



Mount Albion Newsletter

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From the Principals' Desk:

As May draws to an end, we know we are in the fast lane to the end of another school year! June will be here before we know it. Please help your children maintain their healthy lifestyle choices of playing outside, getting lots of sleep, and maintaining consistent work habits at home, so that the next 5 weeks of school are productive for continued learning. There will be class excursions, outdoor events and assemblies, but in-between, we need to focus on the continued academic expectations up to the last day of school!

Open House has come and gone, and I want to thank so many families for coming out to visit classrooms, and support our annual book fair! We earned enough from the sales to purchase all kinds of new books for our updated Library! Our hopes are to continue upgrades to the Library as we transition to what the board is now calling our "Learning Commons", and will continue with plans to re-furnish, re-fresh and purchase up to date resources!

In the first week of June teachers will meet to consider class groupings for next year. Teachers spend a considerable amount of time and use a professional decision making process based on an expansive range of criteria in order to place your child(ren) in a class for next year. ***If you have a compelling educational reason for your child's placement for next year please submit this in writing to the office by May 30th (addressed to Mrs. MacKenzie).*** Please understand that we will strongly consider your written requests wherever possible, but we cannot make any guarantees. Are you moving, or planning to move during the summer? Please advise the office as soon as possible, as this will allow us to make better classroom placement decisions and we can also support your child(ren) with their upcoming transition.

With the arrival of warm weather, please take a few minutes to re-read the dress code as outlined in the front of the agenda to ensure students are wearing proper school clothing. Safety is our ultimate concern. Modesty in clothing choices can still be stylish! Please have a conversation with your child(ren) about what is considered appropriate for school. Thank-you.

And finally, we will be saying good-bye to Ms. S. Honeyford on June 5th. She has been a wonderful addition to our Mount Albion school community and we will miss her. We will be welcoming back Mrs. G. Stauber-Crozier who is returning June 9th from her Parental leave. She has already been in for a few visits and is very excited to be returning to Mount Albion! We also want to welcome our new afternoon custodian, Mrs. S. Godelis.

C. E. MacKenzie



School Council News

Mount Albion School Council would like to thank parents for supporting the last hot dog day. Our next and final hot dog day for this school year is Friday the 13th of June! We are having another fabulous movie night on Wednesday, June 18th and hope to have a newly released movie. Details will follow soon.

Our next school council meeting is on Thursday, June 5th at 6:30 p.m. in the school library. All parents are welcome. Enjoy the warmer weather!!

M. Matter. K. Cannell
Co-Chairs



The Habitat area of our playground was built as a quiet, peaceful retreat space for students to enjoy at break times. Suggested activities are reading, doing artwork, cloud gazing, talking etc. Please remind your children that this area is a “no running, no jumping, no climbing zone”... Thanks for your support and understanding



By-Law 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. The parking lot is still considered school property according to the by-law. Please remember that we want to maintain a smoke-free environment.

Jump Rope for Heart
By: Hadley Diskos and Sofia Kotsopoulos

On Friday, May 16th, 2014 we had Jump Rope for Heart and the whole school participated. We did it for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. We did all kinds of skipping. We skipped Double Dutch by ourselves and with one long rope and many people jumping in it together. We had buddies to help us skip and even the teachers were skipping. We skipped for an hour and there was music playing to keep us skipping. Kylie S. in grade 3 won a silver soccer ball because she was the first student to raise \$25.00 online. Ms. Baca told us that the school raised over \$1500. Wow, that’s a lot of money for a great cause! We had so much fun doing Jump Rope for Heart.



Spring Mandatory Fire Drills and Lockdown Drills
In the next few weeks, we will be completing our 3 mandatory spring Fire Drills and our Mandatory practices for Lockdown. Our community Liaison police officer will be supporting the Lockdown drill.



Greetings from Library/ Learning Commons

Learning Commons Makeover

I am so glad to hear that many of our families took time at Open House to stop by to see all the changes in our Library/Learning Commons. The staff and students of Mount Albion are really enjoying our new space.

Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you to all of the Mount Albion families that came out to support our Book Fair Literacy Event. With your support, we were able to purchase almost \$700 of new materials for the library. In the fall, students will be able to enjoy more Graphic Novels, “Step into Reading Books”, Picture Books and Young Adult novels due to the success of the Book Fair.

Thanks again,

Mr. G. Parsons
Teacher Librarian



Upcoming Dates:

- May 29** - JK Parent Orientation
- June 2-4** - Int. Trip – Camp Muskoka
- June 5** - Puddle Day!
-School Council Mtg. – 6:30 p.m.
- June 6** - PA Day – No school for students
- June 12** - **Election Day**
- June 13** - Talent Show – 1:30 p.m. in Gym
Parents are welcome
-Hot Dog Day
- June 18** - MOVIE Night 6:00 p.m.
- June 19** - Gr.7 & 8’s: Vaccinations
- June 24** - Gr. 8 Graduation
- June 27** - Last regular day of school

CONGRATULATIONS Intermediate Swim Team!

On Thursday May 1st, Mount Albion’s Intermediate Swim Team went to Jimmy Thompson Pool and won the award for BEST OVERALL SCHOOL (amongst many other awards)! Congratulations to all of our swimmers who were outstanding athletes and represented our school so well!

Special acknowledgements go to the following:

- Brody O’Neil ~ 2nd place in Grade 8 Boys Backstroke
- Matthew DuCheneau~3rd place in Grade 8 Boys Freestyle
- David Schoenholz, Brody O’Neil, Matt Dolan, Nolan Slywchuk in the Medley Relay~2nd place (Gr 8 Boys)
- Nathan Toltl, Bradon Watson, Jayden Shannon, Danny Radinovic in the MedleyRelay ~1st place (Grade 6 Boys)
- Ainsely Diskos, Mia Sylvester, Ilijana Popovic, Melissa Adair in Medley Relay~1st place (Gr 6 Girls)
- Brody Ellis, Keagan Faley, MacGregor Carne, Michael Mollen in Medley Relay~1st place (Gr 7 Boys)
- Nolan Slywchuk, Brody O’Neil, David Schoenholz, Matthew DuCheneau in 100’ Relay~2nd place (Gr 8 Boys)
- MacGregor Carne, Keagan Faley, Brody Ellis, Michael Mollen in 100’ Relay~2nd place (Gr 7 Boys)
- Nathan Toltl, Bradon Watson, Jayden Shannon, Danny Radinovic in 100’Relay~2nd place (Gr 6 Boys)
- Ainsley Diskos, Ilijana Popovic, Emma Winning, Melissa Adair in 100’Relay~2nd place (Gr 6 Girls)
- Nicole Raymer, Mariah Grottoli, Morgan Brown, Nicki Reid in 100’ Relay~3rd place (Gr 7 Girls)