



# Mount Albion Elementary School

## *NEWSLETTER*

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**NEW!!!** C. Galindo - School Trustee  
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Dear Parents and Guardians:

It's hard to believe that we are already sending out the December Newsletter! It has been a very busy fall and we are looking forward to several exciting activities this month for our students and community members.

I would like to thank all of our families who participated in our gift card fundraiser. We sold over \$67,000.00 in gift cards which gives our school a profit of approximately \$2500.00 to use towards technology and early literacy materials. Our top seller sold over \$7 000.00 in gift cards! Thank you to our staff members who spent countless hours placing orders, counting money and distributing gift cards to our families.

Our milk program has been very successful this term and we are happy to continue offering milk to our families for next term. Unfortunately we have had to change our supplier and we will need to raise the price of milk to \$1.00. Order forms for next term will be sent out to families at a later date. Online payment will still be available.

As many of you are aware this month we say farewell to Trustee Jeff Beattie and we welcome our new school trustee, Cam Galindo as the new trustee for Mount Albion. There will be several opportunities for you to meet Cam in the New Year.

Lastly, I would like to wish you all a very happy and safe Holiday Season. I am looking forward to working with you and your children in 2019!

Angela Giardino  
Principal

# December 18th - Holiday Assemblies

Please join us for some holiday cheer!



Kindergarten Performances - 9:30 a.m.

Kindergarten Holiday Social to follow

Grades 1-3 Performances - 11:00 a.m.

Grades 4-8 Performances - 11:50 a.m.



## Crazy Tacky Holiday Sweater Spirit Day!

Tuesday, December 18th





Thursday,  
December 20th

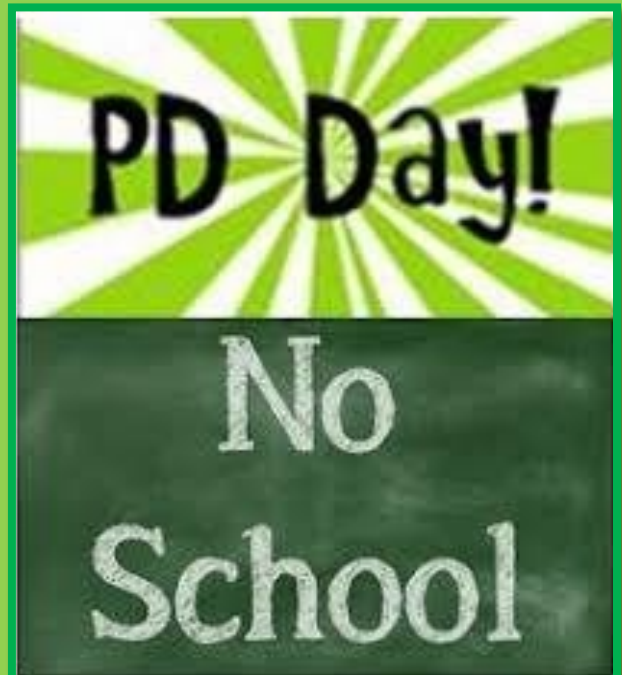
# Ralph breaks the Internet Movie Trip

Please dress your child  
appropriately for the  
weather as we are walking  
to the theatre.

*Kindergarten Pyjama Day!*  
*Friday, December 21st*



December 7th





## BOOMERANG LUNCHES!

Mount Albion is proud to be a Boomerang Lunch school!

### *What is a boomerang lunch?*

They are school-wide initiatives to reduce the amount of waste created by the school by ensuring that everything that is brought to school is returned home by the end of the day, including empty juice containers, food wrappers and ALL uneaten food.

Pack all lunches in a way that it can be easily returned home to parents to be reused. Please consider containers that can be washed and reused!

The end result of the efforts is to educate the school and the whole community about reducing their waste on a day to day basis. Students learn that small things do make a difference! Uneaten food can be saved for the next day, and items like apple cores and bread crust can be composted at home. When students bring items home, parents are aware of what they like to eat and it prevents wasted food or allows parents to look for new options for future lunches!

## Reminders for Parents

### Class Trips & Order Forms

Class trips are an extension of your child's curriculum, enhancing their learning, experience and skill set. Students are expected to participate in these educational and spirit-building excursions. We are seeing an increasing number of students in the intermediate grades especially, stay home on days that their class is participating in an event outside of the school. Some students are telling their parents that the trips are not mandatory and that they can stay home instead. This is not the case, however if a student does not go on a trip for a particular reason, there is always alternative programming prepared in the school by their teachers. We have had occasions where teachers have had to cancel or change an entire event due to a lack of student participants, which changes the entire educational and /or recreational experience for the other students. Please have your child participate in these events, as there is often follow-up activities that are graded by the teachers as part of the curriculum. If cost is an issue, please contact the school office and we will be happy to help ensure all our students are able to participate in the program in its entirety.

Also, please ensure to return all forms when ordering through Schoolcash Online for tracking purposes—thank you very much!

# Capture the Flag Champions — **LYNX!**



# Mount Albion Cougars Reaching New Heights!



# MICKEY MOUSE DAY!



Heritage Green

NURSING HOME

Holiday Singing at Heritage Green Nursing Home  
Monday, December 17th



# SCHOOL COUNCIL

**Hard to believe its the beginning of December already!! We have some exciting news from recent fundraisers. We raised \$67.60 from Lil Warriors and \$115 from our Montanas night!!**

**Coming home within the next week is the Yum Lunch Lady flyer, we are going to be holding a trial hot lunch day on Dec 19th. Details are on the form coming home but everything is made easy for busy parents, simply go online, pick a meal from the selected bunch, pay online & a hot meal of your choice gets delivered to your child at nutrition break.**

**Keep your eyes on the newsletters and the notes in your child's agenda coming in the new year we have some exciting fundraising events!**

**January 31st, 2019 is our next Parent Council meeting. Remember everyone is welcome to join and its never to late to start coming to meetings. We are always looking for volunteers as well :)**

## Tuesday, December 13 - Grade 1's





# 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.

## 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.

## NO 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.

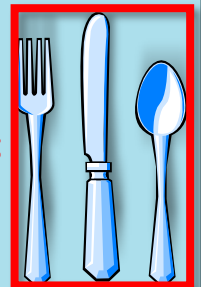
If you walk your dog on school grounds during the evenings or weekends, please remember to 'stoop and scoop'. We appreciate your support.

## 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.





## 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.

# DECEMBER 2018 WINTER

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TUE

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3 (2)

**Hannukah begins**



4 (3)

**Milk Day**



5 (4)

**COUGAR COOKIE DAY**



6 (5)

**Milk Day**



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**PD DAY!**

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10 (1)

**Hannukah ends**

11 (2)

**Milk Day**



12 (3)

**COUGAR COOKIE DAY**



13 (4)

**Milk Day**



14 (5)

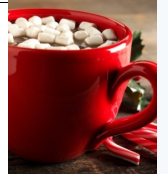
**Grade 1 Candle-making**



PIZZA!



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17 (1)

**Heritage Green Nursing Home Holiday Sing-along**



18 (2)

**Milk Day Holiday Assemblies Crazy Tacky Holiday Sweater Spirit Day!**



19 (3)

**COUGAR COOKIE DAY**



20 (4)

**Milk Day Ralph Breaks the Internet Movie Trip**



PIZZA!



21 (5)

**Winter Solstice Kindergarten PJ Day**



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**CHRISTMAS EVE**



**NEW YEAR'S EVE**

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**Merry Christmas**



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**BOXING DAY**



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