



Mount Albion Elementary School

NEWSLETTER

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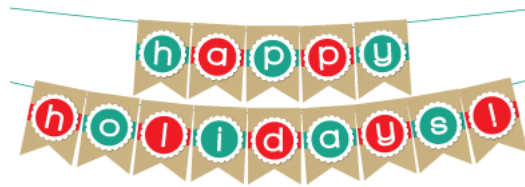
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J. Gillies - Superintendent of Student Achievement



DECEMBER 2017

J. Beattie - School Trustee



Happy December, Mount Albion Families!

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The month of December at Mount Albion School is going to be filled with many exciting activities and events. Our school will be hosting a volleyball tournament next week with many schools from Stoney Creek participating in this tournament. We are very proud of our teams and thankful for the wonderful coaches who have given up their time to coach our students.

Members of our school band will be marching in the Stoney Creek Santa Claus Parade on Saturday, December 2nd. Please come out and support our students and get into the holiday spirit.

Thank you to all families who supported our Fundscrip fundraiser. It was a great success! Our top earner was Christopher S. in Ms. Baca's classroom! Congratulations to all of our prize winners!

It appears that cold and flu season is upon us early this year. We have had numerous cases of cold, flu and a few reported cases of hand, foot and mouth and chicken pox. We are encouraging all staff and students to wash their hands frequently throughout the day to avoid the spreading of germs. If your child is unwell please make sure that you call the office to report their absence and inform us if your child has been diagnosed with any of these illnesses. Keeping your child at home when they are in the contagious stages will help prevent the spreading of these germs.

Our Holiday Concert will be held on December 13th. More details regarding the performances and show times will be sent out to you in a separate memo later this month.

Wishing you the most wonderful holiday season, full of family, friends and tender moments that make lasting memories!

Mrs. A. Giardino
Principal



Wednesday, December 13th

Parents are welcome to join us for our Holiday Concert, where you will be thrilled and wowed by your child's performance!

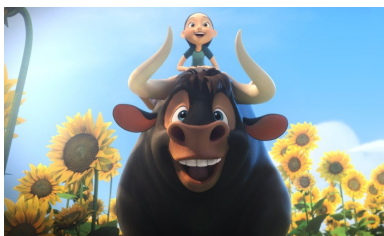
1:30 p.m. in the gymnasium!

Every Child Reading By the end of Grade 1

At Mount Albion, we're committed to supporting a goal where every child is reading by the end of Grade 1, where developmentally appropriate. A child who is reading by the end of Grade 1 is set up for positive academic outcomes and future success. In September 2017, HWDSB celebrated the deployment of 48 Reading Specialists across the district to work directly with students and educators in all Kindergarten and Grade 1 classrooms. Reading Specialists are working with children within classrooms, alongside classroom educators, to deliver appropriate strategies and/or interventions. They support reading acquisition and respond to student learning needs. We're pleased to welcome Lina Nazi in our school this year. If you have any questions about the Reading Specialists and their role in your child's class, please contact the school.



Ferdinand Movie Walking Trip



Mount Albion School will be walking to the Silvercity Movie Theatre on Thursday, December 21st!

Best Buddies & Remembrance Day Snacks and Activities



Mrs. G hands on!



SWIM TEAM



Sports/Team/Club Spirit Day

DECEMBER 15th!

Wear your favourite spirit sports clothing (jersey, etc). If you participate in other activities (example: karate)...wear that uniform!



Hat, Mitten, Scarf & Sock Drive

Please donate!

Until Dec.15th!



Holiday Food Drive - December 4th - December 15th



- Most needed food and household items
- Meat alternatives (peanut butter, soy, assorted nuts)
- Canned goods (beans, soups, and stews)
- Dairy (fresh, canned, and powdered milk)
- Canned vegetables and fruit.
- Whole grain cereals.
- Infant foods and baby formula.
- Bathroom tissue and diapers.
- Personal hygiene products.



Please ensure all items have not reached the best-before date!

Thank you for all your kindnesses towards our community during the holiday season!

THANK YOU!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Thank you to all of our friends and families who supported our fundraisers this year! The difference you have made is immeasurable!

