



Howitt News

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HOWITT WINTER UPDATE:

We hope that students and families get out this weekend to enjoy the BC Family Day weekend. This Friday February 13th is also a school-based professional development day (no school for students). So, get out and enjoy the four-day weekend. Or as one of our Kindergarten students called it, “the big weekend”.

As a school staff our thoughts are with the Town of Tumbler Ridge and Tumbler Ridge Secondary. Specifically, the students, staff, families and first responders in the community.

We will continue to work as a staff to create a warm, welcoming environment for all students and families. To know that school is a safe place and that there are always adults at Howitt willing to help and support.

If you need any support, or if you have any questions about Howitt, or your child’s progress please do not hesitate to reach out to your child’s teacher or any school staff member you are connected to.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

- **Pro-D Day:** *Friday February 13th (no school for students)*
- **BC Family Day Holiday** *Monday February 16th (no school for students)*
- **Deadline to order PAC Pizza Day:** *Sunday February 15th (11:59 pm)*
- **PAC Hot Lunch Day:** *Wednesday February 25th*
- **Pink Shirt Day:** *Wednesday February 25th (wear pink)- This year’s theme is “Sprinkle Kindness” how small everyday acts of kindness can make a big difference.*
- **March 4th:** *Learning Updates for Term #2 will come home.*
- **March 6th:** *Last day of school before spring break.*
- **March 9th to March 20th:** *Spring Break (two weeks) no school for students*
- **March 23rd:** *first day back after Spring Break.*



PINK SHIRT DAY

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION – 2026–2027

Kindergarten registration for the 2026–2027 school year opened *February 2, 2026*, for children born in 2021. We are currently up to 20 registrations so far and projecting 30 Kindergarten students for next year.

The graphic below walks through the steps to register your child, including:

- registering at your neighbourhood catchment school
- how to get and submit the registration form
- completing the All About Me form to support your child's transition

You can find full details, links to forms, and support information here:

👉 <https://www.pacificrimchildren.ca/kindergarten>

If you have questions or would like support with registration, our Early Years team is here to support you.

Contact information is available here:

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Pacific Rim School District

Kindergarten Registration opens February 2, 2026

Starting Kindergarten is an important step. Registering early helps us prepare welcoming classrooms and supports.

How to register

1 Catchment School

Register at your neighbourhood catchment school. Use the School Locator if needed found here: sd70.bc.ca/registration Out-of-catchment requests are considered after Feb 28 if space is available.

2 Online or pick up

Registration forms can be found online at: sd70.bc.ca/registration or picked up at your catchment school

3 Email or in person

Email the completed form with a copy of your child's birth certificate, Care Card, and proof of address. Or bring the completed form and documents to your catchment school to register in person.

4 All About Me Form

Families are invited to complete the All About Me form. This helps schools get to know your child and support a smooth, caring transition. Fill it out online here: <https://forms.office.com/r/DZdR6rK78d> or pick up a paper copy when you register in person



FOR CHILDREN BORN IN 2021

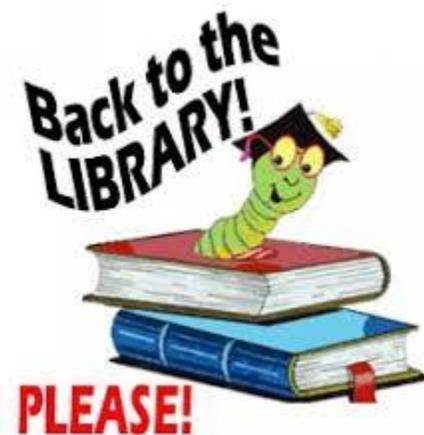



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WE ARE LOOKING FOR!

Overdue library books and missing Howitt School Jerseys. If your children have any missing overdue library books (we currently have 117 overdue books) please have them returned to Mr. Harper in the library (or their classroom teacher).

We are also looking for any outstanding Howitt **Red** sports jerseys (with a number on the back). If your child took one home, please return it to the office.



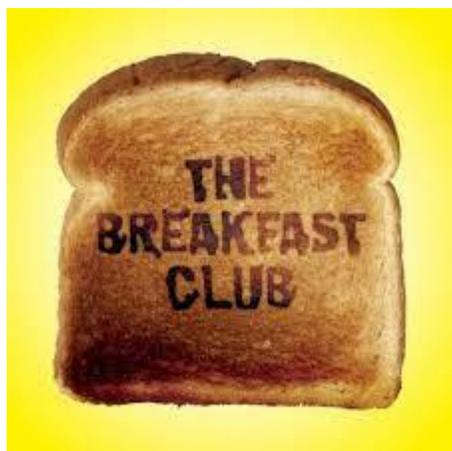
HOWITT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARENTS ADVISORY COUNCIL (P.A.C.)



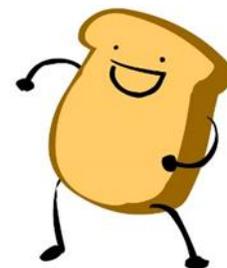
We have a long tradition of parent involvement at John Howitt Elementary with a wide variety of opportunities available for parent volunteers. For its size, our school community is very rich in resources and opportunities for our students thanks to the committed efforts of our parents over the years. 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 26th, 2026, at 5:30 pm in the library.**

READ-AND-FEED BREAKFAST: AVAILABLE EVERY DAY IN THE OFFICE AT 8:36 AM



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

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| February 13 th | School Based Pro-D Day (no school for students) |
| February 16 th | Statutory Holiday: Family Day (no school for students) |
| February 25 th | Pink Shirt Day |
| February 25 th | PAC Hot Lunch Day |
| February 26 th | PAC Meeting 5:30 pm in the library |
| March 4 th | Student Learning Update #2 reports sent home |
| March 5 th | Last Day before Spring Break |
| March 9 th to 20 th | Spring Break (two weeks) |
| March 23 rd | First day back from spring break |
| March 24 th | PAC Meeting 5:30 pm in the library |
| April 3 rd | Statutory Holiday: Good Friday (no school for students) |
| April 6 th | Easter Monday (no school for students) |
| April 17 th | Spring Individual Student Photos and Class Photos (Friday) |
| April 21 st | PAC Meeting 5:30 pm in the library |
| April 22 nd | Earth Day |
| <u>April 22nd & 23rd</u> | <u>Early dismissal for Student Learning Conferences (dismissal at Noon)</u> |
| April 24 th | School Based Pro-D Day (no school for students) |
| May 4 th | May the "Fourth" be with you |
| May 11 th | Pro-D Day (no school for students) |
| May 19 th | Statutory Holiday: Victoria Day |
| May 26 th | PAC meeting in the library at 5:30 pm |
| June 21 st | National Indigenous Day |
| June 25 th | Last Day of School for students |
| June 27 th | Admin Day (school closed) |

Sincerely,
Mr. S. Brown
Principal

