



# Mount Albion Monthly Newsletter

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## **From the Principal's Desk:**

We have just about made it through the winter! Hard to believe that April arrives in a few days! And we all have a bit of cabin fever from so many snowy or bitterly cold days. As temperatures start to climb, we will then have the spring thaw and the mud fields to contend with, but after such a long winter, I don't think that we will mind too much. In the wetter days ahead that we anticipate, it will still be best if students wear boots, and have a clean and dry pair of shoes for inside.

### Upcoming Fundraiser Event:

By now you have received our letter inviting you to consider participating in a Fundraising initiative of selling Chocolate Bars! As always, your participation is voluntary. We are making some changes to our "Library" this spring, updating it in appearance and function as we move towards making this space our "Learning Commons". The proceeds from the sales will support the costs of some new furniture and resources! Our students are getting excited about this space becoming warm and inviting and a cool place to learn. Your child/ren must have returned a permission form from you in order to receive a box of chocolate bars to sell. We have a kick-off assembly April 2nd, and the sales campaign starts on Thursday, April 3rd. We appreciate your support!

Mad Science will be returning this spring. Again this is completely voluntary. Your child/ren will receive information next week.

### Parents Reaching Out School Council Night!

So far we have only had a few RSVP's from families who have indicated that they plan to attend a Special Evening planned by your School Council. Last year parents completed a survey, and one of the top areas of interest were mathematics and helping kids at home. This sessions will cover both! Please consider coming out for this very informative evening with nationally renowned math consultant and author, Marian Small! She has planned a great session to help parents navigate what math education is all about today. As we prepare our children for the future, it will be great to learn how best to support learning in math at home. If you lost your RSVP form, please call the school so that we can plan for chairs, hand-outs and refreshments. Also – we have baby-sitting available for your children (we will be showing a movie) to help make things easier for you to come out. Hope to see you: Thursday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6:30 p.m. in the Library.

### EQAO dates – advance notice:

As you know, our grade 3 and 6 students write a province wide assessment of Math and Literacy skills each year. It is critical that all of our students are in attendance during this assessment period. Please mark your calendars now: May 26 to June 6, 2014. We would appreciate your avoiding booking appointments or holidays during this time-frame. Thanks!

### World Autism Awareness Day

The seventh annual World Autism Awareness Day (WADD) is April 2, 2014. Every year, autism organizations around the world celebrate the day by illuminating in blue nearly 3000 structures in over 600 cities worldwide. The Light it up blue (LIUB) campaign raises awareness about autism as a growing public health concern across the globe. In Canada, the prevalence rate of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is 1 in 94\*. In Ontario, there is an estimated 100,000 people with ASD. At Mount Albion we celebrate all students as unique individuals. For our students with autism our LIUB campaign establishes the message: "I have autism. Autism is not me." In other words, autism is only a part of who students with autism are. They have talents and skills and interests like everyone else. Give generously to the Autism Society and support our students with autism by wearing **blue** to school on Apr. 2nd.

### School Council News

Mount Albion School Council would like to thank all the families that came out to support our "Frozen" movie night. The night raised over \$400 to put towards the purchase of our new comfy chairs for the gym as well as improvements to our library.

We would also like to remind all families that Marion Small will be at Mount Albion School on the night of April 3rd from 6:30 to 8 pm to present "Understanding your Child's Math Work".

Babysitting will be available to enable all parents to be able to attend. Please return your RSVP as soon as possible. If you lost your form, please just call the school by Monday March 31<sup>st</sup> to indicate how many adults and children will attend! This will be a very informative night for parents – regardless of the age of their children.

Please check backpacks for our next hotdog day forms as well as weekly Lunch-Lady order forms. The next hotdog day is April 11<sup>th</sup>.

As always, we thank you for your support of Mount Albion School. School Council meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month and we always welcome new members.

M.Mutter, K.Cannell, C.Goebel, C.Felker, & M.Fazekas

### Kindergarten Registration 2014

We are now accepting registrations for Kindergarten for September 2014. If your child will be four years of age or older by December 31 of this year, you may enrol your child for attendance this September for Jr. Kindergarten. If your child will be five years of age or older by December 31 of this year, you may enrol your child for attendance this September for Sr. Kindergarten. Our programs run full days, 5 days per week.

You may register by either picking up a registration form from the school between 2:00 and 3:00 p.m. or by downloading a registration form [www.hwdsb.on.ca/schools/kindergarten](http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/schools/kindergarten). Once your form is completed, please contact the school (905) 560-0908 to arrange a time to drop off your registration. Along with your completed registration form you will need to bring in the following documents:

- Proof of current address (i.e. – Driver's Licence, utility bill)
- Birth Certificate
- Health Card

### Upcoming Dates:

- April 2** - World Autism Awareness Day
- April 3** - Lamontagne Chocolate Fundraising Campaign Kick-off
- April 3** - School Council Parent Workshop 'Marion Small' Math Educator
- April 9** - Day of Pink
- April 11** - Hot Dog Day
- April 17** - 'We are Silent' Campaign
- April 18** - **Good Friday** – no school
- April 21** - **Easter Monday** - no school
- April 22** - Lamontagne Chocolate Fundraising Campaign Ends