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Remembrance Day Assembly



Tillicum has a proud tradition of honouring those who have served Canada. Our Remembrance Day assembly will take place on Tuesday, November 10, at 10:45 a.m.

We invite students involved in Scouts, Cubs, Beavers, Guides, Brownies, Sparks, or with family members serving in the Armed Forces to participate in our traditional Flag Procession. We are also looking for one or two parents with military or service experience to help lead our student Colour Guard. If interested, please contact Aaron Parker at aaparker@sd61.bc.ca. A brief meeting for participating students will be held in early November.

All students will receive a poppy for the assembly. Donations to the Poppy Fund are welcome at the school office.

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Dear Parents & Guardians,

November is here! It's wonderful to see how much our students have grown this fall. Our teachers and support staff continue to work hard to provide a safe, caring, and engaging environment where every child can succeed.

As the days get shorter and colder, please ensure your child comes to school prepared for outdoor play, rain or shine. With BC no longer switching to standard time in the winter, our mornings will also be darker. Please take extra care on your way to school, wear bright or reflective clothing, and be mindful of visibility around roads and crosswalks.

Sincerely,

Aaron Parker and Karen Higginbotham

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Athletics

We wrapped up a wonderful cross-country season – congratulations to all our runners! A big thank you to the parents who helped with transportation and to Mr. Carlson and our coaching team for their leadership and encouragement.

Next up is the Soccer Jamboree at Hampton Field on November 3. We look forward to another great day of school sports!



Library Update

Get ready for the **School Book Fair!** Families are invited to visit the gym and explore an exciting selection of books for all ages.

Book Fair Hours

- Tuesday, November 4: 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, November 5: 2:45 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Every purchase helps support our school library and classroom reading resources. We hope you'll stop by, discover some great books, and help foster a love of reading in our school community. We look forward to seeing you there!

– Bridget Hearsey, School Librarian

Parking and Safety

We continue to hear concerns from parents, staff, and neighbours about traffic congestion and unsafe driving practices around Tillicum, particularly during morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up. The roads surrounding our school are very busy during these times, and we need everyone's cooperation to keep students and families safe.

Please remember:

- Do **not block driveways** or park where you obstruct traffic.
- Do **not stop or park within 5 metres of a crosswalk**. Keeping these areas clear is essential for visibility and student safety.
- Do not stop in the middle of the road to drop off or pick up students, even briefly.
- If there is no available parking, **continue away from the school until you find a safe, legal place to park, and walk from there**.
- Plan for extra time. Parking immediately beside the school is not always possible, particularly during peak times.
- Whenever possible, walk, bike, or use other alternatives to driving. Reducing the number of vehicles around the school makes a significant difference.

Saanich Police have been monitoring traffic around our school and have conducted several enforcement visits. During their most recent visit, officers noted that several vehicles receiving tickets were registered to addresses within easy walking distance of the school.

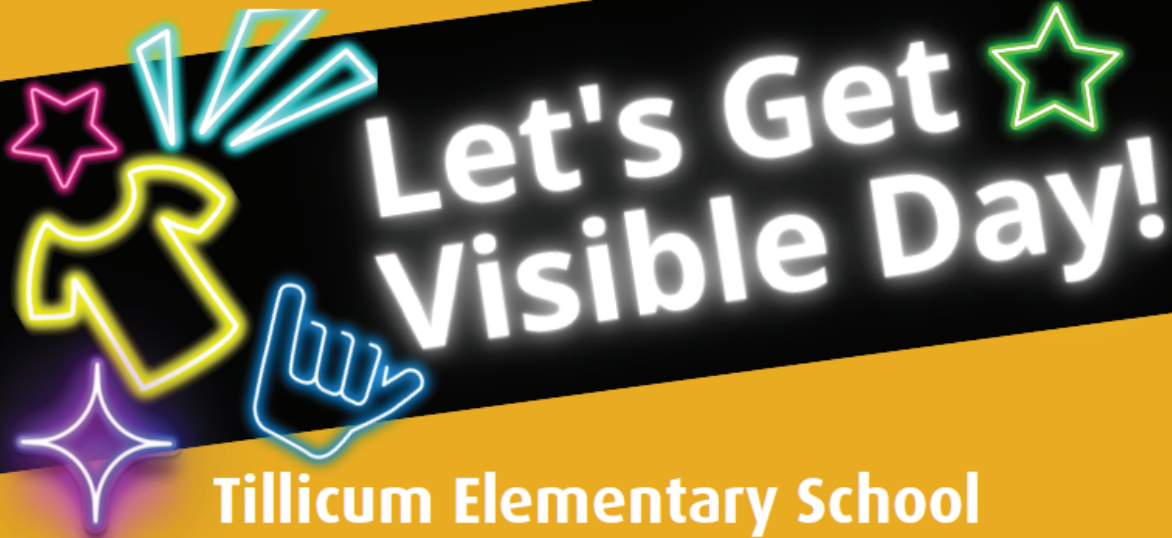
We recognize that mornings can be rushed and that parking near the school is limited. However, convenience cannot come at the expense of student safety or consideration for our neighbours. Thank you for doing your part to keep our school community safe.

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Tillicum Elementary School November 6, 2026

During this dark time of the year,
dress up in your lightest, brightest,
most sparkly, reflective, or light up clothing -
or all of the above!

Let's Get Visible Day, celebrates and
practices the importance of being safe
on roads and trails during
darker morning commutes.

Everyone plays a part in the dark!

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