Snack Program raised \$959.00!!

Fundscip Fundraiser raised \$2330.00!

Practicing a dance with Mme. Jack!



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!

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Greetings from the Mount Albion School Council!

On Nov 30, the School Council hosted this year's first Family Movie Night. An evening filled with fun and excitement as we took a holiday journey with Buddy the elf! Learning about the importance of family, love and happiness along the way. Thanks for all who attended and supported this event.

Wanted to send out another big Thank You for everyone that participated in the Samko & Miko shopping fundraiser. Samko & Miko graciously donates 10% of the total spent back to Mount Albion School. Everything we raise goes right back to the school and the students to further enhance their learning and development. It's not to late to hand in your receipts, the final day is Dec 8, 2017.

Due to the fast approaching holiday season the School Council meeting scheduled for December 2017 has been cancelled. Also, due to a scheduling conflict, the School Council meeting on January 25, 2018 has been rescheduled to January 18, 2018. New attendees are always welcome!!!

On behalf of the entire School Council: Happy Holidays Everyone! See you all in the New Year!



**Next Pita Day event will be
January 31st, 2018**



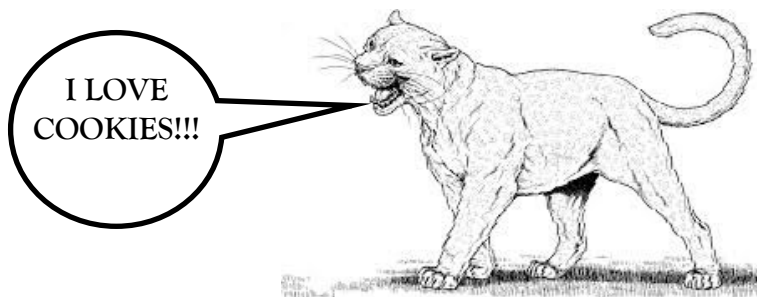
PD DAY

Friday, December 1st



Are you a **COOKIE MONSTER!!!!**

Well, if you answered **YES** to that question, have we got good news for you!



COOKIES AND COUGARS

has come to Mount Albion!

Every Wednesday, on sale at 2nd Nutrition Break, outside of Mr. Duffy's classroom, ROOM 16.

Chocolate Chip, Oatmeal or White Chocolate Delite! MMMM!!!!!!

\$1.00 EACH

HALAL! KOSHER! TREE NUT FREE!!!!

Profits will fund busses for Special Class trips



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.

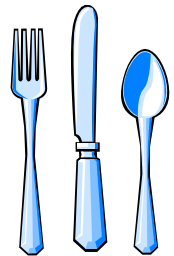
If you walk your dog on school grounds during the evenings or weekends, please remember to 'stoop and scoop'. We appreciate your support.

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.

Visitor Passes will be issued.



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.

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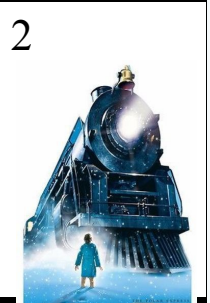
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Nov. 30th - Dec. 1st

1 PD DAY



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4 (1)
FOOD DRIVE BEGINS***

5 (2)
Hat, Scarf, Mitt & Sock Drive Begins

6 (3)
COUGAR COOKIE DAY

7 (4)
PIZZA!

8 (5)
POPCORN DAY! \$2.00



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11 (1) 12 (2) 13 (3) 14 (4) 15 (5) 16

CANDY CANE GRAMS SOLD THIS WEEK



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18 (1)

19 (2)

20 (3)
COUGAR COOKIE DAY HANUKKAH BEGINS!
Holiday Concert—details to follow

21 (4)
PIZZA!



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18 (1)

19 (2)

20 (3)
COUGAR COOKIE DAY HANUKKAH ENDS

21 (4)
PIZZA!



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CHRISTMAS EVE

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CHRISTMAS!

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BOXING DAY

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NEW YEAR'S EVE

Begins Dec. 26
KWANZAA



HELLO, 2018!