



# Mount Albion Elementary School

## NEWSLETTER

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**MAY 2016**

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### A Message from the Principal:

May has arrived, and we begin the final 2 months of school for this year. It is so hard to believe! We hope that you enjoyed Open House this week!!! There was so much for us to celebrate – the new furniture in the Learning Commons, the great art work on display around the school, the generous donations of baskets that we used to support funding for special events at our school, the Book Fair, the amazing work of our students in their classrooms...the list goes on. Thanks for coming out and making our evening a fun event for the families at Mount Albion.

During these busy weeks ahead, I ask that you please consider visiting our website once or twice a week as we have been updating information on a regular basis! Be sure to subscribe as well, so that you get an email notification anytime something new is posted on the website! Have you subscribed to our Twitter account? It's a great way to get "real time" posts of wonderful things happening at Mount Albion! Information on how to access our Twitter account is on our Website.

As you know, it will soon be time for teachers to start the very important process of building classes for next year. The following organization for next year is what has been approved by our Board:  
2 FDK classes, Gr 1, Gr 1/2, Gr 2, Gr 2/3, Gr 3/4, Gr 4, Gr 5/6, Gr 6/7, Gr 7/8 A and Gr 7/8 B. We will also have 3 System Special Education Classes. Staffing is not finalized yet, since the Board level staffing process does not get completed until mid June. The school teams including our Resource Teacher, homeroom teachers, rotary teachers and myself spend a number of hours looking at the best organization of classrooms for optimal learning conditions. There are a number of criteria that we use to balance our classes as best we can, complying to provincial and board level class cap sizes, balancing for learning needs, special education support, and more. As always, I invite parents to put any requests for placement for September 2016 into writing, and send a letter to the school to my attention. Requests need to be educationally compelling in nature. Although I cannot guarantee placing your child in a classroom of your choice, I do make every effort to consider your requests whenever possible. Please understand that combined grades are becoming more and more a norm in Hamilton-Wentworth schools, and teachers are trained to deliver the curriculum addressing the scope and depth of the various grades and learning levels within the classroom. The deadline for your letter to be considered is May 31st. On the last day of school in June, students will learn which classroom they will be going to for September 2016, and will participate in a brief transition visit to their new space!

EQAO provincial assessments will be taking place at our school between May 25th and June 8th. This is an assessment for our Grade 3 and Grade 6 students, and the assessments are to gauge student acquisition of knowledge and skills in Mathematics and Language. If you have a child in grade 3 or 6, please endeavour to avoid any absences from school during this assessment period. It is important that the students also arrive at school on time, as some of the assessments will be begin promptly at 8:40 a.m. Please help empower our students by giving them lots of encouragement, that the hard work they are doing now will be reflected in the EQAO assessments this year.

Until June,

Mrs. C. E. MacKenzie  
Principal



# CRAZY HAIR & HAT SPIRIT DAY!!

Friday, May 20th

This is going to be FUN!



## School Cash Online – What happens next year?

The end of the school year is only a few weeks away. Rest assured, any unused funds in your School Cash Online MyWallet account will continue to be available to make purchases at the start of the school year in September.

For parents/guardians who have already registered on School Cash Online, you will not need to re-enter your child's PIN codes after the initial setup, even if your child is moving on to another HWDSB school.

Not receiving emails about items available to purchase? Upon your next login to School Cash Online, check the "My Account" tab and that you have consented under "Manage Email Notifications" to receive payment notices and reminders. Need help? Call the Parent Help Desk at 1-866-961-1803.



# Open House

*Thursday, May 5th*

*5:30 - 7:00 p.m.*

*We will be having a silent auction for some INCREDIBLE theme baskets! Choose from themes like Spa Day, Movie Night, Treats & Sweets, Sports/Fitness, Baking, Gardening, Drinks, Arts & Crafts, Handyman Special, Pets, School Supplies, Summer Fun, Toys and Gift Cards! These baskets are bursting with amazing prizes, and all proceeds go towards school improvement projects.*

*Our Book Fair takes place in the Gym. View our art displays! Visit School Council and Heritage Green Daycare information on the tables.*

*Come on out and visit Mrs. MacKenzie and your child's teachers! Student work on display in all classrooms. Celebrate with us as we near the end of another successful year here at Mount Albion! :)*



**Special Olympics**



**May 17th, 2016**

**Saltfleet High School**

# RUN4CHANGE



Wednesday, May 18

Grades 5-8

Bayfront Park

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

Greetings from the Mount Albion School Council. On April 20th, School Council hosted its second installment of our Healthy Living nights. Two instructors from Freedom Dance Studio came to teach a parent and child Hip-Hop class. Families were able to learn an entire hip-hop dance routine and enjoy some healthy snacks afterwards.

