

Mount Albion Elementary School

NEWSLETTER

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C. E. MacKenzie - Principal

JUNE 2015

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A Message from the Principal

The warmth of summer has arrived early, and the last month of this school year is now upon us!! Reflecting back, we are amazed at how quickly the time has gone from September until now. As I walk through the classrooms and hallways I see student work and artwork proudly displayed by our students. Our students continue to participate in sports and other extra-curricular activities on a regular basis. Year end trips are being organized by class or division. We will be busy with all kinds of activities and events right up to the end of the month.

Open House has come and gone, and I want to thank our families so much for coming out and showing your Cougar Spirit and commitment to our school!! We raised over \$700 from the Basket Silent Auction to help off-set some costs for an early fall school wide event for our students over at Dofasco Park!

Thanks go out to our School Council members this year who have volunteered their time initiated and facilitated a number of fund-raising events! They were able to fund the purchase of iPad mini's, Trikes for the Kindergarten area, fund awards for Graduation and support purchases for some of our Positive School Climate initiatives as well! They have helped with some special Food Days throughout the year in order to make this possible. Our Heritage Green Daycare partners also funded the amazing painting in the Kindergarten play area!

Please help your child continue those healthy lifestyle choices of playing outdoors and getting exercise outside of school hours, but still maintain routines for any homework, and getting lots of sleep as the days grow longer. This helps maintain a focus on good work habits at school in the last 4 weeks of learning.

Please be aware that there is a "Heat Event Protocol" for schools to follow on those extra-hot days that occur this time of year. Teachers already encourage hydration as a regular practice here at Mount Albion, but please send your child to school with a refillable water bottle if you aren't doing so already! Included in this newsletter is information from the Interim Director of Education, Pam Reinholdt. It was posted on our School's website in late May, but you may not have had a chance to read it as yet

Let me take this opportunity to wish you well for a wonderful summer holiday this year. Last day of school is June 25th (Thursday), and then we say "farewell" and "see you...Tuesday, September 8th!! And now, some of you might just be singing that certain song by "The Tempos"!

Mrs. C. E. MacKenzie Principal



CLASS OF 2015



Grade 8 Graduation

Tuesday, June 23, 2015 6:00 p.m.

Paramount Alliance Church 1035 Paramount Drive

Dinner & Dance to follow at **Marquis Gardens on Rymal Road DETAILS COMING SOON!**



Canada's Wonderland Music Festival

On Monday, June 15th, our choir is performing "On the Road"! Our school's choir is entered in the music festival at Canada's Wonderland, Good luck!!







Niagara Falls Overnight Trip Grades 7&8 June 11 & 12

The Grade 7 & 8 Niagara Falls trip is quickly approaching. Students will need to meet at school on Thursday June 11th at 8:00a.m. sharp and then the bus will drop students back to school on Friday at approximately 4:00p.m. Check the school's twitter feed to receive updates! Please ensure punctual drop-off and pick-up!









EASTDALE SCHOOL BASEBALL TOURNAMENT

*Junior and Senior Girls will be playing Monday June 8th *Junior and Senior Boys will be playing Tuesday June 9th

Good Luck to all of our teams!

JUNE SPIRIT DAY

Our last spirit day of the year will be on Friday June 19th. It is called "Beach Day" so staff and students are encouraged to wear hats, shorts, Hawaiian leis, sunglasses, etc! Thanks for all your enthusiasm and support this year with the Me to We committee's activities!











Just a reminder that smoking is not permitted anywhere on School or Board property at any time of the day or night. This by-law applies to staff, students, visitors and parents. It also includes the interior of your vehicle. The parking lot is considered school property according to the by-law. Please remember that we want to maintain a smoke-free environment.





GALENT SHOW



Mount Albion will be presenting their **Annual Talent Show on Thursday, June 18th!** We have a super skilled and veritably varied group of amazing acts for your enjoyment!

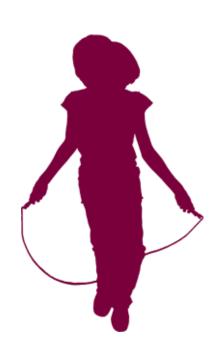
We welcome parents to join us at 1:20 in the gymnasium for a mesmerizing performance that you will remember always!



GREAT NEWS!!!!

