

NEWS LETTER

MARCH 2026



TILLICUM ELEMENTARY

Hello Tillicum students, families, and staff,

Spring Break will soon be here! As we head into the final weeks before the break, we encourage you to take time to celebrate your child's growth and successes as you review their upcoming Learning Update. Thank you as well to our PAC for their generous support of the Grade 3 swimming program — it has been a tremendous success and a highlight for our students.

FUN IN FEBRUARY

Skipping Day

Our students had a fantastic time at Skipping Day — lots of happy (and tired!) faces leaving the gym. Thank you to Mr. Morison for organizing such an energetic and positive event.



Pink Shirt Day

Celebrating Caring Week

Caring Week was marked by numerous activities throughout the school, all building toward our Pink Shirt Day Assembly. Our student MCs did a wonderful job highlighting the importance of taking care of one another and demonstrating what kindness, inclusion, and courage look like in action.

Highlights from the assembly included a powerful performance of "This Is Me" by our Junior Choir, a heartfelt rendition of "True Colours" by our Grade 2 students, and an energetic performance of the "Equality Song" by our Grade 5 drummers, led by Ms. Mel, Ms. Franscene, and Mr. Leonard.

We are proud of how our students continue to show that at Tillicum, caring for one another is more than just a theme for a week — it's who we are every day



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A Few Reminders

No Toys at School

Please do not send personal toys or special items to school. We have had a number of precious items lost or damaged recently. The more important the item is to a child, the more upsetting and disruptive it can be if it goes missing. Thank you for your support.

No Supervision Before 8:30 AM

Supervision on our school grounds begins at 8:30 AM. Students dropped off before that time are unsupervised. While safety concerns are rare in our neighbourhood, children should not be left unattended. We appreciate your help in keeping everyone safe.

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

Music News

Congratulations to our **Junior Choir** students for their wonderful performance of “This Is Me” at our Pink Shirt Day assembly.

Please note that our **Drumming Circle** has moved to Wednesday mornings at 8:35 AM. Parents and students are warmly invited to join us.

Greek Lunch is Back!

We are grateful to the Greek Community for their ongoing support of Tillicum’s meal programs. Each year, they generously provide a traditional lunch for our entire school, followed by a short assembly.

This year’s Greek Lunch will be held on Tuesday, **March 10**. We look forward to celebrating together and showing our appreciation for this meaningful partnership.

Planning for September

We are beginning to plan for next year’s school organization. If your current Kindergarten–Grade 4 child will not be returning to Tillicum in September, please let the office know as soon as possible at 250-386-1408 or tillicum@sd61.bc.ca. This information is very helpful for our planning.

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 before Spring Break.

Learning Updates – Online

The Greater Victoria School District provides Learning Updates online. Term 2 Learning Updates will be available at the end of the school day on Friday, March 14. Families can access them through Parent Connect by clicking on Assessment History.

Hockey Heros

Thank you to all our volunteers for making our Hockey Heroes Program a big success again this year. A special thanks to Mrs. Easton for organizing. The program wraps up next week.

