



Issue# 13

# Howitt News

MAY 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2025



## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

- Monday May 19<sup>th</sup>: Victoria Day Holiday (no school for students)
- May 21<sup>st</sup> & May 22<sup>nd</sup>: Get Ready for Kindergarten from 11:00 am to 11:30 am for next year's kindergarten students and families.
- May 21<sup>st</sup>: Jump Rope for Heart at Howitt
- May 22<sup>nd</sup>: PAC Mad Hatter Event at Cherry Creek Hall from 3:30 pm to 7:00 pm
- May 26<sup>th</sup>: School Based Pro D Day (Monday): no school for students.
- May 28<sup>th</sup>: Howitt Track and Field Day at Bob Dailey Stadium for students in Grades 3 to 7 (all students participating)
- May 28<sup>th</sup>: PAC Panago Pizza Day (Wednesday)
- June 4<sup>th</sup>: Howitt K Day Event for incoming kindergarten students in September 2025 (3:30 to 4:30 pm)



See the attached PAC News for all the information on their Mad Hatter Fundraiser: Thursday May 22<sup>nd</sup> from 3:30 pm to 7:00 pm.

## PACIFIC RIM SCHOOL DISTRICT AND JOHN HOWITT ELEMENTARY: PRIDE Week

Pride Week takes place across the Pacific Rim School District from *June 2<sup>nd</sup> to June 6<sup>th</sup>*. Our school SAFE club is planning fun lunch time activities that promote **inclusion, acceptance, and diversity**. This will be happening throughout the week. Activities include a dance party outside, nail painting, & hula hoop/skipping activities, chalk & bubbles, colouring club, and flying the pride flag. The focus during this week will target being proud of who you, celebrating ways of including everyone and spreading kindness.



We believe in acceptance and inclusion, and we are working towards a welcoming school community for all.

Monday June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tuesday June 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Wednesday June 4 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday June 5 <sup>th</sup>	Friday June 6 <sup>th</sup> ,
Nails and face painting  Bracelet making	Sock hop dance in the gym at lunch	Safe Club meeting: special guest Ms. Freeda.	Scavenger hunt  Colouring  Freezies  Button Making  Photo booth	Outside party with music, bubbles, chalk, cupcakes, and a hockey shoot out.  Dress in bright colours or rainbows

### SCENT FREE SCHOOL:

We would like to remind everyone that our school is a scent-free environment. To help keep our school safe and welcoming for all, we kindly ask that students, staff, and visitors avoid wearing or bringing products with strong scents, such as perfumes, colognes, body sprays,

or scented lotions. Some members of our school community have sensitivities or allergies to fragrances, which can cause serious health reactions. By keeping our school scent-free, we help ensure that everyone can learn and work in a comfortable and healthy environment. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding!



## 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 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.

**June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025 (3:30 pm to 4:30 pm)** 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.

## GRADE 7 STUDENTS AND FAMILIES OPEN HOUSE:

**Thursday June 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm** is the **ADSS Open House for Grade 7 Students and Families**. Parents and Guardians will be able to meet ADSS Staff and hear all about Grade 8 and what happens at ADSS. Grade 7 students will also be able to get a copy of their class schedule for next year! We hope you can make it to the open house!




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## HOWITT GRADE 7 CELEBRATION NIGHT:

**June 19<sup>th</sup> (Thursday):**      **Grade 7 students join us from 5 pm to 6 pm.**

**Families are welcome to join us from 6 pm to 7 pm  
to help us honour our Grade 7 students**

**Thanks to PAC for supporting this event financially.**

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## **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.

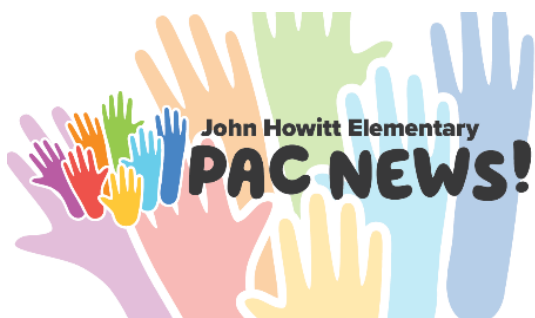
Please contact the school office at your earliest convenience if you have any updates regarding your address or school plans for next year. Thank you!

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

Now you can download the Pacific Rim School app to your iPhone, iPad, or android device. Search Pacific Rim Schools in the app store. It is 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.



## **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.

## **MAD HATTER EVENT: THURSDAY MAY 22<sup>ND</sup> FROM 3:30 pm TO 7:00 pm AT CHERRY CREEK HALL**

Our last PAC meeting of the year is **Tuesday May 27<sup>th</sup>** at 5:30 pm in the library. At this meeting the PAC will elect their executive in preparation for next year.

## **PAC Panago Pizza Lunch: Wednesday May 28<sup>th</sup>! Order online at Munch-a-Lunch.com**

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

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May 27 <sup>th</sup>	PAC Meeting 5:30 pm
May 28 <sup>th</sup>	Howitt Track and Field Event (AM): Grade 3 to 7 at Bob Dailey Stadium
May 28 <sup>th</sup>	PAC Hot Lunch Day: Panago Pizza day
June 4 <sup>th</sup>	Howitt K Day 3:30 to 4:30 pm for kindergarten students starting next September.
June 6 <sup>th</sup>	SD70 Elementary Track and Field event
June 12 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 7 Open House at ADSS (students and families, 6:30 pm start)
June 16 <sup>th</sup>	School Wide Field Trip to Rathtrevor Provincial Park
June 19 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 7 Grade Night (Thursday): Students from 5 pm to 6 pm and families welcome from 6 pm to 7 pm.
June 21 <sup>st</sup>	National Indigenous Peoples Day
June 25 <sup>th</sup>	Year End Assembly (PM)
June 26 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day of School for students
June 27 <sup>th</sup>	Admin Day (school closed)

Sincerely,

Mr. S. Brown  
Principal

