



Mount Albion Elementary School

NEWSLETTER

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A Message from the Principal:

April is upon us, and April Fool's Day extended its pranks to bring us snow on April 4th!!! But the sun shines brightly, and soon this covering of snow and ice will be gone! I just wanted to remind everyone that Friday April 15th is a P.A. day this year – a date that was added mid-year as part of the provincial ratification process of labour negotiations in the fall. An updated “rotary day” calendar is available on the HWDSB website if you would like to get a copy.

School Cash On-line! More and more of you have signed up for this on-line system to pay for most things school related...pizza, trips, etc. If you haven't done so, please consider contacting Mrs. Quinn in the office to set things up. Our preferred method of payment at the school is School Cash On-line, and it would be great to have even more of you taking advantage of this service.

Major Capital Project – South Soccer Field: We have been advised by the Planning and Accommodations/Capital Projects Dep't that our “wavy” south soccer field will be dug up and repaired during the summer of 2017! It is an extensive and expensive undertaking, and we are glad to be able to announce when the project will be done.

Upper Bus/Traffic Lanes and Parking Update: A huge thanks to so many parents who navigate our parking lots with care and adherence to our requests! Safety of our students is key. Please remember to only park in designated parking spots, or on the street. The Fire Department and By-Law office have re-positioned some important “Fire Zone” signs along the left hand side of the driveway that exits our school at the upper level. Some parents have been parking here at the end of the day (opposite the Kiss and Drop Zone), and I wanted to advise that you are not to park in this Fire lane. Fines are significant should by-law be in the area, and I would hate for anyone to get caught in a bad situation. On a good note however, I have finally (after over a year) been able to reach agreement with the city to remove the signs on the school side of Kennard that state “Bus Loading Zone –no parking”, etc. I'm not positive when the signs will be removed, but I have been advised that they will come down. Once that is the case, there will be more parking available to parents on Kennard, just in front of the school.

EQAO update: If you have a child in grade 3 or 6 this year, please mark May 25th to June 8th on your home calendars. We respectfully request that you avoid making any appointments, or planning holidays for your child(ren) during that time frame, so that they don't miss any of the assessments delivered during those days. It is great to have so many grade 3 and 6 students taking advantage of our “After School Scholars” program, supporting extended learning to help prepare for the Provincial assessments! Thanks go out to Ms. Fowler, Miss Tambllyn and Mr. Lemmond for running these extra classes.

Mrs. C. E. MacKenzie

Principal



Wednesday, April 13th

WEAR PINK today as we come together for anti-bullying awareness, as we walk to Silver City Ancaster for our private viewing of ZOOTOPIA!

EARTH DAY

APRIL 22nd





WANTED



If you find yourself doing some early spring cleaning and come across any of the following, the Kindergarten Classes would love to be the recipients. Thanks so much!

Outside: Tricycles, Snow shovels (kid or adult size), Sleds that can be pulled, Outdoor toys to make our playground more fun.

For our classrooms: If your workplace is getting rid of old paper, envelopes, craft type supplies (ribbon, wallpaper, fabric etc.) we would greatly appreciate any donations of these as well!!

P.D. DAY

Friday, April 15th



Please remember—dogs are not permitted on school property between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.! Thank you for understanding that we all need to follow this guideline. Even the friendliest and cutest dog can be startled by a child and “nip” or “bite”. And some of our children are fearful around your pets. If you want to walk your dog to school to meet your child, please arrange to meet out on the city sidewalk, off of school property. Thanks!

News from Mount Albion School Council

Greetings from the Mount Albion School Council. March was a busy month for School Council initiatives. On Tuesday March 22, School Council hosted a Family Fitness and Nutrition workshop. The fitness session was facilitated by an instructor from Total FX fitness, who hosted a family friendly bootcamp class. We also had a holistic nutritionist who provided an educational seminar on healthy living and provided healthy snacks. The night was well attended and overall a success. March 23 was a fundraiser event at Lil Monkeys indoor playground, which was well attended despite the ice storm. In April, School Council will be hosting the second installment of our healthy living seminars. On Wednesday April 20, we will have Freedom Dance Studios providing a 1-hour Parent and Child HipHop class. Stay tuned for a flyer with additional information in the next week. These workshops are funded through a Parents Reaching Out grant - funds provided by the Ministry of Education to School Councils each year.

We look forward to seeing you at the hip hop class on April 20th.

Next meeting is Thursday, April 28th @ 6:30 p.m.



Kindergarten Graduation Photos



Thursday, April 14th

POPCORN DAYS!

EVERY FRIDAY!

1st nutrition break

3 flavours! \$2.00/bag

Light Butter & Salt!

White Cheddar!

Dill Pickle!

ONLY \$2.00 a bag!



2016/2017 JK Registration



Please come in to the office to pick up your registration package. If you have completed the form online, please bring the printed copy to the office along with the child's birth certificate, health card and proof of your address (e.g. utility bill, drivers license).

We are looking forward to meeting all of our new little friends!

ALL visitors and parents must report to the office upon entry to the school. Visitor Passes will be issued there.

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SPRING

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				Pizza 	1 (2)  Popcorn sales	2 
3 	4 (3) After School Scholars Program	5 (4)	6 (5) After School Scholars Program	7 (1) Pizza 	8 (2)  Popcorn sales	9 
10 April Birthstone  Diamond	11 (3) After School Scholars Program	12 (4)	13 (5) After School Scholars Program ZOOTOPIA MOVIE DAY WEAR PINK DAY!	14 (1)  Popcorn sales Kindergarten Grad Photos  Pizza 	15 P.D. DAY	16 
17 	18 (2) After School Scholars Program	19 (3)	20 (4) After School Scholars Program Parent & Child HipHop Night	21 (5) Pizza 	22 (1)  Popcorn sales  Earth Day CANADA	23 
24 	25 (2) After School Scholars Program	26 (3)	27 (4) After School Scholars Program	28 (5) SCHOOL COUNCIL 6:30 p.m. Pizza 	29 (1)  Popcorn sales	30 