

# Howitt News



2022-2023 Newsletter #3

October 7th, 2022

As we move into fall and October, we hope that you will have a chance to spend some time outdoors enjoying the warm weather and taking in the beautiful fall leaves changing colours. With no rain in the forecast, we hope to continue to play and learn outside at Howitt!

Last week our school focus was on National Truth and Reconciliation week and Orange Shirt Day. We also had some incredible conversations with our students around Truth and Reconciliation. These are on-going conversations, but it was great to see how many students came to school with orange shirts. Thank you!



## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES FOR FAMILIES:

<b><u>Monday October 11<sup>th</sup></u></b>	<b>Thanksgiving Day holiday</b>
<b><u>Thursday October 13<sup>th</sup></u></b>	<b>Individual Student photos (AM and just past lunch)</b>
<b><u>October 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup></u></b>	<b>Early dismissal at noon (12:00 pm) for student led conferences</b>
<b><u>Friday October 21<sup>st</sup></u></b>	<b>Provincial Specialists Pro-D Day (no school for students)</b>
<b>Wednesday October 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>PAC Meeting at 6:30 pm in the library</b>
<b><u>Monday October 31<sup>st</sup></u></b>	<b>Halloween @ Howitt (wear your costume)</b>

## INDIVIDUAL STUDENT PHOTOS

Will be on **Thursday October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022**. We will start first thing in the morning and should be done just after lunch time. All students need to have a picture taken for our student records. Families can purchase photos through Lifetouch if they wish. After picture day you will receive a proof sheet and will then be able to order online your photos.



## SCHOOL VISITORS and STUDENT SIGN IN&OUT

To ensure the safety of our students and to minimize the disruption to classes **please check in at the office** whenever you visit the school for whatever reason. Anything to be delivered to a student can be taken to their outside classroom door or it can be dropped off at the office. If you are picking up your child for an appointment, please make arrangements ahead of time with your child's classroom teacher. Or if it is needed, please come to the office and we will help connect you to your child. Please knock on the front door or call the main office at **(250)723-7521**.

## LUNCH PROGRAM

John Howitt has a limited number of lunches available for students. Students require a parent or guardian to complete and sign a lunch program envelope for each month. Envelopes are available at the office. For more information on the program please contact the school.

## HOWITT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARENTS ADVISORY COUNCIL (P.A.C.)

We have a long tradition of parent involvement at John Howitt Elementary with a wide variety of opportunities available for parent volunteers. For its size, our school community is very rich in resources and opportunities for our students thanks to the committed efforts of our parents over the years. The P.A.C. has worked with staff to make John Howitt a cohesive learning community dedicated to student success.



**Our next meeting is Wednesday October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 6:30 pm in the Library.**

## REPORTING A STUDENT ABSENT OR LATE

If your child will be absent or late, please contact our school at (250)723-7521. You may also email either [lbehnke@sd70.bc.ca](mailto:lbehnke@sd70.bc.ca), or your child's teacher, to report an absence. Reminder to complete the daily health check if you are not feeling well and stay home if you are sick. You can also download the **BC K-12 Daily Health Check** app for your smart phone.



## BUS SAFETY

Please remind your children to stay back from the road edge while waiting for the school bus. We have had reports of children standing much too close to/almost on the road.

## KINDERGARTEN BUILDING: STAFF PARKING



The parking spots directly in front of the Kindergarten building are staff parking spots. Please avoid parking there in the morning as our staff members use those spots each day. You are welcome to come and park at the front section (near Tebo avenue) of our main parking lot if you are dropping off your child. Thanks in advance for helping us with this!

## PACIFIC RIM SCHOOLS AND JOHN HOWITT ELEMENTARY APP FOR SMARTPHONES AND TABLETS:

You can now download the Pacific Rim School app to your iPhone, iPad, or android device. Search Pacific Rim Schools in the app store. Very easy to set up, and you can select multiple SD70 schools. So, if you have students at Howitt and ADSS you can set up the app to receive information from both schools. You will be able to see the school calendar, news items, and more.



