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School Principal joins Cops for Cancer Tour de Rock Team

VICTORIA, BC – Tillicum Elementary School Principal, Jeff Duyndam, is gearing up to cycle 1200km in support of the Canadian Cancer Society. Duyndam is one of 21 riders cycling from Port Alice to Victoria this fall to help raise awareness and donations for life-saving childhood cancer research and national support services for families.

Duyndam was introduced as a special guest rider during the rider announcement today. Next week, he will begin intensive training to prepare for the 14-day ride, happening from September 24 to October 7, 2022. Duyndam is proud to represent the school district and his school community, which experienced the loss of a special principal due to cancer in 2017.

“I am proud to be riding on behalf of the school district in honour of all the staff, students and families who have been touched by cancer, including those in our own learning community,” said Principal Jeff Duyndam. “Losing a loved one, colleague or neighbour to cancer is one of the most difficult losses. Through this experience, I hope to garner community support for such a worthwhile cause as I have witnessed firsthand the devastating effects cancer has on families and communities.”

The Cops for Cancer Tour de Rock Tour is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year. For more information about the Canadian Cancer Society and how you can make a difference, visit:
<https://www.tourderock.ca/>

Please see below if you wish to support Duyndam with a donation to the Canadian Cancer Society.

To donate: <https://bit.ly/Donation4Duyndam>

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Learn more about Jeff Duyndam

Jeff Duyndam was born and raised on Vancouver Island. Since Kindergarten, he has been a part of the Greater Victoria School District’s (GVSD) learning community. He attended Northridge Elementary, Colquitz Middle School, and Spectrum Community School. Following high school graduation, he pursued his passion for education. Earning his degree in education from the University of Victoria. He has now been an administrator at the school district for 12 years. He has served as Vice-Principal at Tillicum Elementary, Shoreline and Glanford Middle Schools before becoming the Principal at Tillicum. His wife is

a teacher in the school district, and their two kids attend schools within GVSD. He also competed in the Ironman Triathlon twice and is an avid cyclist who proudly rides his bike to work every morning.

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