



Howitt News



Issue #9

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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 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.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

- Thursday February 13th: 100th Day of School
- Friday February 14th: School Based Pro-D Day (no school for students)
- Monday February 17th: BC Family Day Holiday (no school for students)
- Tuesday February 18th: PAC Hot Lunch online orders due via Munch-a-Lunch (11:59 pm)
- Tuesday February 18th: Mr. McAulay from ADSS is coming to speak to Grade 7 students in the morning about all things ADSS. Please be here on time.
- Wednesday February 26th: **Pink Shirt Day**
- Wednesday February 26th: PAC Hot Lunch Day- Pita Pit

- **PAC Mad Hatter Spring Fundraiser: save the date *Thursday May 22nd***

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 February 27th, 2025**, at 5:30 pm in the library. Childcare is available for any family who needs this support.
- PAC is collecting donations in support of Mad Hatter raffle baskets. Students will be bringing home more information today about it. If you can help and donate a “themed prize” item for the baskets it would be greatly appreciated. All fundraising will go towards building a new primary playground.

Pink Shirt Day 2025: Choose Kindness

- On Wednesday, February 26th, our school will be celebrating Pink Shirt Day, a special day dedicated to promoting kindness, inclusion, and standing up against bullying.
- We encourage all students and staff to wear pink to show their support in creating a safe and caring school environment where everyone feels respected and valued.
- This year's theme focuses on lifting each other up through positive words and actions. Throughout the week, students will engage in activities and discussions about kindness, empathy, and the importance of standing together to prevent bullying.

- Let's work together to make our school a place where everyone

belongs. Wear your pink with pride! ❤️ 🍷

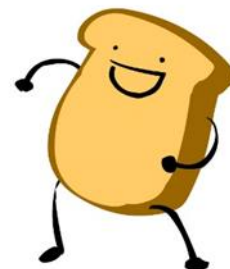
#PinkShirtDay #KindnessMatters #StandTogether



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

February 12 th	PAC Popcorn Day
February 14 th	Non-Instructional Day: no school for students (Friday)
February 17 th	Statutory Holiday: BC Family Day Holiday (no school for students)
February 26 th	Pink Shirt Day: Choose Kindness
February 26 th	PAC Hot Lunch Day- Pita Pit
February 27 th	PAC Meeting 5:30 pm in the library
March 5 th	Kindergarten hearing screening
March 7 th	PAC Movie Night
March 12 th	PAC Popcorn Day
March 13 th	Student Learning Update #2 goes home
March 14 th	Last Day before Spring Break
March 17 th -28 th	Spring Break (two weeks)
March 31 st	First day back from spring break
April 18 th	Good Friday: no school
April 21 st	Easter Monday: no school
April 28 th	LSA Pro-D Day: no school (Monday)
April 29 th	PAC Meeting 5:30 pm
April 30 th & May 1 st	Early dismissal (noon) for student led conferences
May 19 th	Victoria Day Holiday (no school)
May 22 nd	PAC Fundraiser: Mad Hatter (at Cherry Creek Hall)
May 26 th	School Based Pro-D Day no school (Monday)
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

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