

NEWS LETTER

APRIL 2026



TILLICUM ELEMENTARY

Class Placements for 2026–27,

We have begun planning our classes for the 2026–2027 school year. Our current Grade 5 students will be transitioning to a variety of middle schools, and we have been busy registering Kindergarten students for the fall. If your child is currently in Kindergarten through Grade 4 and will NOT be attending Tillicum Elementary next year, please let the office know as soon as possible, as this information helps us plan effectively.

As we work collaboratively to organize classes, staff carefully consider a number of factors in order to create balanced and supportive learning environments for all students. These include:

- Class size and composition in accordance with district guidelines
- A balance of student learning strengths and needs across classes
- Students' social, emotional, and behavioural needs
- Access to learning supports and services where required
- Students' interests, approaches to learning, independence, and work habits

The staff at Tillicum put considerable time and care into forming classes based on the professional knowledge we have of our students and the factors listed above.

If families have information related to their child's learning needs or circumstances that may help us support them at school, you are welcome to share this with Mr. Parker (aaparker@sd61.bc.ca) by Friday, May 1, 2026. Plea

Please note that requests for specific teachers, classmates, or class types are only considered when they can be accommodated without disrupting class balance.

Message from Tillicum

Welcome back! We hope you had a restful Spring Break and are returning to school recharged as we move into April.

We're looking ahead to several exciting events, including Student-Led Conferences on April 15 and 16. We are also excited for our Spring Dance on April 23 and Poem in Your Pocket Day on April 30, which will bring creativity and fun across the school.

A reminder to families to check your child's Learning Updates online at <https://parentconnect.sd61.bc.ca/>.

As we head into the final months of the school year, we are proud of all that has been accomplished and look forward to what's ahead.

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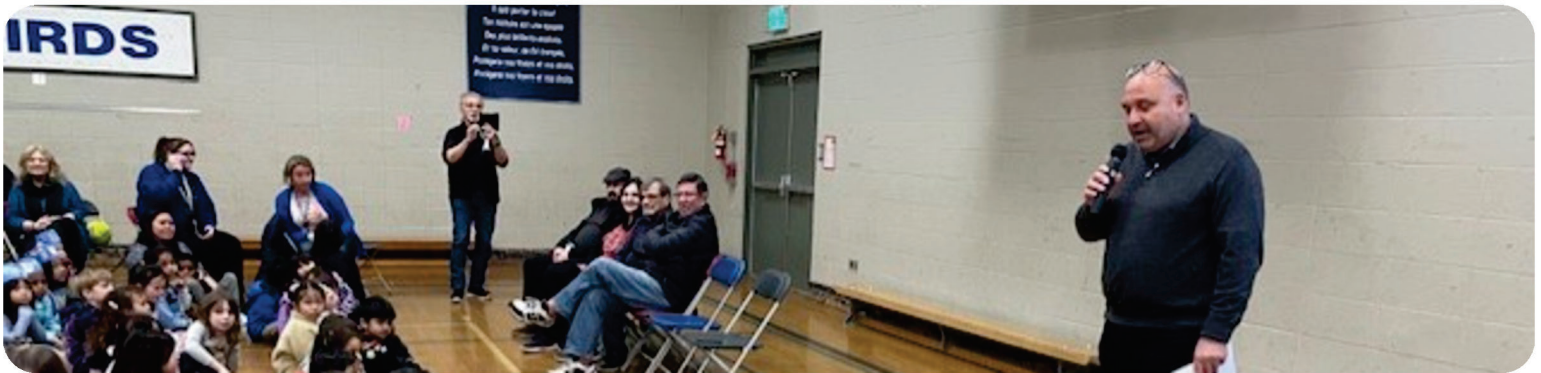


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Greek Cultural Day!



Our Greek Cultural Day on March 10th was a wonderful celebration of culture, community, and connection. We extend our sincere thanks to the Greek Festival Association for generously providing lunch for our students and staff, and for their remarkable donation of \$3,500 to support our school. Their generosity and partnership are deeply appreciated and helped make the day truly special for our students.



ATTENDANCE – Please report absences at attendance20@sd61.bc.ca or phone 250-386-1408 ext. 2.

Student-Led Conferences

Student-led conferences will take place on **April 15 and 16**.

Wednesday, April 15: Early dismissal at 11:50 AM

Thursday, April 16: Regular dismissal at 2:37 PM

Teachers will communicate specific plans directly with families.

Track

We are just beginning our track season. We are hoping to have both fields lined by the middle of April. Track practices will be held before school, at lunch, and during PE classes. More information will be coming out shortly with regard to our Zone Meet – our date is Wednesday, May 27 (9-1:30) and City Finals are set for Thursday, May 28 (6-8pm @ UVic).

Ms Incredible

Miss Hazelton will be leaving Tillicum, and her impact on our school cannot be overstated. For several years, she has been the backbone of our office—highly skilled, exceptionally organized, and consistently dependable. Her ability to manage the many moving parts of a busy elementary school with calm efficiency has been invaluable.

Her professionalism and competence have supported every part of our school community, and her absence will be deeply felt. The school dance parties—and the rhythm of our daily routines—won't be quite the same without her.

