



Tillicum Community School

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Dear Tillicum Families,



It's hard to believe we are already welcoming October! The first month of school has been filled with energy, new routines, and plenty of learning. Thank you for the support you've shown as students settled into their classes and as we began our year together. September

gave us many opportunities to connect as a community – from our Meet the Teacher evening to special events like orange shirt day – and it has been inspiring to see our students leading with kindness, respect, and cooperation.

As we move into October, our focus shifts toward building on those strong beginnings. We look forward to celebrating growth, recognizing student efforts, and keeping the spirit of Tillicum alive and strong.

Truth and Reconciliation

Orange Shirt Day was filled with learning and reflection. Thank you to Elder Maryanne Thomas for sharing her knowledge and welcoming our school community to witness the blessing of our new garden spaces. Students will also take part in planting on October 10th.

A highlight of the day was the smoked salmon prepared by Spectrum Secondary's culinary arts students. Many of our students tried salmon for the first time – and most really enjoyed it!



Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on October 15th and 16th. Invitations to book a conference with your child's teacher will be sent by email. Students will be dismissed early (11:50 am) on **October 15th** to accommodate meetings.

Soccer

Tillicum soccer team is gearing up for the **Spectrum Soccer Jamboree on October 28, 2025 at Gorge Hampton Park. The team practices each Tuesday and Thursday during recess lunch hour with Mrs. Easton.**

Library Update

Weekly library visits have begun! Please help your child remember to return their library books each week so they can check out new ones.

We're also excited to announce the **Scholastic Book Fair**, which will take place in the gym during Parent-Teacher Conferences this October.

Book Fair Hours:

- **October 15th** – 12:00 PM to 6:00 PM
- **October 16th** – 2:40 PM to 4:30 PM

We look forward to seeing you there!

School Safety

Construction around and on our school property continues to be the theme of 2025. Thank you all for modelling respect and patience for our students as we need to work together to navigate the before and after school congestion made more challenging by the roadwork in our area. A few reminders:

- Please do not block our neighbours driveways
- If your drop off is going to be more than a few minutes find parking away from the school - Drive to 5 locations available at Hampton and Pearkes Arena
- When Albinia is open – ***PLEASE DO NOT DROP YOUR CHILDREN OFF IN THE STAFF PARKING LOT***
- Consider alternative transportation when possible



Cops for Cancer – Tour de Rock

Congratulations to our community for raising over \$1400, which will be split between the Terry Fox Foundation and Cops for Cancer.



Please see the attached **Programs Newsletter, PAC Newsletter, and October Calendar** for details on all the upcoming happenings.