



Howitt News Update

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UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES:

- **Last day of school before winter break:** *Friday December 16th*
- **First day back in 2023:** *Tuesday January 3rd, 2023*

WINTER UPDATE

We would like to thank our staff, students, and families for your work and effort to get through the first part of the year. Those extended summer like days seem so far away now. Cold weather and snow arrived early! It has been hard work getting to our Winter Break, and everyone has earned a well-deserved break! Students have a great opportunity in the next two weeks to continue reading, write in a journal, or do some math over the Winter Break. Thank you to our PAC for buying a book for every student! Now everyone will have a chance to curl up with a good book. From the staff at John Howitt, we wish you Merry Christmas and have a happy New Year! Sincerely, Mr. Brown

STUDENT PROGRESS REPORTS: WENT HOME ON WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 14TH, 2022

If you have any questions regarding your child's progress, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher in the new year!



THANK YOU FROM JOHN HOWITT ELEMENTARY!

- ☆ To Mr. Miller for leading and organizing our 'A Pirate Christmas' winter concert!
- ☆ Thank you to Mrs. Mayes for organizing our 12 Days of Christmas, our Leadership Activities, coaching our Grade 4&5 basketball team, and organizing our Food Drive.
- ☆ To all our leadership students, and student leaders who have stepped up to support our food drive, our Winter Concert, and our 12 Days of Christmas.
- ☆ Thank you to our staff and students for working so hard in our First Term! Everyone deserves a restful Winter Break!
- ☆ Thank you to our PAC for their continued support of our students, staff, and school! Your help is greatly appreciated!
- ☆ Thank you to Mrs. Behnke for all that she does to support our student, families, and staff!
- ☆ Thank you to our families for supporting our students and staff!



SEASON'S GREETINGS!

From the staff at John Howitt Elementary school, we wish you all the best this Holiday Season!

Have a restful Winter Break and a Happy New Year!



HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS:

The school and office will be closed from *December 19th to January 2nd*

READING OVER THE WINTER BREAK:

A great way to spend the holidays is with a good book!

We hope that our students can find some time over the Winter break to read a good fit book, read to a family member, or have someone read to them!



PAC NEWS:

Our next PAC meeting is *Tuesday January 24th, 2023, in the library.*

The PAC continues to provide our Read and Feed breakfast program on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Also, their fundraising efforts support our students and staff. Thank you, PAC!



Hot Lunch days coming up:

January 30th and

February 22nd (Wednesdays)

PAC Popcorn Days:

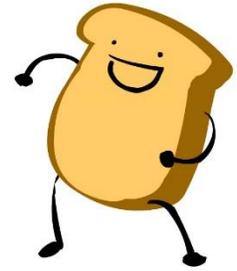
January 11th and

February 8th (Wednesdays)

Upcoming PAC meetings- all meetings start at 6:30 pm in our Library! Childcare is available through student leaders.

PAC READ-AND-FEED BREAKFAST CLUB- TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS MORNINGS.

On Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:20 am to 8:35 am PAC volunteers are providing healthy breakfast options for students in the main gym. Thanks to Mrs. Sally Anderson and the Read-and-Feed program for supporting our school with breakfast program food items. A big thank you to our Howitt PAC for volunteering their time to offer this to our students.



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.

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. 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.

Pacific Rim Schools
HOW TO DOWNLOAD OUR APP
FOR YOUR MOBILE DEVICE

- 1 VISIT YOUR APP STORE
- 2 SEARCH AND DOWNLOAD "PACIFIC RIM SCHOOLS"
- 3 ALLOW FOR NOTIFICATIONS
After you download the app make sure you allow for notifications. In the app settings make sure you set up to get notifications for website notifications, news, and events.
- 4 ADJUST YOUR CONTENT SOURCES
This will allow you to determine what school websites you receive notifications from. For example if you have children at ADSS and Dunn you might want to have Pacific Rim Schools, ADSS and E.J. Dunn selected.
- 5 YOU ARE ALL SET

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UPCOMING 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 16 th	Last Day of School before Winter Break
Dec 19 th to Jan 2 nd	Winter Break
January 3 rd	School Re-Opens (Tuesday)
January 16 th	Non-Instructional Day (no school for students)
February 17 th	Non-Instructional Day (no school for students)
February 20 th	Statutory Holiday: Family Day
March 10 th	Last Day before Spring Break
March 13 th – 24 th	Spring Break (two weeks)
March 27 th	School Re-Opens
April 7 th	Statutory Holiday: Good Friday
April 10 th	Statutory Holiday: Easter Monday
April 21 st	School Based Pro-D Day (no school for students)
May 15 th	School Based Pro-D Day (no school for students)
May 22 nd	Statutory Holiday: Victoria Day
June 21 st	National Aboriginal Day (school in session)
June 21 st	First day of Summer
June 29 th	Last Day of School

Sincerely,

Mr. S. Brown
Principal

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Mrs. L. Fryer
Acting Vice-Principal

