



# Howitt News

Issue #11

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## IMPORTANT SPRING DATES!

April 7 <sup>th</sup> :	PAC Popcorn Day (Monday)
April 14 – 18	Book Fair - In our Library
April 19 <sup>th</sup> :	11:59 pm is the deadline to order Pizza for the PAC Pizza Day (April 23 <sup>rd</sup> )
April 18 <sup>th</sup> :	Good Friday (no school for Students)
April 21 <sup>st</sup> :	Easter Monday (no school for Students)
April 28 <sup>th</sup> :	Local Specialists Professional Development Day (no school for students)
April 29 <sup>th</sup> :	Growing Smiles orders due
April 30 <sup>th</sup> & May 1 <sup>st</sup> :	Early dismissal for Student Learning Conferences (dismissal at noon)
May 2 <sup>nd</sup> :	PAC Movie Night
May 19 <sup>th</sup> :	Victoria Day Holiday (no school for students)
May 22 <sup>st</sup> :	PAC Mad Hatter Fundraising Event (Cherry Creek Hall)
May 26 <sup>th</sup> :	School Based Professional Development Day (no school for students)

## 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.**

## **CLASS PHOTO DAY AND SPRING INDIVIDUAL STUDENT PHOTOS: Thursday APRIL 10<sup>TH</sup>**

On Thursday April 10<sup>th</sup> classes at John Howitt Elementary will be having their class pictures taken. Life Touch photography will also be taking Spring individual photos that parents will have the option to purchase if you like.

Photos will be taken through out the morning so please arrive on time! A class photo will be supplied for each student and staff member! Any questions please contact the 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.

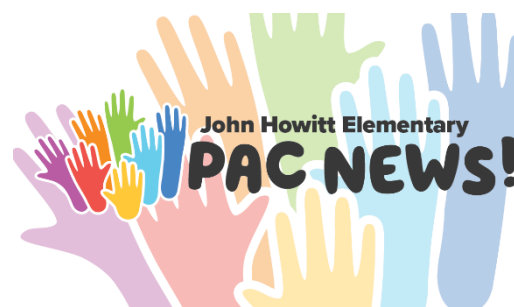
This helps us keep our records up to date and ensures a smooth transition for your child. If you are planning a move, please let us know. We can help to make the transition as seamless as possible for your family. It also helps us to plan our staffing and classes with a clear picture of our student numbers.

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.**

**Popcorn Day:** *Monday April 7<sup>th</sup>*

**Hot Lunch Pizza:** *April 23<sup>rd</sup>*

**Growing Smiles:** *Orders Due April 29<sup>th</sup>*

**Movie Night:** *May 2nd*

**PAC Mad Hatter Spring Fundraiser:** *Thursday May 22<sup>nd</sup>*

*at Cherry Creek Hall! Themed Basket Raffle tickets have been sent home.*

## AFTER-SCHOOL SPORTS AT HOWITT:

**Badminton:** for those students in Grades 4 to 7 who have signed up. Thanks to Mrs. Davidson and Ms. Dyer for coaching. Practices will be on the following Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesday's afterschool in the Howitt gym from 2:20 pm to 3:30 pm. Students will need to arrange rides home from practice, and to the jamboree.

- Mondays: April 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>
- Tuesdays: April 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>
- Wednesdays: April 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, and 2nd
- Grade 4&5 wrap up Jamboree Friday April 25<sup>th</sup>
- Grade 6&7 wrap up Jamboree Friday May 2nd



**Rugby:** The Pacific Rim Elementary Sports Council in partnership with SD70, Black Sheep Rugby and the After School Sports and Arts Initiative is happy to offer youth rugby to students in Grades 4-7 this spring. Interested students need to sign up with Mr. Harper.

Training this year will be offered at two hub sites while games will be hosted at the Black Sheep Rugby Club. Students from Tsuma-as, Howitt and Alberni Elementary Schools will train at Alberni Elementary. Students from Maquinna, Wood and Dunn Elementary Schools will train at the Black Sheep Rugby Club. Although they will be training together, during games athletes will represent their own school whenever numbers allow.



