

# NEWSLETTER

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TILLCUM ELEMENTARY

## Tillicum Garden

A huge thank you to the City of Saanich, the School District Facilities Department, and all of our students and staff for helping to plant over 1,200 plants in Tillicum's new rain garden and Indigenous gardens.

This exciting project brings more natural beauty and ecological learning opportunities to our school grounds.

(Right: Mayor Dean Murdoch and Indigenous Cultural Coordinator John Harris oversee planting at Tillicum.)



## MESSAGE FROM ADMIN

### Dear Parents & Guardians,

November is here! Everyone at Tillicum is working hard, and it's wonderful to see how much our students have grown this fall. Teachers and support staff continue to do what they do best — providing a safe, caring, and engaging environment where every child can succeed.

As the days get shorter and the weather turns colder, please make sure your child comes to school prepared for the outdoors. Students will continue to enjoy recess and lunchtime play outside, rain or shine, so warm, waterproof jackets and boots are essential.

Sincerely,

Aaron Parker and Karen Higgenbotham

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### Remembrance Day

Our Tillicum Remembrance Day assembly will take place Monday, November 10th at 10:45 AM.

We invite students involved in Scouts, Cubs, Beavers, Guides, Brownies, Sparks, or those with a family member currently serving in the armed forces to take part in our Flag Procession – a long-standing Tillicum tradition. We'll hold a brief meeting in early November for interested students.

All students will receive a poppy for the assembly. Donations to the Poppy Fund can be made in the school office.

### Hero's Hockey

A group of our Grade 4 & 5 students is participating in the Hero's Hockey Program, practicing each Thursday after school with Victoria Police Volunteers.

For more information, visit [heroshockey.com](http://heroshockey.com). Special thanks to Mrs. Easton and Miss Mandy for their support of this great opportunity.

### Athletics

We wrapped up a wonderful cross-country season – congratulations to all our runners! Thank you to the parents who helped with transportation and to Mr. Carlson and our coaching team for their leadership and encouragement. Our Grade 4 & 5 soccer team had an exciting season, highlighted by the jamboree at Hampton Field. Thank you to Ms. Easton for coaching and organizing – it was fantastic to see our students competing and having fun.

### Library Update

Thank you, Tillicum Families!

Our recent Book Fair was a great success – thanks to your support, we raised enough to purchase \$800 in new library books! In addition, each classroom received \$30 to add new books to their classroom collections.

Your continued support helps foster a love of reading across our school community.

– Bridget Hearsey, School Librarian

### Music

The halls are alive with music!

Senior Choir (Grades 3–5): Wednesdays at lunch  
Junior Choir: Thursdays in the Music Room, with support from the Victoria Conservatory of Music  
We're thrilled to see so many students participating and sharing their voices.



### 1000x5 – Children's Book Recycling Project

Have you noticed the pink bin outside the office? It's part of the 1000 Books by Age Five initiative. Please consider donating gently used children's books to help ensure all young children in Greater Victoria can enjoy the gift of early literacy.