



Howitt News



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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

Reminder - Winter Break: *December 25th - January 5th*
First day back to school: *Monday January 8th, 2024*



STUDENT LEARNING UPDATES: WENT HOME THIS WEEK.

If you have any questions regarding your child's progress, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher in the new year! If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Brown (sbrown@sd70.bc.ca).

THANK YOU FROM JOHN HOWITT ELEMENTARY!

- ☆ To Miss Chase for her hard work on our Winter Concert.
- ☆ Thank you to all our student performers, you did a great job at the Winter Concert!
- ☆ Thank you to Mrs. Mayes for organizing our 12 Days Before Winter Break, our Leadership Activities, and organizing our Food Drive. Congratulations to Mrs. Bouchard's Grade 4&5 class for bringing in the most items in support of the Salvation Army.
- ☆ Thank you to our staff and students for working so hard in our First Term! Everyone deserves a restful Winter Break!
- ☆ Thank you to our PAC for their continued support of our students, staff, and school! Your help is greatly appreciated!
- ☆ Thank you to Mrs. Behnke for all that she does to support our student, families, and staff!
- ☆ Thank you to our families for supporting our students and staff!
- ☆ Thank you to Mrs. Davidson and Ms. Dyer for coaching our Grade 4&5 Basketball team.



SEASON'S GREETINGS!

From the staff at John Howitt Elementary school, we wish you all the best this Holiday Season! Have a restful Winter Break and a Happy New Year!



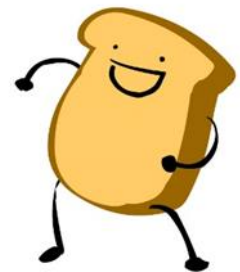
HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS:

The school and office will be closed from *December 25th to January 5th*. There will be *limited office hours January 2nd to 5th*. Please call the school ahead of time to see if Mrs. Behnke is in the office if you require anything.

READ-AND-FEED BREAKFAST: STARTS BACK ON TUESDAY JANUARY 9TH, 2024



Thanks to volunteers from the Alberni Valley Read and Feed program we are moving our breakfast club to five days a week. Each morning from 8:20 am to 8:35 am PAC volunteers will be providing healthy breakfast options for students in the 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.

READING OVER THE WINTER BREAK:

A great way to spend the holidays is with a good book! We hope that our students can find some time over the Winter break to read a good fit book, read to a family member, or have someone read to them!



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 Thursday January 25th, 2024, at 6:00 pm in the library. Ms. Lenormand and student leaders will be providing childcare for any family who needs this support.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

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:

December 22 nd	Last Day of School before winter break
Dec 25 th to Jan 5 th	Winter Break
January 8 th	School Re-Opens (Monday)
January 22 nd	Non-Instructional Day (no school for students)
February 2 nd	Ground Hog Day
February 10 th	Chinese New Year: Year of the Dragon
February 16 th	Non-Instructional Day (no school for students)
February 19 th	Statutory Holiday: Family Day
March 15 th	Last Day before Spring Break
March 18 th – 28 th	Spring Break (two weeks)
March 29 th	Statutory Holiday: Good Friday
April 1 st	Statutory Holiday: Easter Monday
April 2 nd	School Re-Opens after spring break and Easter
April 19 th	School Based Pro-D Day (no school for students)
May 13 th	School Based Pro-D Day (no school for students)
May 20 th	Statutory Holiday: Victoria Day
June 21 st	National Indigenous Peoples Day (school in session)
June 27 ^h	Last Day of School for students



Sincerely,
Mr. S. Brown
Principal

Sincerely,
Mrs. L. Fryer
Vice Principal