

NEWSLETTER

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TILLICUM ELEMENTARY

Truth and Reconciliation

Orange Shirt Day at Tillicum will be Tuesday, September 29. Families are invited to join us at 8:45 a.m. on the Orillia Street blacktop as our school community gathers for a drumming circle.

Tillicum has a strong tradition of learning from Indigenous perspectives, celebrating Indigenous cultures and building relationships with our local Nations. As part of our gathering, we will perform the Truth and Reconciliation Song, written by Chief Frank Nelson of the Dzawada'enuxw Nation and gifted for use within the Greater Victoria School District. The song honours residential school survivors and the generations affected by the residential school system, with a message of healing and connection.

Our Grade 5 drummers will help lead our school community in this important gathering.



October Message

September is always a busy month at an elementary school, and this year was certainly no exception! Over the past few weeks, students have settled into their classrooms, new friendships and routines have taken shape, and our school has quickly found its rhythm.

Thank you to our families for your patience, flexibility and support throughout the start-up process. It was wonderful to see so many of you at Meet the Teacher and at our first PAC meeting. With classes settled and the year well underway, October gives us an opportunity to turn our attention more fully to learning, belonging and all of the activities that make Tillicum such a vibrant school community.

We are very proud of the way our students have started the year and look forward to a great month ahead.

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Soccer and Cross Country

Our Tillicum soccer team is gearing up for the Spectrum Soccer Jamboree on November 3 at Gorge Hampton Park. The team practices each Tuesday and Thursday at lunch recess with Mrs. Easton.

Cross Country practices are Mondays and Fridays at 8:15 a.m. Our upcoming races are:

- October 6 – Beckwith Park
- October 13 and 20 – Lambrick Park
- October 27 – course across from Henderson Recreation Centre

Thank you to our staff for providing these opportunities and to all of our student athletes for representing Tillicum!

Library Update

Weekly library visits are underway! Please help your child remember to return their library books each week so they can continue choosing and enjoying new books.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on November 4 and 5. Invitations to book a conference with your child's teacher will be sent by email.

Students will be dismissed early at 11:50 a.m. on November 4 to accommodate conferences.

More information will be shared with families as we get closer to the dates.

Music News

Our music opportunities are getting underway for the year. Senior Choir meets on Thursdays during lunch recess, and Grade 5 Strings takes place on Tuesdays from 2:45–3:30 p.m.

We are excited to hear our student musicians develop throughout the year!

Turkey Trot

Thank you to Mr. Dagg for once again organizing our annual Turkey Trot. This fun Tillicum tradition gets students moving as they run laps of the gym to earn entries into our turkey draw. It is always a lively way to encourage physical activity and have a little fun together before Thanksgiving.

Cops for Cancer & Terry Fox Run

A huge thank you to our Tillicum community for supporting our Terry Fox and Cops for Cancer fundraising efforts. Together, we raised more than $1,400, which will be shared between the Terry Fox Foundation and Cops for Cancer.

Thank you to our students, families and staff for once again showing such generosity and community spirit.



Please see the attached Programs Newsletter, PAC Newsletter and October Calendar for more information about everything happening at Tillicum.