## REMINDER FROM THE RCMP

The RCMP will be enforcing all motor vehicle infractions within school zones and would like to remind drivers of the following common concerns.

- Vehicle speed is 30 km/hr within all school zones. **The school zone speed limit on Tebo changed last year and was expanded so please watch for the sign.**
- Vehicles **cannot** park within 6 meters of any traffic control device, cross walk or stop sign
- Reminder to come to a complete stop at all stop signs.



# ADSS Cedars and Connect Classes Fundraiser



It is that time of year again! The Cedars and Connect programs are selling fruit and vegetable bundles as a fundraiser! Your support last year really helped us out and made a difference. You can help us meet our fundraising goals while supporting healthy choices and supporting BC growers and producers! Not only that, but we were able to donate fruit and vegetables to the community last year.

## **Order deadline is October 21, 2022**

### **Bundle 1- \$25**

3 lb of onions  
3 lb of carrots  
5 lb of gala apples  
5 lb of Pacific Sunset Potatoes

### **Bundle 2 - \$30**

5 lb of carrots  
1/2 lb of Shallots  
1 lb parsnips  
5 lb Pacific Sunset potatoes  
5 lb red beets

***Deliveries will be scheduled between Nov 7 - 25.***

You can e-transfer [adsspayments@sd70.bc.ca](mailto:adsspayments@sd70.bc.ca), pay by cash to Sheena Falconer or the class teacher, or pay by cheque - please make it out to "ADSS". If paying through etransfer, please state your name and order in the memo in the following manner – Your Name FVF Bundle 1 x 1, Bundle 2 x 1 (example)

If you have any questions, please feel free to email Sheena Falconer at [sfalconer@sd70.bc.ca](mailto:sfalconer@sd70.bc.ca). Thanks for supporting our classes!



## **2022-2023 IMPORTANT DATES**

October 10 <sup>th</sup>	Statutory Holiday: Thanksgiving
October 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Individual Student Photos (AM)</b>
October 18,19,20 <sup>th</sup>	Student Led Conferences (early dismissal at noon)
October 21 <sup>st</sup>	Non-Instructional Day (no school for students)
October 26 <sup>th</sup>	PAC Meeting 6:30 pm in the library
October 31 <sup>st</sup>	Halloween @ Howitt (Monday)
November 10 <sup>th</sup>	Remembrance Day at Howitt (wear red if you can)
November 11 <sup>th</sup>	Statutory Holiday: Remembrance Day
November 16 <sup>th</sup>	Photo Retakes (9:30 AM start)
November 21 <sup>st</sup>	Non-Instructional Day (no school for students)
November 28 <sup>th</sup>	PAC Meeting 6:30 pm in the library
December 14 <sup>th</sup>	Student progress reports sent home
December 16 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day of School before Winter Break
Dec 19 <sup>th</sup> to Jan 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Winter Break
January 3 <sup>rd</sup>	School Re-Opens (Tuesday)
January 16 <sup>th</sup>	Non-Instructional Day (no school for students)
February 17 <sup>th</sup>	Non-Instructional Day (no school for students)
February 20 <sup>th</sup>	Statutory Holiday: Family Day
March 10 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day before Spring Break
March 13 <sup>th</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup>	Spring Break (two weeks)
March 27 <sup>th</sup>	School Re-Opens
April 7 <sup>th</sup>	Statutory Holiday: Good Friday
April 10 <sup>th</sup>	Statutory Holiday: Easter Monday
April 21 <sup>st</sup>	School Based Pro-D Day (no school for students)
May 15 <sup>th</sup>	School Based Pro-D Day (no school for students)
May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Statutory Holiday: Victoria Day
June 21 <sup>st</sup>	National Aboriginal Day (school in session)
June 21 <sup>st</sup>	First day of Summer
June 29 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day of School

Sincerely,

Mr. S. Brown  
Principal

Sincerely,

Mrs. L. Fryer  
Acting Vice Principal