**Grades 4/5 – 3pm-4pm**

**Grades 6/7 – contact 3-4:30pm**

**Teams Training @ Alberni Elementary School**

**Alberni Elementary**

**Tsuma-as Elementary**

**Howitt Elementary**

**\*Haahuupayak Elementary**

Training Session Dates @ Hub Site		Gamedays @ Black Sheep Rugby Club	
April 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade 6/7 Only	April 10 <sup>th</sup> Grade 6/7 Only	Grades 6/7	April 17 <sup>th</sup>
April 15 <sup>th</sup> Grades 4, 5, 6, 7	April 22 <sup>nd</sup> Gr. 4-7	Grades 4/5 Touch Rugby	April 24 <sup>th</sup>
April 29 <sup>th</sup> Grades 4, 5, 6, 7	May 1 <sup>st</sup> No training	Grades 6/7	May 13 <sup>th</sup> Jambouree & BBQ
May 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade 6/7 Only	May 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade 6/7 Only	Grades 4/5 Touch Rugby	May 15 <sup>th</sup> Jambouree & BBQ
Training 3:00pm - 4:30pm		Games 3:30pm to 4:45pm	

Athletes should come to training and games in athletic wear with runners or plastic cleats. No metal cleats, please! For both flag and contact rugby, athletes are asked to remove all jewelry or sharp clothing. For contact rugby, mouthguards and explicit training on how to tackle and be tackled safely will be provided. Students in Grades 6 and 7 will be trained in how to play full-contact rugby and given the option to play contact or flag on gamedays.

Students will need to arrange their own transportation to and from the Hub training site, and to the Black Sheep Rugby Club on game days.

Any questions please email Mr. Harper ([charper@sd70.bc.ca](mailto:charper@sd70.bc.ca))

## HOWITT LIBRARY SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR: April 14 - 18



Mr. Harper is hosting a Howitt book fair during the week of April 14 to April 18<sup>th</sup>. Students will get a chance to see what books are available to purchase. Great idea to support reading at home.

- Students can purchase items before school, recess, and lunch.
- The book fair will also be open after school until 3:00 pm.

## SPRING LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES:

As we approach spring, 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

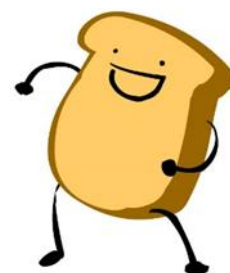
- Prodigy Math: Encourage daily practice through engaging math challenges on Prodigy. Set goals for your child to reach specific levels by the end of spring break, making math fun with games and challenges!
- Real-World Math: Involve your child in everyday activities like meal planning or budgeting for 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.



## 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

April 7 <sup>th</sup>	PAC Popcorn Day for April (on a Monday)
April 10 <sup>th</sup>	Spring Photos: Class groupings and optional individuals
April 14-18	Spring Scholastic Book Fair
April 15 <sup>th</sup>	Deadline to order online for PAC Pizza Lunch in April
April 18 <sup>th</sup>	Good Friday: no school
April 21 <sup>st</sup>	Easter Monday: no school
April 23 <sup>rd</sup>	PAC Pizza Lunch Day
April 28 <sup>th</sup>	LSA Pro-D Day: no school (Monday)
April 29 <sup>th</sup>	PAC Meeting 5:30 pm
<b><u>April 30<sup>th</sup> &amp; May 1<sup>st</sup></u></b>	<b><u>Early dismissal (noon) for student learning conferences</u></b>
May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	PAC Movie Night
May 11 <sup>th</sup>	Mother's Day
May 12 <sup>th</sup>	PAC Popcorn Day (Monday)
May 19 <sup>th</sup>	Victoria Day Holiday (no school)
May 20 <sup>th</sup>	Deadline to order online for May's PAC Pizza Lunch
May 21 <sup>st</sup>	PAC Fundraiser: Mad Hatter (at Cherry Creek Hall)
May 26 <sup>th</sup>	School Based Pro-D Day no school (Monday)
May 28 <sup>th</sup>	PAC Pizza Day Lunch
June 15 <sup>th</sup>	Father's Day
June 21 <sup>st</sup>	National Indigenous People's Day
June 26 <sup>th</sup>	Last day for students
June 27 <sup>th</sup>	Admin Day: schools closed

Sincerely,

Mr. S. Brown  
Principal



# ***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](http://ILMEDUCATIONCENTER.COM)**