



# Mount Albion Elementary School

## *NEWSLETTER*

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**OCTOBER**

**2018**

**Dear Mount Albion Families and Caregivers:**

We are now into our second month of the 2018-2019 school year and we have already seen many changes to our school community. Our student population has grown and we have had to add an additional two classes to our school. We have added a fourth FDK class and we welcome Mr. J. Parente as the classroom teacher and Ms. L. Ward as the DECE in that class. We are also opening a new grade 2/3 class due to our high enrolment in the primary grades. We welcome Laura Shannon to the staff of Mount Albion.

The influx of students has caused the need to shift many of our students from various classes and we have had to create a grade 3/4 class to meet the Ministry cap on class sizes. The decision to move students is very difficult and our teachers put a great deal of effort into creating balanced classes with optimal learning conditions for all of our students.

You will have the opportunity to meet our new staff members on October 4th at our Meet the Teacher night between 5:00-6:30 p.m.

This month we will begin offering pizza and milk for sale. Please watch for further information on ordering these items for your child.

Thank you to all parents who attended our first School Council Meeting last week. It was nice to meet so many new parents. A reminder to all families that these meetings occur every month and you are welcome to attend at any time. Meetings occur the last Thursday of each month. Please check our monthly newsletters for updates.

Our new creative playground purchased with our Heritage Green Trust funds is open for student and community use. We are very thankful for the generosity of Heritage Green Trust and our students are enjoying the new playground equipment!

**Happy October, everyone!**

**Mrs. A. Giardino**

**Principal**

# PIZZA DAYS

Pizza days will be returning to Mount Albion on Thursdays, starting in October. Order forms will be going home soon. Our provider is Gino's Pizza, and it meets all of the requirements for our Nutritional Policy. Thanks to Mr. Pickett, Ms. Bujara and Ms. Potter for organizing this scrumptious weekly event! Make sure you have a Schoolcash Online account to make payments easier! Contact the Office! Mmmmmmm... PIZZA!!!



## Cross-Country

**HWDSB**  
ATHLETICS

Christie  
Conservation  
Area



Friday, October 12th

# Grade 7 Immunizations



Friday, October 26th



# Recycling and Litterless Lunches!

Please be sure to send your child with a Litterless Lunch! Please use Tupperware and recyclable items for packaging your child's food. We are unable to accept containers with food in them, or food residue, as they become unrecyclable. We are encouraging a Boomerang Lunch as well, everything your child does not eat, including half- or uneaten food can go back in the lunch bag where it can be properly disposed of in your family's green waste box or recycling bins. Every little bit counts, let's work together to lessen our footprints on the Earth!



## Nutrition Program

We as a school community, have been blessed with many donations to be used for the school nutrition program this year! A HUGE, WARM & HEARTFELT *thank you* to the following incredibly generous organizations for helping us fund this incredible program that makes such a difference in our school:

PC Children's Charity - \$10,000 in PC gift cards!

Walmart Community Giving Grant - \$1,000 for the program!

Tastebuds - \$7500 for healthy & delicious foods for the nutrition program!

**WOW!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

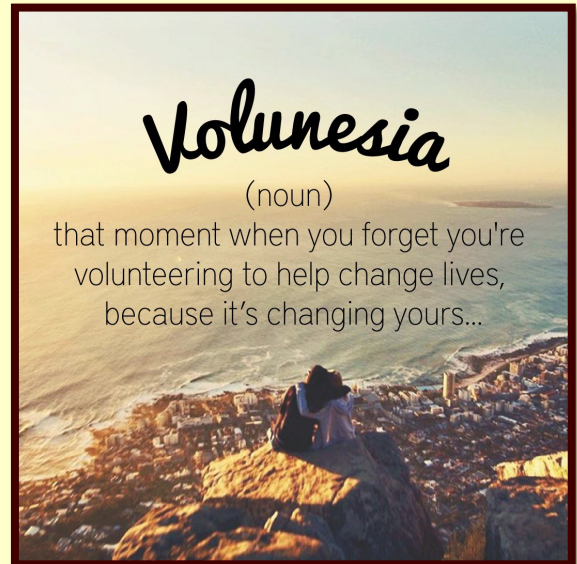
And to Mme Jack, thank you for your tireless efforts and countless hours spent applying for these grants. We appreciate it beyond measure!



# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



Parent volunteers are needed for our milk and snack programs. Please contact the office if you are able to help out! A Vulnerable Sector Police Check is mandatory to volunteer in any school, and you can obtain one by either going to the Hamilton Police Station or the Hamilton Police Services website.



## JK/SK and Grade 2 Dental Screening with Public Health Friday, October 19



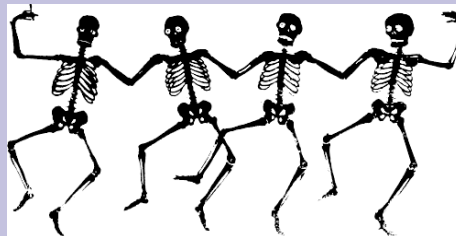


# HALLOWEEN!!

**KINDERGARTEN to GRADE 5:** Please send your child to school dressed in their costumes. We will have the Kindergarten parade beginning at 9:00 a.m. Parents are welcome to line the upper hall to watch our parade and then follow us back to our classes to help remove costumes. Please label every part of your child's costume!



**There will be a dance for our Grades 6-8 students in the afternoon, beginning right after the afternoon break.**



## For Your Information



Mount Albion does NOT accept cheques. Accepted methods of payment will be cash and Schoolcash Online only. Please contact the office for information for registering for Schoolcash Online. It's the easiest way, and we're happy to help get you started!

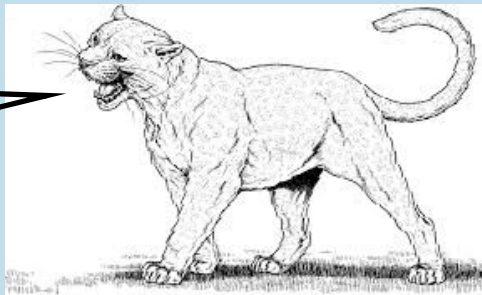




## Are you a **COOKIE MONSTER!!!!**

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

I LOVE  
COOKIES!!!



## **COOKIES AND COUGARS**

has come to Mount Albion!

Every Wednesday, on sale at 2nd Nutrition Break, outside of  
Mr. Duffy's classroom, ROOM 3.

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

# \$1.00 EACH

## **HALAL! KOSHER! TREE NUT FREE!!!!**

Profits will fund busses for Special Class trips



# 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](http://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.

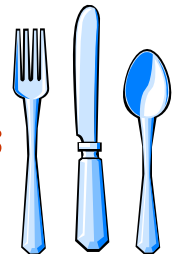
If you walk your dog on school grounds during the evenings or weekends, please remember to 'stoop and scoop'. We appreciate your support.

## 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.**

**Visitor Passes will be issued.**



# OCTOBER 2018



SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT



1 (4)

2 (5)

3 (1)   
COUGAR  
COOKIE DAY

4 (2)  
**Meet the  
Teacher  
Night**  
5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

5 (3)  
**School  
Photo Day**  
**CHEESE!**  




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**Thanksgiving  
Holiday**

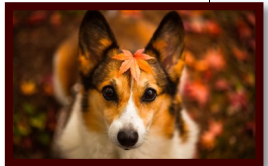
9 (4)

10 (5)   
COUGAR  
COOKIE DAY

11 (1)

12 (2)  
**CROSS-  
COUNTRY**  
Christie  
Conservation Area  


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15 (3)

16 (4)

17 (5)   
COUGAR  
COOKIE DAY

18 (1)

19 (2)   
**JK/SK & Grd 2  
Dental Screen-  
ing w/ Public  
Health**  


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22 (3)

23 (4)

24 (5)   
COUGAR  
COOKIE DAY

25 (1)

26 (2)   
**Grade 7  
Immunizations**  


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29 (3)

30 (4)

31 (5)   
COUGAR  
COOKIE DAY

**HALLOWEEN  
K-5 Parade at  
9:00 a.m.  
Intermediate  
Halloween  
Dance (p.m.)**

