



# Mount Albion Elementary School

## *NEWSLETTER*

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**MARCH 2016**



### A Message from the Principal:

March is upon us, and spring is just around the corner. As we gear up to March Break, we are staying focused on our learning goals at the school of developing student thinking, as well as some of our Positive School Climate activities (Friendship, Cougar Compassion Challenges, Positive Relationships).

As your children may have told you – we have some very exciting news to share!!!! I applied for, and received a very generous grant from the Heritage Green Community Trust! Would you believe that we were given a cheque in the amount of \$45,500?! Yes – an incredible gift made possible by the board of trustees of Terrapure, and its associated Community Trust. The money is directed to 2 main areas in our school: The Learning Commons (Library), and our Stage area in the gym. New furniture is arriving for our Learning Commons, continuing with our updating and upgrading of that space used by all of our students and our parents when meeting on School Council nights! We will also be installing new lights and sound systems to enhance student performances! How wonderful it will be at our assemblies and special events to have effective lighting, and an upgraded functional sound system! Hopefully everything will be in place by our Open House in the Spring for you to see and enjoy.

We have also been fortunate at Mount Albion to receive funding for visiting artists to our school through the Learning Through The Arts initiative – a provincial arts organization that funds professional artists to work with students and teachers in incorporating motivating and engaging strategies while teaching Ontario Curriculum expectations.

Today – for the first time ever – we have students off to the Board's Cricket tournament!

Have a Wonderful March Break.

Mrs. C. E. MacKenzie

Principal

**2016/2017 JK Registration**  
**begins on Monday, February 1, 2016**



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.**

# MOUNT ALBION HEALTHY DAY

Friday, March 11th

We will be enjoying a fun day of activity, including ZUMBA, and will be snacking on healthy foods for the day.



# OPPOSITE CLOSET SPIRIT DAY

Wednesday, March 30th

Wear all your un-matchables and funnies and crazies together!





# GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, March 25

&

# EASTER MONDAY

Monday, March 28



# FIRST DAY OF SPRING!

Sunday, March 20th



# MARCH BREAK

March 14 - 18





# 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!!

## DAYLIGHT SAVINGS

### SUNDAY, MARCH 13th

Put your clocks *AHEAD* one hour!



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!



# Just a few of the Coolest Cougars around!





## *News from Mount Albion School Council*

*We will be hosting our Family Fun & Nutrition Night on Tuesday, March 22nd from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.. Please fill out the registration forms that have been sent home with your child(ren) to register for a fun-filled evening doing healthy activities with your child. We are looking forward to seeing everyone out for a good time!*



*Next School council meeting is on March 31st at 6:30 p.m. in the library. See you there! :)*

### **School Cash Online – Website Translation**

Using Google Translate, the School Cash Online website is available in 90 languages. Translation is available in Arabic, Chinese, Croatian, Filipino, French, German, Italian, Polish, Portugese, Serbian, Spanish and many other languages spoken by families of Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board students.

We encourage all families to register for School Cash Online and participate in this service.

### **POPCORN DAYS!**

**EVERY FRIDAY!**

**1st nutrition break**

**3 flavours! \$2.00/bag**

**Light Butter & Salt!**

**White Cheddar!**

**Dill Pickle!**

**ONLY \$2.00 a bag!**



# HWDSB

## Upper Stoney Creek Ward Information Night

*Jeff Beattie, Wards 9 & 10 Trustee*



**DATE:** *Thursday, March 31, 2016*

**TIME:** 6:30 – 8pm

**LOCATION:** Saltfleet District High School  
108 Highland Rd. West  
Stoney Creek, ON

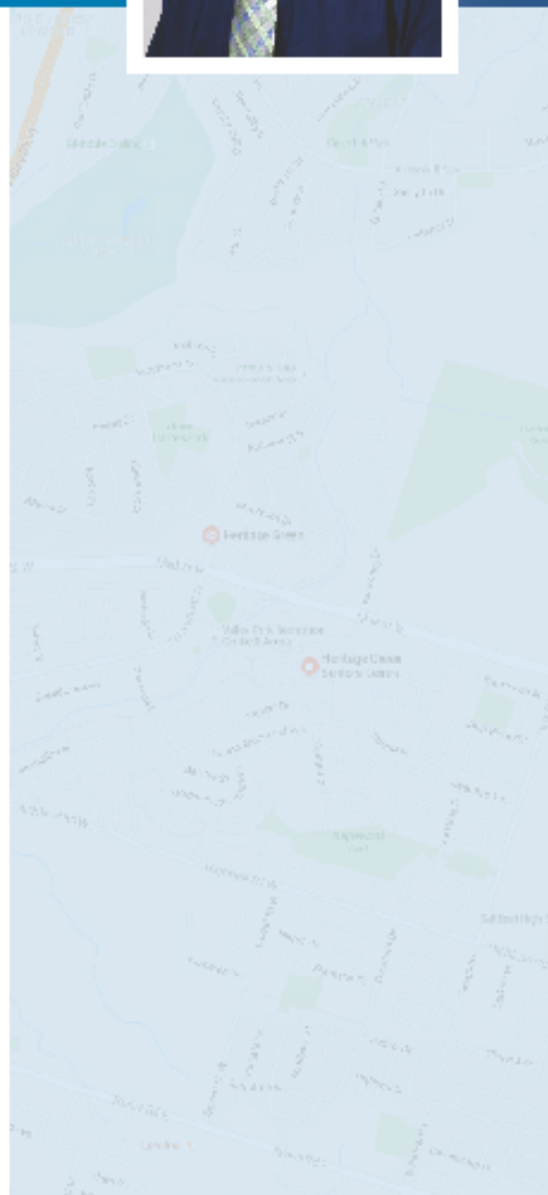
Please join me as our Upper Ward 9 School Communities meet, share, and learn together on common challenges and future plans for Education in our community. Parents, School Councils and Community members from Billy Green, Mount Albion, Janet Lee, Gatestone, Saltfleet and the communities they serve, are welcome and encouraged to attend.

### **AGENDA:**

- Welcome and introductions
- School community introductions and updates
- Understanding transportation (bussing) policies
- Overview of accommodation and school facility planning for Upper Stoney Creek

*Light refreshments will be provided.*

**RSVP** to [jsbeatti@hwdsb.on.ca](mailto:jsbeatti@hwdsb.on.ca)





# MARCH 2016 WINTER/SPRING

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 (1)	2 (2)	3 (3)  Pizza 	4 (4)  Popcorn sales	5 
6 	7 (5)	8 (1)	9 (2)	10 (3)  Pizza 	11 (4)  Popcorn sales Mount Albion Healthy Day 	12 
13  Daylight Savings! CLOCKS AHEAD 1 HOUR!	14	15	16	17   St. Patrick's day	18	19 
20 FIRST DAY OF SPRING! HURRAH! 	21 (5)	22 (1) School Council Presents: FAMILY FUN & NUTRITION NIGHT	23 (2)	24 (3)  Popcorn sales  Pizza 	25 GOOD FRIDAY (no school) 	26  
27 	28 (5) EASTER MONDAY (no school) 	29	30 OPPOSITE CLOSET SPIRIT DAY 	31 (2) SCHOOL COUNCIL 6:30 p.m.  Pizza 		