



Mount Albion Elementary School

NEWSLETTER

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Message from the Desk of Mrs. A. Giardino

Spring has officially arrived and we are heading into a very busy month here at Mount Albion School. This month we will be celebrating Pink Day in support of anti-bullying initiatives throughout our board. We will also be recognizing Autism Awareness Day. More information about these events to follow.

As a school board we have begun our school staffing process and we are looking at our student populations in order to appropriately staff our schools. Mount Albion is a growing school community and we will be seeing some changes to our building and staff in the fall. Having said that, we are reminding all families who have children born in 2013 that Junior Kindergarten registration is open. Please connect with Mrs. Quinn in the office regarding Kindergarten registration packages.

We recognize that as parents and guardians you may have requests for class placement for your child next year. As a staff we will consider any special requests for placements providing that these requests are pertaining to how your child will learn best. Please do not request a specific teacher or that your child is with a particular friend.

Our parking needs are an ongoing issue and we are working with the City of Hamilton as well as our board's plant department to ensure the safety of all students, staff and visitors to our school. Please obey the signs posted and be mindful of the pylons that are put out to keep everyone safe.

Angela Giardino
Principal



Junior Kindergarten registration is open!

Please bring birth certificate,
health card & proof of address.



Good Friday – April 14th

Easter Monday – April 17th

NO SCHOOL!



For Your Information



Starting September 2017, cheques will no longer be accepted at Mount Albion. Cheques will be returned to parents if they are sent in to the school. Accepted methods of payment will be cash and Schoolcash Online only. Please contact the office for information for registering for Schoolcash Online. We'll be happy to help!

WELLNESS DAY

Our Mental Health Wellness Day was a great success on Friday March 10th! Students had a great day learning how their brains work and learning strategies to use when they are feeling upset and anxious. Our students were also able to make stress balls out of waterbeads/orbeez (20,000 of them!!!) and they were able to sample some brain busting snacks. It was a fun day of activities and fun...hopefully students will use these skills on a regular basis both in school and at home.



CRICKET

This year our Senior Cricket Teams travelled to Redeemer Indoor Soccer Dome to play an all day tournament on Tuesday March 7th! We had a fun day out, playing against teams from other schools in the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board and we even won some games too! We were very proud of our students for their athleticism and sportsmanship. What a fun, new game we got to play and a big thank you to the Jumpstart Program that funded this tournament and our new equipment. Way to go Cricket Teams!

Madame Jack & Mr. Ellis



SR. SWIM TEAM

Senior Swim Team will be starting in Aprilour swim meet will be at McMaster Pool on Friday May 5th at 1:00p.m. Parents and families are invited to travel to McMaster on the bus with you to cheer on our teams!

SPIRIT DAY - Thursday, April 27th

Number/Jersey Day!



Autism Awareness Day April 13th

Autism Awareness Day will be celebrated at MA on Thursday April 13th. Students are encouraged to wear red that day. Gum licenses will be sold for \$1 for those bringing gum from home and if you buy a pack of gum at MA it will cost \$2.50 (\$1 for gum license/\$1.50 for gum pack)



PINK DAY – Wednesday, April 12

Pink Day is also in April when we will be encouraging all staff and students to wear pink to celebrate our Anti-Bullying Awareness Day.



A suspense story written by half of the 6/7 class; edited by all in the class.

A dark and ominous sky has magically appeared out of nowhere. Billy was walking home from school when lightning struck down in front of him. When Billy saw the lightning, he ran home as fast as he could. Once he was home, he turned on the weather channel to see what was wrong. From the kitchen, he heard a weird sound and went to check it out, finding a magical creature eating food from the fridge. Billy screamed as the creature stared at him, it then screamed back at Billy. Billy ran into his room, shut the door, locked it, and opened the window, in case the creature busted down the door.

