at 3:30pm. More information about all schools in our district can be found on the District website,

[www.sd61.bc.ca](http://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/>

## Visit the school library from the comfort of home!

Have you visited the eLibrary? You can access it right from our school home page or enter [elibrary.sd61.bc.ca](http://elibrary.sd61.bc.ca) in your browser address bar. There are online books, magazines, and podcasts, as well as reference tools to help answer any research question you may have on the eLibrary. 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 can access all the information about logging on from home by using the password: sd61.



## Anti-Bullying Day at Tillicum

At **Tillicum**, every day is Anti-Bullying Day! This year's Anti-Bullying Day across Canada occurs on Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. We encourage our students, staff, and parents to **WEAR PINK** to show their support of Anti-Bullying Day. **All of our staff** have been promoting this important

event. In our classes, we have been tackling the issue of bullying. This issue has been a focus of discussion and is taken seriously in our learning community. All of our Grade groups are taking on this important discussion, all in an effort to eliminate bullying behaviour. We ask that parents follow up on this conversation at home. Talk about it with your child. Everyone deserves the right to be and to feel safe! ***Let's all practice showing kindness every day!***

### **Music News**

Thank you to all students for their participation in "Songs of the Winter Season", our Winter Performance. Great job! In the New Year we have continued our work learning new songs and playing instruments. Grades 4 and 5 classes will continue with the ukulele, the Grade 3 students on recorders, and Grade 1 and 2 students are working with Orff xylophone instruments.



### **Drop off & Pick up**

As you are well aware, construction is ramping up around ***Tillicum***. Our Drive to 5 sites are working well and we appreciate your flexibility in getting to and from school safely. A reminder that our staff parking lot is not for student pick-up or drop-off.

### ***Dressing for the Weather***



The wet, sometimes windy, west coast winter weather is upon us. It is therefore important that students are dressed appropriately for these conditions. We would appreciate your support in ensuring that your child arrives at school on rainy days 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. Proper clothing will help keep your child warm and dry throughout the day.

As always, we are open to discussing 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 & Karen Higginbotham***  
***Principal Vice-Principal***



# Tillicum Community School Calendar

## February 2025



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	4	5	6 <i>PAC Board Game Night (6-8pm)</i>	7	8
9	10 <i>Food For Fun Portal OPEN</i>	11 <i>K / 12</i>	12 <i>T R A N S F E R</i> <i>PAC meeting 6:30 PM - Teams</i>	13 <i>W E E K</i> <i>Earthquake Drill</i>	14 <i>Pro-D Day</i> <i>School is not in session</i>	15
16	17 <i>Family Day</i> <i>School is not in session</i>	18 <i>Fire Drill</i>	19	20 <i>Skipping Day</i>	21	22
23	24	25 <i>Food For Fun Orders DUE</i>	26 <i>PINK SHIRT DAY</i> <i>Assembly 1:45</i>	27	28	<i>Early March:</i> <i>Mar 1 - PAC Royals Game</i>  <i>Mar 5 - PAC Meeting</i>