



Mount Albion Elementary School

NEWSLETTER

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From the Principal's Desk:

November has arrived and we are hard at work here at Mount Albion! Lots of learning in the classrooms, and lots of activities keeping our students engaged in school life!

Please take note that the Progress Report will be sent home on November 18th. Teachers will be communicating with you to set up interview times so that you have the opportunity to discuss the information on these reports. November 21st is our PA Day, and this date has been set aside for parent/teacher interviews....Some teachers also are able to re-arranged their personal schedules to conduct interviews late afternoon/early evening (between 3:45 to 6:45) on the Thursday before the P.A. Day (Thurs. Nov 20th). So please watch for the information coming home from your child(ren)'s homeroom teacher.

Safety Protocols at Mount Albion:

I just wanted to take this opportunity to remind parents about supervision protocols, as well as the safe school routines that we ask parents to follow both before and after school, as well as entry to the school during the school day.

As outlined in the school agenda, outside supervision starts in the morning at 8:25 a.m. until the entry bell at 8:40. At the end of the day, there is also outdoor supervision to assist with prompt and safe dismissal between 3:00 and 3:15 p.m. Supervising staff wear brightly coloured vests so that they are visible to our students. We always ask parents to remain outdoors at bell time, as the hallways are busy and congested at entry and exit times. And for our students, entering and leaving the school on their own is an important life skill that fosters independence and confidence. This applies to our Kindergarteners as well!! Select a "meeting place" to greet your child at the end of the day, and remind them (staff have done this as well) to stay close to a supervising staff member until they have made direct eye contact with you.

If arriving late to the school, you know that you must now use the front doors only. Our doors are locked shortly after the 8:40 bell, since “supervision” ends, and teachers are now involved with their students getting them into class. Please observe the posted signs at the front door that direct visitors and parents to start their visit to the school by first reporting to the office. If you are dropping your child at the school mid-day, we can make sure that they get directly and safely to class. Parents that are staying within the school, and travelling within the hallways – even for a short time - are expected to sign in as a visitor, and to put on an identification badge. This allows staff and students to recognize you as a “safe” visitor who has checked in at the office. Board personnel, and even contractors are also expected to sign in at the school when working on school premises! Please understand that it is for everyone’s safety and security that parents do not travel within the school without following this important protocol. Thank-you for your understanding and co-operation.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call me!

**C. E. MacKenzie
Principal**



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Please join us on Thursday, November 13th for our

Family Movie Night!

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Wear your pyjamas!

Pay-what-you-can donation! Popcorn and treats for sale.

We will be watching "How to Train Your Dragon 2"



HAPPENINGS AT M.A.!

Annual Dental Screening



Our annual dental screening for JK/SK and grade 2 will take place on Friday, November 14th, as a free service by Public Health.



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!

Puffer and 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.



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.

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YOU A QUESTION!!

Would you like to show your support for MOvember?

Of course you do!

On Thursday, November 20th, Me to We presents Moustache Spirit Day! Wear your favourite 'stache and sport moustache clothing, moustache accessories, moustache hair bows, moustache bags and moustache combs! Big moustaches, little moustaches, funny moustaches and curly moustaches—they are ALL welcome. :)



PIZZA DAYS!



Mmmmmmmmm.... **PIZZA!** Beginning on Thursday, November 6th, Mount Albion will be starting their regular Pizza Days!

Didn't pre-order? NO PROBLEM! If you missed out pre-ordering for your child, you can send them with the money on Thursdays. The cost is the same as when pre-ordering, \$2.00 per slice! There will be pepperoni and cheese pizza available. However, please remember that it is a **FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE** basis, so please pack a lunch for your child in the very slim chance that we may sell out before your child gets a chance to purchase pizza.

It will be served during the 2nd nutrition break from Mrs. Crozier's room 15. :)

FDK-A Class Sings at Heritage Green Seniors' Centre



On October 23, our class went to sing at the Heritage Green Seniors' Centre. We sang Let's Start this Day, Read a Book and Grandpa's Whiskers. Their favourite song was Take Me Out to the Ball Game. The Seniors sang along with us! They gave us cookies and juice. When we were singing songs, they were clapping for us. They were good listeners and they were in wheelchairs. They liked our singing because they smiled and looked happy!

This report was written by the whole class.



Poppy

Poppy



Poppy poppy what do you say?
Wear me on Remembrance Day.

Poppy poppy what do you tell?
Many soldiers in battle fell.

Poppy poppy what should we know?
That peace on earth should grow, grow, GROW!

The Stoney Creek Legion has provided the school with poppies for all of our students. We hope students will bring in a donation for their poppy that will be forwarded to the Legion in support of our Veterans. Parents are invited to attend our Remembrance day assembly on November 11th at 9:30 a.m., in our gymnasium.

