

Howitt News



2024-2025 Newsletter #6

December 12th, 2024

HOWITT WINTER CONCERT "Cozy: A Peaceful Winter Night".

Tuesday December 17th
1pm (no tickets required) 6 pm (tickets required)

Students in the following classes will be performing:
Mrs. Douglas (Kindergarten)
Mrs. Organ (Grade 1)
Mrs. Fedirchuk (Grade 1&2)
Ms. Lenormand (Grade 2)
Mrs. Davidson (Grade 3)
Intermediate Choir



We have only issued tickets to the families of the performers helpers and stage crew.

Tickets: *Please return tickets for the evening performance if you do not need them. We have families looking for extra tickets to the 6 pm show. We plan to get all extra tickets out to families by Monday December 16th.*

For the evening show. Students can be dropped off at their classroom door at 5:45 pm.

***There are no tickets required for the 1 pm show**

WINTER WONDERLAND SKATING AT THE MULTIPLEX:

We will be going skating on *Thursday December 19th* in two groups. Please see the information on page 2. We would love to have some please join us to tie skates if you can.

- **Parents or family can join us on the ice. However, you MUST wear a helmet. You will be asked to leave the ice if you are not wearing a helmet. This is a school district and school expectation.**
- If your child needs rentals, please send \$2



Permissions slips are coming home today. They will need to be returned in order to go skating. We cannot take verbal permission.

All students will be participating in a Winter Wonderland skating event at the Alberni Valley Multiplex on **Thursday December 19th**.

We will be going in two sessions:

Group #1 before lunch 10:45 am until 12 pm

Group #2 after lunch 12:45 pm to 2 pm

Students will be travelling to the Multiplex by school bus, please read the important information below about the event.

Please return the bottom portion of the permission form coming home this week by Monday December 16th.

- Students, please **BRING YOUR OWN SKATES and HELMETS** to school with you if you have them. There are limited rentals, especially helmets.
- Students who require rentals **please bring \$2 to help cover the cost.**
- **The candy and vending machines will be OFF LIMITS for Howitt students.**

Group #1 10:45 to Noon (Buses depart at 10:45 am and leave the Multiplex at 11:45 am)	Group #2 12:45-1:45 pm (Buses depart at 12:45 pm and leave the Multiplex at 1:45 pm)
Mrs. Douglas (Div 1 Kindergarten)	Mrs. Organ (Div 2 Grade 1)
Ms. Lenormand (Div 4 Grade 2)	Mrs. Fedirchuk (Div 3 Grade 1&2)
Mrs. Davidson (Div 5 Grade 3)	Miss Henson (Div 8 Grade 6&7)
Ms. Dyer (Div 6 Grade 4)	Mrs. Mayes (Div 10 Grade 6&7)
Mrs. Bouchard (Div 7 Grade 5)	Mr. Carey (Div 9 Grade 6&7)

GRADE 4&5 BASKETBALL AT HOWITT

Thanks to Mrs. Davidson and Ms. Dyer for coaching our Grade 4&5 basketball team.

Friday Dec 13th Wrap up Jamboree at ADSS: coaches have sent home information.



Basketball for Grade 6&7 students starts in January 2025. Watch for more details in our future newsletters.

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 29th, 2025***, at 5:30 pm in the library. Ms. Lenormand and student leaders will be providing childcare for any family who needs this support.

Thanks to PAC for our Gifts of Giving Event and supporting our 12 Days of Winter Break!

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, or your child's teacher, to report an absence.



IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES FOR FAMILIES:

December 17 th	Winter Concert 1pm and 6 pm
December 19 th	Winter Wonderland Skating
December 19 th	Student Learning Updates sent home
December 20 th	Last Day of School before winter break
Dec 23rd to Jan 3 rd	Winter Break
January 6 th	School Re-Opens (Monday)

A REMINDER TO DRESS FOR THE WEATHER:



Just a friendly reminder to encourage your children to be prepared for colder wet weather. Boots, waterproof raincoat, and an umbrella will all be needed. We plan to go outside each day at recess and lunch!

If possible, a change of clothes left at school would be advantageous, so students won't need to phone home if their clothing accidentally gets wet or muddy. If you have questions, please contact the office.

In the event of snow: please listen to the PEAK radio station or monitor our app and Facebook page. School closure information in case of a snow event will be shared there.

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 plan 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**.

KINDERGARTEN BUILDING: STAFF PARKING and MAIN PARKING LOT

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. In any of our parking lots, we ask that **you back your vehicle into the parking stall. This allows you to see any small friends in the parking lot as you leave.** 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.



2024-2025 IMPORTANT DATES

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 17 th	Winter Concert 1pm and 6 pm
December 19 th	Winter Wonderland Skating
December 19 th	Student progress reports sent home
December 20 th	Last Day of School before winter break
Dec 23rd to Jan 3 ^d	Winter Break
January 6 th	School Re-Opens (Monday)
January 15 th	PAC popcorn day
January 20 th	Non-Instructional Day (no school for students)
January 21 st	Deadline to order pizza through Munch-a-Lunch
January 29 th	PAC Pizza Day
February 12 th	PAC Popcorn Day
February 14 th	Non-Instructional Day (no school for students)

If you have any questions please contact the school, or touch base with your child's Teacher!

Sincerely,
Mr. S. Brown
Principal

