

Howitt News Update

April 18th, 2023



Issue #11

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES:

- *Local Specialists Association (Pro D Day)* *April 21st, 2023 (Friday)- no school for students*
- *Earth Day* *April 22nd, 2023 (Saturday)*
- *PAC Meeting* *April 27th, 2023 (Thursday) 6:30 pm*
- *PAC Hot Dog lunch* *May 3rd, 2023 (Wednesday)*
- *PAC Popcorn Day* *May 10th, 2023 (Wednesday)*
- *School based Pro-D Day* *May 15th, 2023 (Monday)- no school for students*
- *Victoria Day holiday* *May 22nd, 2023 (Monday)- no school for students*
- *PAC Mad Hatter Event* *May 4th, 2023 (Thursday)- Cherry Creek Hall*

SCHOOL DISTRICT **CALENDAR UPDATE:** June 2023

With the passing of Queen Elizabeth in September 2022, schools were closed on Monday September 19th, 2022, at the direction of the Federal and Provincial governments. This date had been scheduled as our School Planning Day (no school for students). The BC Ministry of Education has asked School Districts to adjust their calendars to make up for this missed School Planning Day. School District 70 and the Board of Education have adjusted our district calendar as follows:

Wednesday June 28th: **The last day of school for elementary students**
Thursday June 29th: **(no school for students) School Planning Day for 2022-2023**
June 30th: **(school closed) Admin Day Friday**

STAFFING UPDATE:

Congratulations to Mrs. Lisa Fryer who has been appointed Vice Principal at John Howitt Elementary School starting July 1st, 2023.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Mrs. Fryer has been our Acting Vice Principal for the past two school years. She will continue in her role as Vice Principal and Inclusion Support Teacher.

PAC NEWS: Our next PAC meeting is April 27th, 2023, at 6:30 pm 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!



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.
- Mr. Carey's tabletop role-player game club (Tabletop RPG club) runs on Thursdays from March 30th until June 1st.
- Mrs. Hahn will be starting an after-school Arts and Crafts club for students in Grades 2, 3 & 4 on Tuesdays starting on April 11th.
- Spring sports will include Badminton (Grades 4 to 7) on Tuesdays and Thursdays afterschool, Rugby (Grades 4 to 7) Mondays and Wednesdays afterschool **at Alberni Elementary School (Mr. Harper is coordinating this for Howitt)**, and SD70 Track & Field event Friday June 2nd (Grades 4 to 7) happens at Bob Dailey

ARE YOU MOVING?



As we start to plan for the 2023-2024 school year, please keep us updated on your plans. If you are planning to move to a new home and will be switching schools, please let us know. Student numbers drive our staffing and planning decisions so it is good to have a clear idea of how many students we will have for the next school year. We encourage any families switching schools to register as soon as possible at their new school to make sure there is space available for next year.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATIONS FOR SEPT. 2023

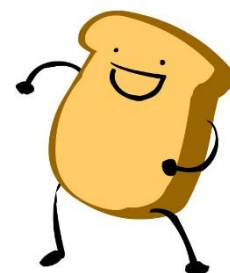
Kindergarten! ... here I come!



- We have reached 27 Kindergarten registrations for next year already. If you have not registered your child to start Kindergarten next year, please do so as soon as possible.
- 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 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. 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



STUDENT LEARNING SURVEY

Parents and guardians of Grade 4 and 7 students have received information on how to complete the student learning survey at home. The deadline for the parent survey is 11:59 pm on *April 29th, 2023*.

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:

April 21st	School Based Pro-D Day (no school for students)
May 3 rd	PAC Hot Lunch
May 4th	PAC Mad Hatter Event (Cherry Creek Hall from 4 to 7 pm)
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 (no school for students)
June 21 st	National Indigenous Day (school in session)
June 21 st	First day of Summer
June 28th	Last Day of School for students (Wednesday)
June 29th	School Planning Day (no school for students)
June 30 th	Admin Day (schools closed)

Sincerely,

Mr. Brown
Principal

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Mrs. Fryer
Acting Vice Principal