

NEWS LETTER

DECEMBER 2025



TILLCUM ELEMENTARY

coastcapital Pancake Breakfast

On **Tuesday, December 2nd** Coast Capital Savings will once again be working with us to provide a pancake breakfast to all of our students and staff. We will also mark this day by making it Pajama Day!

In an effort to "go green", **students have been asked to bring their own plate, cutlery, napkin, and ziplock bag for the event.** We are determined as a school to REDUCE and ELIMINATE unnecessary garbage.

Thank you for also providing a ziplock bag for the plate and cutlery to go home in.

MESSAGE FROM ADMIN

On behalf of the entire Tillicum staff, we wish you and your family a joyful holiday season—Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and Happy New Year! Students and staff have worked incredibly hard, and everyone is ready for a well-deserved break. Thank you for your ongoing support as we continue to focus on strong literacy and numeracy foundations. Our students put forth their best efforts every day, and clear, consistent communication with teachers and support staff helps ensure that each child's needs are met and successes are celebrated.

We are grateful for the many contributions that make Tillicum such a special place. From the creative work that goes into our winter concert preparations to the essential efforts of our office and custodial teams, it truly takes a dedicated community to support our students. We extend our warmest wishes to all families for a safe, restful, and rejuvenating holiday season.

Sincerely,

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Thank you to the PAC!

We are extremely fortunate to have such a dedicated, energetic team of volunteers willing to work so very hard to bring many opportunities and activities to our students to enrich their educational experience. Food for Fun and the Christmas Market are but a few of the PAC-sponsored events that contribute so much to the culture of our school and community.

Dressing for the Weather

With December here, we can expect wet, windy west coast weather. Outdoor play remains essential for students' health, supporting executive function, lowering stress, and even improving sleep. To help students stay comfortable, **please ensure your child comes to school with warm, water-resistant clothing**—a jacket or poncho with a hood, and closed shoes or rain boots. Unless the rain is heavy, students will go outside for recess, exercise, neighbourhood walks, and some field trips. Proper clothing helps keep everyone warm and dry throughout the day.

Granola Bar Drive – “Feed the Need”

Tillicum School has begun our annual Granola Bar drive on behalf of “The Q” radio station. All donated granola bars can be dropped off into the “Granola Bar Train” outside Mrs. Dagg’s classroom. The final day to donate granola bars is Friday, November 26th. A big thank you to Mrs. Dagg and her class for organizing!



Music News

Tillicum students have been busy getting ready for the Winter Concert- “Winter in the Salish Seas.” Performance dates are:

Wednesday, December 17th (\$2 per person*)

- K-2 5:30pm – 6:15pm
- Gr 3-5 6:30pm – 7:30pm

Families with students in both evening performances are only asked to pay once.

- Thursday, December 18th @ 1pm (\$1 per person*)

Donations will be collected at the door upon entry.

We are also pleased to announce that Jr. Choir is back! Junior Choir will be performing as part of the Afternoon Concert on December 18th.

Thank you to the Victoria Conservatory of Music for partnering with us again this year.

**Suggested donation to support the music program.*

Exciting News from the Library!

We’re thrilled to share that our library is getting a fresh new look with updated shelving! This will allow us to create eye-catching displays and a dedicated picture book flip shelf—making it easier than ever for our youngest readers to discover books they’ll love and take home.

Important Reminder:

During the last week before winter break, we won’t be signing out books. But don’t worry—there are plenty of ways to keep reading over the holidays! Visit the Centennial Library behind Tillicum Mall for a fantastic selection of books.

Explore Little Free Libraries all around the city! Here’s a handy map to find them:

<https://victoriaplacemaking.ca/little-free-libraries/>

Happy reading!

Winter Break Dec 20th – Jan 4th – Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and Happy Holidays, everyone! Have a safe, wonderful holiday and see you January 5th, 2025!



Tillicum Community School Calendar

December 2025

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



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Saanich Predators Reading with Gr 1/2s	2 Pajama Day Pancake Breakfast	3	4	5 PAC: Food For Fun	6
7	8 PAC Gift Sale Set-up	9 PAC Gift Sale	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 Dress Rehearsal 1pm Winter Concert (\$1) K-2 5:30pm 3-5 6:30pm	18 Winter Concert (\$1) 1pm	19 Learning Updates on Parent Connect	20
21	22	23 W	24 N	25 T	26 E	27
28	29	30	31	<p><i>Early January:</i></p> <p>Jan 5 - School Re-opens</p>		