

NEWS LETTER

FEBRUARY 2026



TILLICUM ELEMENTARY

Hello Tillicum students, families, and staff,

Thank you for making Tillicum Elementary a school we are all proud to be part of. Our community continues to support strong academics, positive social connections, creativity, collaboration, and a welcoming school climate.

Tillicum is always a hub of activity, and February is no exception. Our Grade 3 students are continuing their swimming lessons through to Spring Break. Thank you to our PAC for sponsoring this program and to our Community School for offering a wide range of engaging activities for students. Thank you as well to families who joined us for our Family Reading Morning. Supporting reading at home—and sharing in these moments at school—makes a meaningful difference in students' confidence and enjoyment of learning.

It is a pleasure to work alongside such supportive families, enthusiastic students, and dedicated staff.



Ms. Nuedorf (top) and Ms. Grubb (bottom) attended Family Literacy Day as some fun lit. characters.

BLACK EXCELLENCE DAY

Mr. Troy "Big Dawg" Wilson truly lived up to the hype. His powerful message of Black excellence—centered on pride in identity and community—resonated strongly with our students. His January 15 assembly was electric.

Big Dawg use to work in our very own Ms. H's classroom, and while they may differ in stature, they clearly share equally big hearts for kids.



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Drop-Off & Pick-Up Reminder

Please note that the staff parking lot is not available for student drop-off or pick-up. We appreciate families using alternate arrangements such as walking, biking, bussing, or parking a short distance away and walking to the school. If driving near the school, please model patience and care for the safety of all students.

Anti-Bullying Day – February 25

Kindness and acceptance are strengths of our school community. While we are always learning, we are proud of the care our students show one another.

Anti-Bullying Day takes place on Wednesday, February 25. Students, staff, and families are encouraged to wear pink to show support. Everyone deserves to feel safe and included.

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

Kindergarten Registration – Sept. 2026

Kindergarten registration and transfer week have been very busy, and we look forward to meeting our new Kindergarten students in May (details will be emailed to families).

If you have a child born in 2021 and have not yet registered, please visit the SD61 website to complete online registration for September 2026.

Dressing for the Weather

Winter weather is here. Please ensure students come dressed for outdoor time with a warm, water-resistant jacket and appropriate footwear. Unless weather is extreme, students will be outside for recess and activities.

Head Lice Awareness

With winter comes an increase in head lice cases. According to Island Health:

Head lice are common, especially among children ages 3–12. They do not spread disease and are not related to personal hygiene or cleanliness.

Head lice spread through close, head-to-head contact. They cannot jump, fly, or live on furniture or carpets.

How families can help:

- Check your child's hair weekly using the wet-combing method
- Encourage children with longer hair to wear it tied back
- Treat promptly if live lice are found
- Share information with family and friends to support community prevention

More information:

<https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/healthlinkbc-files/head-lice>

Student Transfer Application Week

Each address in SD61 is associated with a designated elementary, middle, and secondary school. Families wishing to request a school change (K–12) must complete a Student Transfer Application Form (available online or at the office beginning February 9) and submit it by February 12 at 3:30 p.m.

- School Locator Tool & District Information: www.sd61.bc.ca
- Registration & Transfer Dates:
- <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/registration/student-transfer-process/>
- Late French Immersion Information:
- <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/parent-student-resources/registration/late-french-immersion/>