

Howitt News Update

March 10th, 2023

Issue #10



UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES:

- *Last day before Spring Break* **Friday March 10th, 2023**
- *Spring Break (2 weeks)* **March 13th to March 23rd, 2023**
- *Schools re-open after Spring Break* **March 27th, 2023 (Monday)**

SPRING BREAK 2023

Today is the last day of school prior to spring break. We re-open on Monday March 27th, 2023 (2-week break). The school and office will be closed for the two weeks. To our staff and students have a restful spring break.

HOWITT AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS AND SCHOOL SPORTS: SPRING 2023

- Ms. Lenormand will be continuing the afterschool learning club for students in Grades 1 to 3 on Thursdays starting April 6th. Watch for an updated permission slip to come home.
- Mr. Carey will be starting a table top role-player game club (Table Top RPG club) starting after spring break. It will run on Thursdays from March 30th until June 1st. Mr. Carey has been around to speak to students in Grade 5 to 7 about it. A permission form will be coming home this week.
- Mrs. Hahn will be starting an afterschool Arts and Crafts club for students in Grades 2, 3 & 4 on Tuesdays starting on April 11th. Details will be coming home after spring break (max 24 students)
- Spring sports will include Badminton (Grades 4 to 7), Rugby (Grades 4 to 7), and Track & Field (Grades 4 to 7). More information on these sports will come home after spring break.

STUDENT LEARNING UPDATE

A student learning update was sent home on Thursday March 9th, 2023. If you have any questions about your child's progress, please do not hesitate to contact their classroom teacher.



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATIONS FOR SEPT. 2022

Kindergarten! ... here I come!



- As of *February 1st, 2023*, we are taking registrations online or by paper format for our future Kindergarten students starting in September 2023.
- Any child born in 2018, and lives in our catchment area, is welcome to register. These students will be the Grad class of 2036 and will be at Howitt until June 2031.

Please call the school for more details, (250) 723-7521.

PAC NEWS: Our next PAC meeting is *April 27th, 2023, in the library.*

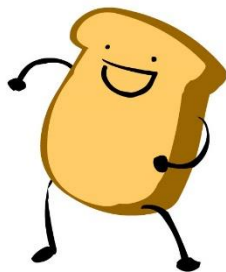


The PAC continues to provide our Read and Feed breakfast program on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Also, their fundraising efforts support our students and staff. Thank you, PAC!

Upcoming PAC meetings- all meetings start at 6:30 pm in our Library!

Childcare is available through student leaders as needed.

PAC Mad Hatter Fundraiser is back! Save the date: *Thursday May 4th* from 4 pm to 7 pm at Cherry Creek Hall! Fun, games, prizes, cakewalk, food, and back by popular demand the Pie the Principal in the Face fundraiser!



PAC Read-and-Feed Breakfast Club- Tuesdays and Thursdays mornings.

On Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:20 am to 8:35 am PAC volunteers are providing healthy breakfast options for students in the main gym. Thanks to Mrs. Sally Anderson and the Read-and-Feed program for supporting our school with breakfast program food items. A big thank you to our Howitt PAC for volunteering their time to offer this to our students.

FAMILY AFFORDABILITY FUND



The Government of British Columbia has provided school districts with funds to support families who have been struggling with rising food costs, and costs for a range of goods and services. This includes significant support for families with school aged children.

Ministry of Education

These funds are to support families in the areas of:

1. Providing food and meal support
2. School supplies
3. School fees or expenses (field trips, extracurricular costs, school sports teams, fees for special classes, instrument, and equipment fees, etc.)
4. Clothing or footwear required for school sports and other school activities.



QR Code for online form

You can use the above QR code to access information and to request support. You will need to complete an on-line form. Or you can contact any Howitt staff member you feel comfortable reaching out to about this program.

STUDENT LEARNING SURVEY: GRADE 4 AND 7 STUDENTS



Parents and guardians of Grade 4 and 7 students will receive information on how to complete the student learning survey at home after spring break.

Grade 4 and 7 students will complete the survey at school in April.

UPCOMING DATES

To assist you in your long-term planning the following days are listed as important events and days that will not be in session for students at John Howitt Elementary:

March 10 th	Last Day before Spring Break
March 13 th – 24 th	Spring Break (two weeks)
March 27 th	School Re-Opens
April 7 th	Statutory Holiday: Good Friday
April 10 th	Statutory Holiday: Easter Monday
April 21 st	School Based Pro-D Day (no school for students)
May 11 th	Student learning update #2 sent home.
May 15 th	School Based Pro-D Day (no school for students)
May 22 nd	Statutory Holiday: Victoria Day
June 21 st	National Aboriginal Day (school in session)
June 21 st	First day of Summer
June 29 th	Last Day of School

Sincerely,

Mr. Brown
Principal

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Mrs. Fryer
Acting Vice Principal