PROGRESS REPORTS



Progress reports will be going home with students on Tuesday, November 18th. Interviews will be scheduled for November 20th and 21st.



October Happenings in Ms. Cumming's Class



Ms. Cumming's class has been very busy out in the community participating in trips that focus on life skills. Most recently, our class had a shopping trip to Walmart. Each student had the opportunity to locate one grocery item. The items purchased were then used to make chocolate cupcakes for our Hallowe'en party. We also took the opportunity to do a little art lesson by mixing our own orange coloured (homemade) icing. Our class is looking forward to being part of the Signing Choir for the Remembrance Day Assembly. And finally, Ms. Cumming's class would also like to thank "their very generous friend" for supplying the class with some **VERY COOL** craft supplies!!!

Homework Club



Homework Club is available each week on **Tuesdays during first nutrition break in the Library. Students who need to catch up on assignments and missed work, or would like to get a head start on projects are encouraged to attend. Any students who require more time to complete their work are encouraged to speak with Mrs. Zavarella to arrange alternate times.**

“Success seems to be connected with action. Successful people keep moving. They make mistakes but they don’t quit” - Conrad Hilton



Project G.O.



Mount Albion is proud to be offering grade 6, 7 & 8 girls the opportunity to participate in the board approved Girls Only program. Schools across the city are excited to be offering this fun opportunity based on the Friends of Rachel Program. Girls participating in the group will engage in activities that promote social skills, teamwork, conflict resolution, problem solving, decision making, self-esteem, healthy relationships and much more. The program promotes a variety of activities and learning goals that include physical activities, school and community based service, charity work, leadership and youth action, student ambassadors, chain reactions and more. The group is facilitated by Mrs. Zavarella and runs weekly on Thursdays from October to June, ending with a board-wide G.O. event.

“Beauty begins the moment you decide to be yourself.” - Coco Chanel

News from Mount Albion School Council

Save the Date!

Mount Albion School Council meets the third Thursday of each month. Our next meeting will be on November 20th, beginning at 6:30 pm. We invite all parents to come out. This month, our principal, Carol MacKenzie, will be talking about our children's EQAO assessment results. We always have free babysitting services! :)

Also, look for information coming home regarding our first Family Movie Night of the year. Movie Night will be on Thursday November 13th. Admission will be "pay what you can" as always with snacks being on sale throughout the movie. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Hope to see you there!!

K. Cannell and M. Mutter
(Co-chairs)



SWIM MEET

The Grade 3, 4 and 5 Swim meet had a great time at the swim meet! Obviously, Mount Albion is full of excellent athletes. Here are our results:

Ashton D.—**1st** in his heat for Freestyle and Backstroke

Maddy C.—**1st** in her heat for Backstroke

Chelsey E.—**3rd** in her heat for Freestyle

Jakub C.—**3rd** in his heat for Backstroke

Girls Relay Teams - **4th and 5th**

A-Team: Sarah L., Chelsey E., Zoe K., Lily C.

B-Team: Maddy C., Kylie S., Grace K., Emily F.



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.



the
Lunch
Lady



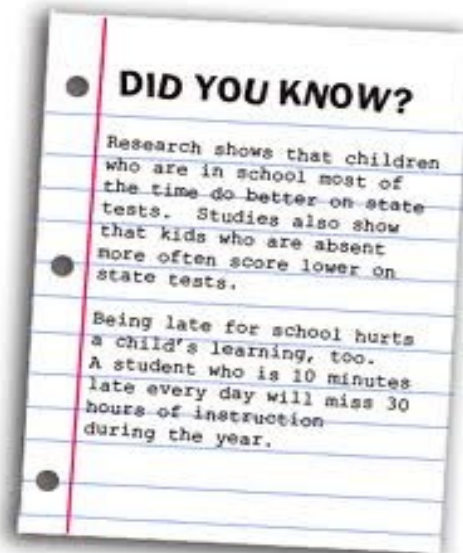
School Council organizes Hotdog Days for our students. Our next one will be in December, with details and order forms to go home sometime this month. They offer turkey, veggie and Halal hotdogs.

Also, the Lunch Lady provides hot lunches for our students on Wednesdays. You can order directly online at thelunchlady.ca. The kids love getting a hot lunch, especially with all the cold weather coming!

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!*



(And of course this applies to school and provincial tests as well!)



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.

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9 	10 (3) Jr Boys Volleyball 3:45—4:45 Huntington Park 	11 (4) Remembrance Day Assembly @ 9:30 a.m. Parents Welcome	12 (5) 	13 (1) FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT 6:00—8:00 	14 (2) Dental Screening for JK/SK and Grade 2	15
16 	17 (3)	18 (4)	19 (5) <u>Pizza Day</u> →	20 (1) MOUSTACHE SPIRIT DAY School Council 6:30—8:00 Parent/Teacher Interviews	21 P.A. DAY Parent/Teacher Interviews	22
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