In the hall he could hear muffled versions of his dog's bark. Billy braved the unknown, venturing out of his room and opened the hall closet. To his shock, he found an alien-like creature with his dog. Billy took off his stinky sock and threw the sock at the creature, knocking it unconscious. He took his dog and they made a dash to the front door.

When Billy got outside with his dog, there were lightning bolts, fire and over 20 creatures, similar to the one in Billy's house. Billy started to panic and did not know what to do. He began to run, panicking, only to feel the ground begin to shake rapidly. Just then, Billy suddenly felt dizzy and he fainted. He woke up later at a military camp and the soldiers told them it's the apocalypse and aliens have taken over the town. Billy wanted to stay protected but the military wanted all the manpower they could get. So Billy became a soldier and they went to hunt down those mysterious creatures.

The military decided to call the aliens, Cloakers since the creatures could blend in with the world around. Billy went to get some weapons that he can use to fight the Cloakers. When he got to the armory, he saw about 300 Cloakers. Billy didn't know what to do so he hid as fast as he could, luckily they hadn't seen him. He waited until all the creatures left before he headed back to the military camp.

Billy decided he should make a plan for his next attempt at getting weapons, so he started to make one. This time he decided to bring more people with him to help, therefore allowing them to collect more supplies to fight. He searched the camp for people who would help, but only three people were around. He decided to go with those three people, as they were better than going alone again. As they were on route to the armory, out of nowhere, a group of Cloakers popped up. They decided to try and shoot at the creatures, but the ammunition didn't work. The Cloakers seemed to be getting bigger every time they were hit with bullets. Shooting was no longer an option, so the group decided to run. In retreat, one of the four people ended up falling after tripping over a rock. A Cloaker got a hold of him. Billy mistakenly looked back and what he saw was unbelievable. The Cloaker grabbed him and they both disappeared.

Later when they got back to the camp it was overrun with Cloakers. Cloakers started disappearing one by one, taking a single person each time. Billy was terrified; he tried to run from the camp but then a Cloaker got him and his consciousness went black. When Billy woke up he saw that his surroundings had changed, looking more like a cell, rather than the military camp. Billy heard walking coming from far in front of him. A Cloaker walked through the door and said that Billy's time was over. The creature advanced towards Billy and he tried to fight back against the Cloaker, with his arms and legs. Then another Cloaker came in and knocked Billy unconscious again.

The two creatures brought him to a lab, where they had all these other humans tied up. As Billy was regaining his consciousness, he realized they were tying him up to a machine. He heard them talking in their language and noticed they picked up a needle and proceeded to take some of Billy's blood and put it in a machine attached to a dead Cloaker. Once the machine started circulating Billy's blood, the Cloaker came back to life. As Billy's brain processed what was happening, he realized that they were taking human blood to revive the dead Cloakers. Billy was terrified, he didn't want to die. But as the creatures started to take more of Billy's blood, the army came crashing through the walls of the lab, killing the Cloakers. The military men proceeded in unhooking all the humans and put them in a truck to drive them back home.



THE END

In Social Studies/Geography, 6/7 is tackling the 'Chase the Future' challenge, Hamilton's future plans for 2041.

Below is a list of what multiple students in the class submitted as how they would like to improve their surrounding community in the city of Hamilton.