School Council is also excited to see everyone at Mount Albion's Open House night, where we will be having a book exchange / book drive. Families are encouraged to bring any gently used books to donate or exchange. See a book on the table you'd like? Take it! Any books left over at the end of the night will be donated to Mount Albion library and/or classrooms.

On May 25th, School Council will be holding its third installment of the Healthy Living seminars. Stay tuned for a flyer with additional information.

Next meeting will be on Thursday, May 26th at 6:30 p.m. in our library!



# SPRING FLING DANCE

## GRADES 6, 7 & 8

### FRIDAY, MAY 27



**NO SMOKING**



IN THE SCHOOL BUILDINGS  
OR ON SCHOOL GROUNDS  
UNDER PENALTY OF LAW

## POPCORN DAYS!

**EVERY FRIDAY!**

**1st nutrition break**

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

**Light Butter & Salt!**

**White Cheddar!**

**Dill Pickle!**

**ONLY \$2.00 a bag!**





## Education Quality and Accountability Office

During the month of May, students in Grade 3 and Grade 6 will take part in the EQAO Primary and Junior Assessments. These assessments will be administered from Monday May 25th, 2015 - Wednesday June 8th, 2016.

The resource, “Questions and Answers for Parents” provides detailed answers to commonly asked questions by parents about the Primary and Junior EQAO assessments. This resource is available in 20 languages. To access the list of available languages, click on the following link and select a language:

<http://www.eqao.com/Parents/FAQ.aspx?Lang=E&gr=036>

To access this resource in English click on the following link:

<http://www.eqao.com/Parents/FAQ.aspx?Lang=E&gr=036>

Math, Reading and Writing are components on both the Primary and Junior Assessments. Here are some suggestions that you might find helpful in supporting your child's learning in Writing at home.

### **PRIMARY**

Ask him or her to help you when you write a shopping list, a reminder note, a label, a letter or something similar.

-talk about the different ways to write the information and ideas you want to record.

\* Have your child read his or her writing aloud and talk about:

-the similar ideas that might make up a paragraph

-what additional details, phrases and sentences might make the writing clearer and more interesting.

### **JUNIOR**

\* Have your child read his or her writing aloud and talk about:

-how to group similar ideas into a paragraph.

-which details make the ideas clearer and which are confusing or repetitive.

-words and phrases that can make the writing more interesting and easier to understand.

-how to check to make sure the writing makes sense.

**2016/2017 JK Registration**  
**NOW OPEN!**



**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.**

# MAY 2015

# SPRING

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>1</p> 	<p>2</p> <p>After School Scholars 3:30—4:30</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>After School Scholars 3:30—4:30</p>	<p>5 PIZZA</p> <p>OPEN HOUSE &amp; BASKET Silent Auction &amp; Book Fair 5:30—7:00</p> 	<p>6 (1)</p> <p>POPCORN DAY!</p> 	<p>7</p> 
<p>8</p> <p>MOM Happy Mother's Day</p> 	<p>9 (2)</p> <p>After School Scholars 3:30—4:30</p>	<p>10 (3)</p>	<p>11 (4)</p> <p>After School Scholars 3:30—4:30</p>	<p>12 (5)</p> <p>PIZZA!</p> 	<p>13 (1)</p> <p>POPCORN DAY!</p>  <p>Kids Crawl Grades 6-8</p>	<p>14</p> 
<p>15</p> 	<p>16 (2)</p> <p>After School Scholars 3:30—4:30</p>	<p>17 (3)</p> <p>Special Olympics Saltfleet High School Sr. Boys Soccer Tournament</p> 	<p>18 (4)</p> <p>Run 4 Change Grades 5-8 RUN4CHANGE</p> <p>After School Scholars 3:30—4:30</p>	<p>19 (5)</p> <p>Special Olympics RAINDATE</p> <p>PIZZA!</p> 	<p>20 (1)</p> <p>POPCORN DAY!</p>  <p>Crazy Hair &amp; Hat day!</p> 	<p>21</p> 
<p>22</p> 	<p>23</p> <p>VICTORIA DAY! (NO SCHOOL!)</p>	<p>24 (2)</p>	<p>25 (3)</p> <p>EQAO</p>	<p>26 (4)</p> <p>School Council Meeting 6:30 EQAO</p> <p>PIZZA!</p> 	<p>27 (5)</p> <p>POPCORN DAY! Spring Fling Dance EQAO</p> 	<p>28</p> 
<p>29</p> 	<p>30 (1)</p> <p>EQAO</p>	<p>31 (2)</p> <p>EQAO</p>	