



Howitt News

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SPRING BREAK 2025 (March 17th to March 28th)

Friday Wear GREEN OR GOLD to mark St Patrick's day
and it's the last day of school prior to spring break (2 weeks).
We will be back in session on **Monday March 31st, 2025.**

If you are going on a trip, pack some books to read, journal, take pictures, and come back and tell us all about it. Let us know what the best part of your Spring Break was. If you are staying home, then rest and relax. Have fun with friends and family and go outside and enjoy all the great things the Alberni Valley (and Vancouver Island) offers.

STUDENT LEARNING UPDATES: TERM 2

Student learning updates went home today. Please return the school report envelope as soon as possible to your child's teacher. If you have any questions about your child's progress, please reach out to their classroom teacher.



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR NEXT YEAR (2025-2026)

John Howitt Elementary is taking registrations for incoming catchment area Kindergarten students for September 2025. Those children born in 2020 are starting Kindergarten in September. Registration packages are available at the school or can be completed online. Copy of a birth certificate and proof of residence in our catchment area are also needed to complete the registration package. We will also have an "All About Me" form for families to complete to help us get to know your child.

For more information, please contact the school at (250) 723-7521.

In May/June 2025 we will host our Kindergarten Here We Come event for children and families to get a tour of the school, meet staff, and take part in learning centers to help welcome you to our school.



ARE YOU MOVING? CHANGING SCHOOLS FOR SEPTEMBER 2025?

As we prepare for the 2025-2026 school year, please inform us if your family is moving or changing schools. This helps us keep our records up to date and ensures a smooth transition for your child. If you are planning a move, please let us know. We can help to make the transition as seamless as possible for your family. It also helps us to plan our staffing and classes with a clear picture of our student numbers.

Please contact the school office at your earliest convenience if you have any updates regarding your address or school plans for next year. Thank you!



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 Tuesday April 29th, 2025, at 5:30 pm in the library. Childcare is available for any family who needs this support.**
- **All PAC fundraising will go towards building a new primary playground.**
- **PAC Mad Hatter Spring Fundraiser: save the date Wednesday May 21st**

SPRING BREAK LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES:

As we approach spring break, we want to encourage our students to continue their learning in a fun and engaging way! Here are some recommendations to support reading, writing, and math skills during the break, utilizing fantastic resources like Prodigy Math, Epic Books, Raz-Kids, and Teach Your Monster to Read.

Reading

- **Epic Books:** Encourage your child to set a daily reading goal of 20-30 minutes. With a diverse selection of genres, they can explore new worlds and ideas. Visit the public library to find a great book to read!



- Raz-Kids: This interactive platform offers quizzes after each book, reinforcing comprehension. Encourage kids to listen to books being read aloud to help improve their fluency.

Writing

- Journal Writing: Have your child keep a spring break journal to document their adventures. This is a great way to encourage reflection and expression of their thoughts and feelings.
- Creative Writing Prompts: Provide fun prompts related to spring, such as “If you could be any animal in spring, what would you be and why?” to spark their imagination.

Math

- Prodigy Math: Encourage daily practice through engaging math challenges on Prodigy. Set goals for your child to reach specific levels by the end of spring break, making math fun with games and challenges!
- Real-World Math: Involve your child in everyday activities like meal planning or budgeting for outings. Cooking is a fantastic way to practice math skills, such as measuring ingredients and calculating cooking times.
- Card and Board Games: Incorporate math through fun card and board games that require counting, strategy, and critical thinking. Games like Uno, Monopoly, or even simple math bingo can reinforce math skills while providing quality family time.



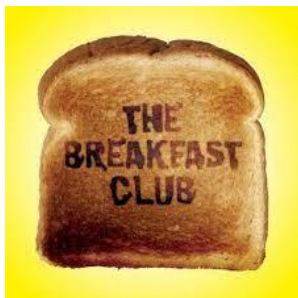
Combined Activities

- Outdoor Math Scavenger Hunt: Create a scavenger hunt where students solve math problems to find the next clue. This combines physical activity with math practice!

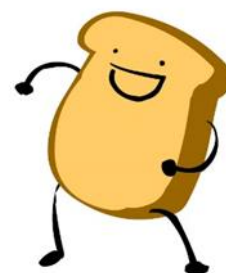


- Themed Reading and Writing: Choose a spring theme (like nature or animals) and read books related to that theme. Encourage your child to write summaries or share their thoughts.
- Get outside and go for a hike! Talk about the things you see and smell!

By incorporating these engaging activities, you can help your children reinforce their skills while making the most of their spring break. Happy learning!

READ-AND-FEED BREAKFAST:

Thanks to volunteers from the Alberni Valley Read and Feed program for volunteering their time to prepare toast, vegetables, and fruit for students. Thanks to Mrs. Sally Anderson and the Read-and-Feed program for supporting our school with breakfast program food items.

**SCHOOL CALENDAR**

March 31 st	First day back from spring break
April 7 th	PAC Popcorn Day for April (on a Monday)
April 15 th	Deadline to order online for PAC Pizza Lunch in April
April 18 th	Good Friday: no school
April 21 st	Easter Monday: no school
April 23 rd	PAC Pizza Lunch Day
April 28 th	LSA Pro-D Day: no school (Monday)
April 29 th	PAC Meeting 5:30 pm
April 30th & May 1st	<u>Early dismissal (noon) for student led conferences</u>
May 2 nd	PAC Movie Night
May 11 th	Mother's Day
May 12 th	PAC Popcorn Day (Monday)
May 19 th	Victoria Day Holiday (no school)
May 20 th	Deadline to order online for May's PAC Pizza Lunch
May 21 st	PAC Fundraiser: Mad Hatter (at Cherry Creek Hall)
May 26 th	School Based Pro-D Day no school (Monday)
May 28 th	PAC Pizza Day Lunch
June 15 th	Father's Day
June 21 st	National Indigenous People's Day
June 26 th	Last day for students
June 27 th	Admin Day: schools closed



Sincerely,

Mr. S. Brown
Principal

MÉTIS FAMILY LUNCHEON

MARCH 15TH, 2025 | 11 A.M. - 3 P.M.



Join Alberni Clayoquot Métis Society (ACMS) and Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) for a Family Luncheon on **March 15th, 2025** from 11am to 3pm!

ENTERTAINMENT

- Lunch & Goodies
- Arts & Crafts
- Card Making
- And More!

Door prizes to be won!

LOCATION

Kinette Hall, 4102 Hollywood St.

Please reach out to ACMS at 778-419-2006 if you have any questions.



PacificCARE
Family Enrichment Society



Attention Families!



BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE ENROLLING NOW!

OUR BEFORE SCHOOL CARE PROGRAM RUNS FROM 6:00 AM TO THE START OF THE SCHOOL DAY
AND OUR AFTER SCHOOL CARE PROGRAM RUNS FROM THE END OF THE SCHOOL DAY TO 6:30 PM;
FULL-DAY CARE IS AVAILABLE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT PRO-D DAYS, EXCLUDING ILM CLOSURES

How to Register

- **Submit your child care needs by:**
 - **Completing the Waitlist Submission Request form on our website on the “How to Register” page**
- **Prepare your registration package, including:**
 - **A completed Child Care Registration Form (available on our website on the “How to Register page)**
 - **A clear, coloured photo of your child’s face for emergency identification**
- **Keep an eye out for an email offering enrollment for your child and submit your completed registration package**

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE: ILMEDUCATIONCENTER.COM