- * Make more parks
- * We can make Hamilton a better place by fixing environmental issues
- * Making Hamilton more clean and no more garbage on the ground
- * We can use more solar powered energy
- * We can build more homeless shelters and community centres
- * I think that our community should have another hospital in our area and school or other public areas should have more medical supplies
- * Expand the use of clean energy that will lower the pollution rates
- * Having happy lives and having a Hamilton MLB baseball team
- * We can make Hamilton more safe maybe in downtown Hamilton. In the future there should be places for homeless people to sleep. Also there should be groups to match them at night and feed them
- * We could work on culture and diversity. We can make events/host events from different cultures. In my old area there use to be a festival with various food and different cultural dances, and it brought a lot of people together. This is also an example of a safe community.
- * We can make Hamilton a better place by adding more greenery and plants. The first reason to do it, because trees can clean the oxygen for everyone. The second is it will make Hamilton look nicer. The last reason is it'll leave more playing space for kids.
- * We can make Hamilton a better place by making less factories then we have now so we can have less pollution in water or the air also we should protect the animals to make them stop being endangered and we can find some way to stop poaching by having less buildings and more conservation areas for animals and insects.
- * Add and conserve green space and wildlife; cut down on as many personal cars; clean up the city
- * Special building for different people with different backgrounds to practice their religion and have a space to set up for it
- * I think we can make Hamilton a better place by working environmentally and working to make the old downtown new
- * We can add ramps to every buildings to help people in wheelchairs assemble
- * We can make Hamilton a better place by accepting people of other cultures and including them in activities
- * By accepting everyone and not being rude because of their culture/colour of the skin. We should not be rude because we are all humans
- * By helping protect the wildlife and stop the production of more houses and streets and last of all by not throwing garbage in/on lakes, parks and trees.

How might you improve our city?





Mount Albion Music has some exciting things happening in April!

On Monday, April 3rd, the Mount Albion Concert Band will be combining with the Tapleystown Concert Band and making a trip over to Sherwood Secondary for the HWDSB Band Fest. We will be performing two songs: The Siege and The Tempest.

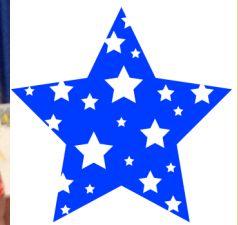
On Thursday, April 27th the Mount Albion choir will be combining with the Tapleystown choir to perform at the HWDSB Choir Fest at Sherwood Secondary School. We will be performing two songs: Lost Boy and With a Little Help From My Friends.

Families are encouraged to join us either as volunteers or observers for these performances!



COUGAR SHOTS!

Western Day and Hoop It Up Winners!



Prom Project HAMILTON



Prom Project Hamilton is a two day, two site location event that was created by the HWDSB Foundation to assist students in need with formal wear for their proms, graduations, formals and other special events so they can attend their events feeling stylish, confident and proud. Prom Project Hamilton does not require any proof of financial need, and promotes a positive and inclusive environment, created to support those students with formal needs who may choose not to attend their special event because of financial challenges. All items are new or gently used from the private and business communities and are free of charge to all clients. All clients are treated with respect, dignity and are assisted by volunteers who are dedicated to supporting students and making the experience an impactful journey towards their upcoming milestone event.

If you are a student who could use this program, please join us...

■ *Saturday, April 29, 2017*

9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Sir Allan MacNab Secondary School
(145 Magnolia Drive, Hamilton)
AND

■ *Saturday, May 6, 2017*

9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Delta Secondary School
(1284 Main Street East, Hamilton)



To donate, go to www.promprojecthamilton.ca for a list of participating drop-off points.

What's available to visiting students?

- Formal wear: gowns, dresses, skirts / tops, suits, dress shirts, vests, dress pants, ties etc.
- Accessories, shoes, jewelry, shawls, purses, hygiene products
- Volunteers on-site to apply make-up, as well as demonstrate make-up tips and fun up-dos
- Seamstresses on-site to address minor fitting issues

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For more information, please contact the HWDSB Foundation at foundation@hwdsb.on.ca

www.promprojecthamilton.ca

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Greetings from the Mount Albion School Council.



Mount Albion once again paired with Turtle Jacks for a family and friends dinner night. A whopping 10% of all sales were donated right back to the school and with everyone's support we earned \$200 towards school initiatives. A great big Thank You to Turtle Jacks (Upper Centennial) and to all that came out.



On March 9, the School Council hosted another Family Movie Night. A successful night filled with fun and excitement as we took a Hawaiian journey with Moana and her friend Maui. Once again the Mount Albion Families showed great support by raising a huge \$350 for school initiatives.