With the support of School Cash Online, we're making paying for school related expenses easier. You can now make online payments through our school website or using your credit card. This is a win-win by making it safer and more efficient for everyone by reducing the amount of cash and cheques coming into our school. While parents will still have the option to send cash or cheques for school related expenses, we encourage you to get on board with our new service and register today and begin receiving notifications by email. If your child is moving to another HWDSB school in September, by registering now, your payment history and registration will move with you to the next school.









The students and staff at Mount Albion School were "Jumpcredible" during our Jump Rope for Heart event on Friday May 15, 2015. A grand total of \$3, 692.00 was raised which was \$2, 106 more than last year. Wow, what an accomplishment! The top fundraisers were Logan B. with \$510, Cruze S. with \$250 and Alexandria G. with \$215. Way to go!

The school has earned points towards the purchase of new equipment and materials in relation to the amount of money raised from this event. The school will purchase these materials in September.

Thank you to everyone who donated and to the entire school for their enthusiasm and excitement during this event. Can we be "Jumpcredible" again next year?

Sunday, June 21st, 2015

To the important parent, uncle, brother, grandparent, etc in your life!

Happy Father's Day





Special Olympics

May 20th, 2015 Special Olympics ~ SHINE ON was the theme that helped to celebrate our 10th Anniversary for Special Olympics in our Board. Mount Albion took a team of 21 athletes ranging in age from 6 to 14 years of age. The weather was sunny and cool, perfect for participating in events such as: 50m race, football throw, "noodle javelin", golf putting, hockey shoot out, running long jump and the obstacle course. Our athletes had a full and exciting day complete with pizza, a special dessert and cheers of encouragement from many Mount Albion parents and staff.

Special mention goes out to our athlete "Christin" for being the flag bearer during the opening ceremonies. Also a big thank you to our very own "Mr. Duffy", the Chairperson of the committee that organizes this fantastic Board-wide event for both elementary and secondary special needs athletes. Whoop! Whoop! for Mr. Duffy.



Wednesday, June 10th

Puddle Day!



Bring rain boots for splashing, and some spare change for Bereaved Families of Ontario.

Look for more detailed information coming home soon.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Subway Day was a great success!! Thanks to all our families who participated. Please check backpacks for the next Subway Day forms—you can pay online with School Cash Online! Our Parent Resource Library is now located in the Library. Our next Parent Council get together is June 18 at 6:30. Stop by as we look forward to activities and fundraising for the 2015-2016 school year.



2015/2016 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).

**** There is a "New to JK" Parent Information Session on Thursday, June 4th between 8:45 and 10:00 a.m.****

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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May 20, 2015

Dear Parent/Guardians,

With the warmer weather now approaching, Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board (HWDSB) would like to make you aware of our procedures during a heat event.

The City of Hamilton Public Health Department monitors weather forecasts closely and notifies the media and community partners of a heat event. A heat event occurs when the forecast calls for one or more days with a 40 or higher humidex reading. Once HWDSB has been notified of a heat event, information will be posted on our website and the following precautionary steps will be taken for students:

- Limit physical outdoor activities
- Ensure access to water
- Close drapes and blinds
- Move students through cooler areas of the school
- Monitor students for symptoms of heat stress

For more information, or steps you can take to reduce risks during heat events, please visit the following websites:

City of Hamilton

http://www.hamilton.ca/HealthandSocialServices/PublicHealth/TipsToBeatTheHeat

http://bit.lv/nB4ZQp

Health Canada

http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/ewh-semt/climat/index-eng.php

Sincerely;

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JUNE 2015

SUMMER!

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 (1)	2 (2)	3 (3) Co-ed soccer Tournament @ Lawfield	4 (4) New to JK Meeting 8:45 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. PIZZA!	5 PD DAY (no school)	6
7	8 (5) JR & SR GIRLS 3-PITCH EASTDALE	9 (1) JR & SR BOYS 3-PITCH EASTDALE	10 (2) Senior Track and Field Mohawk Sports Park PUDDLE DAY	11 (3) Grades 7&8 Niagara Falls Overnight Trip! PIZZA!	12 (4) POPCORN DAY!	13
14 Wonderla	15 (5) Canada's Wonderland Music Festival	16 (1)	17 (2)	18 (3) School Council 6:30 p.m. TALENT SHOW 1:20 p.m. PIZZA!	19 (4) POPCORN DAY! SUBDAY with SUBWAY!	BEACH DAY!!
Father's Day!	22 (5)	23 (1) Grade 8 Grad	24 (2)	25 (3) School PIZZA!	PD DAY (no school)	27
28	29	30				