Calling all parents and students! Come have some fun in the gym and participate in the Family Fitness Night. Stephanie Marson from Total FX Fitness will be hosting a family friendly exercise class. Hope to see you all on April 20, 2017, from 6-7pm in the gym!

New attendees to our monthly meetings are always welcome. They take place on the last Thursday of every month from 6:30 - 8:00 pm in the school library (on-site daycare is always provided). Hope to see you there!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



Reminder to parents and guardians to call the school office before 8:40 a.m., if your child is going to be late or absent from school due to an illness, appointment or a family holiday. It is the policy of the HWDSB to contact parents in the event that the student does not arrive at school and the school has not been notified about an absence or late arrival.

Please understand that **not all students begin their day with their homeroom teacher** so messages regarding attendance that are given to the homeroom teacher do not always make it to the office. A note to the office or a call to our 24hr answering machine (905-560-0908) will ensure that student absences will be received.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation with us in this important daily activity to make sure that your child arrives at school safely.

***We would also ask that if your child needs to be excused early from school, that he/she brings a note to the office in the morning so we can have them properly signed out and ready for when they are to be picked up. This will help everyone to be organized and on time as much as possible. Thank you. ***

REMINDER!



The morning bell rings at

8:40 a.m.

Please help your child(ren) be on time in the morning to ensure a full and uninterrupted school day.

ACCESSIBLE PARKING



Please ensure the Accessible Parking spots in the upper and lower lots are left open for those who require those spaces.



Follow Us on Twitter (@mountalbion)

One great way to stay up-to-date with what's happening at Mount Albion School is to follow us on Twitter! Through our Twitter feed you will get frequent updates on life at Mount Albion School including important reminders, special events, community happenings, and student activities.

Follow us by going to www.twitter.com/mountalbion and clicking "Follow". You can also use the Twitter App to get updates sent straight to your Smart phone/device!



MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

This is a reminder that the school cannot dispense medications without the signed authorization of both a parent/guardian and physician. This includes such items as cough syrup, Tylenol and other over the counter medications. Please ask the school office for the proper form for your doctor to complete for this purpose. We are sorry for any inconvenience or added expense this may cause, we must however follow HWDSB medical protocols.

Epi-Pen Reminder



Please ensure your child always has their epi-pen and puffers, and that the one in the school office has not expired. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

NO SMOKING PLEASE



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.

Dogs on School Property



Yes—our canine friends are cute and for the most part, we know that they are friendly. However, we must respect that some of our children are afraid of dogs, and having them close by causes stress and anxiety. We also know that dogs who are normally friendly can be startled by fast moving children and can snap at fingers and faces if startled.

We ask that you do not bring your family pets on-to school property during school hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m..

Thanks for your understanding.

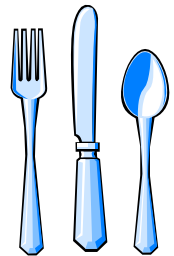
If you walk your dog on school grounds during the evenings or weekends, please remember to 'stoop and scoop'. We appreciate your support.

ILLNESS



Please keep your child at home when they are sick. In cases of vomiting, please ensure they stay home for 24-hours once it has stopped.
Thank you!

Please remember to pack forks and spoons in your child's lunch!



ALL visitors and parents must report to the office upon *entry* to the school.





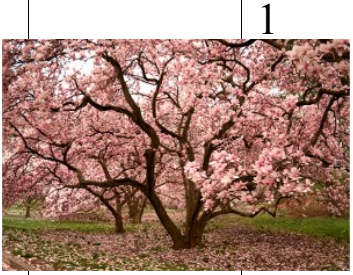





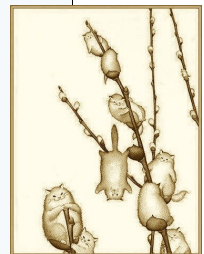








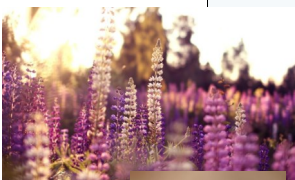



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