



# Mount Albion Elementary School

## NEWSLETTER

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### MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

It is so hard to believe, but September has come and gone, and we are now settling into routines and students are engaged in great learning experiences! Re-organization at Mount Albion created quite an impact throughout the entire school this year. It was a challenging process but we successfully worked through it, and we are now “set and settled” for the remainder of the year. Thanks for your understanding!!! That being said, we know that we will be welcoming new students and their families on a steady basis, as they move into our area – in particular the new “On The Ridge” subdivision.

**New staffing:** We welcome Mrs. Bell as our new FDK C teacher, and Mrs. Borreggine as the DECE in that classroom. Our new Grade 4/5 class will be taught by Miss Waldron. And starting October 5th, our final new staff member Ms. Paiva will be the Core French teacher for the new 4/5 class, as well as a rotary teacher for the FDK class.

Thank you to those families who supported our fall fundraising campaign – we will publish the profits made in our next newsletter, when the numbers are finalized!!! Every little bit counts! And School Council has gotten busy with some ideas that will help raise funds for our school as well. Ms. Pyke (Grade 6/7A) was successful in partnering with Indigo’s this year, and they will be “adopting” our school!!! Stay tuned on details about this great opportunity.

Next week we all celebrate Thanksgiving in our own ways. I am grateful for another year at Mount Albion where I can celebrate the opportunity of working with our wonderful students, staff and this community! Our classes have been sharing their Top 5 lists about all the things they are thankful for here at Mount Albion. We have been reading these lists over the PA system during morning announcements! Here are just a few of the things your children say they are grateful for:

Friends, teachers, their school, sports, trips, technology, the new Library furniture, the gym equipment, books to read, and the list goes on.....

Mrs. C. E. MacKenzie  
Principal



# HALLOWEEN!!

**KINDERGARTEN:** Please send your child to school dressed in their costumes. We will have the Kindergarten parade immediately after morning announcements (8:50 a.m.). Parents are welcome to line the upper hall to watch our parade and then follow us back to our class to help remove costumes. Please label every costume part!



**PRIMARY (grades 1-3), JUNIOR (grades 4-6) & SPECIAL CLASSES:**

Mount Albion School will be participating in a Halloween Parade for Primary, Junior and Special classes. The parade will start at 1:30pm on Monday October 31st. Students are to bring their costumes to school to get changed in the afternoon or they can go home at lunch to get changed. Parents are welcome to come to the school to watch the parade and join in the fun!



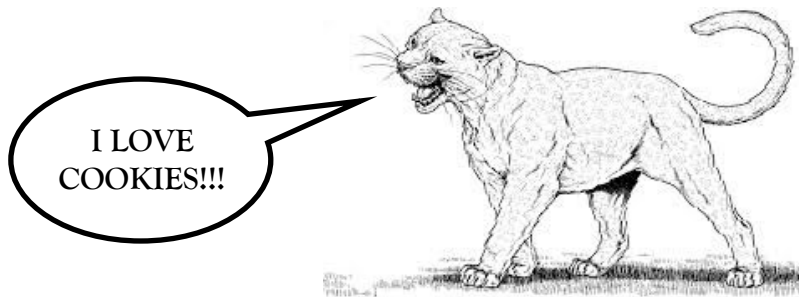
**INTERMEDIATE (grades 7-8):** Our Halloween Dance is from 1:20—3:00 p.m. on the 31st! How SPOOKtacular!!





# 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 Delite or White Chocolate Delite! MMMM!!!!!!

# \$1.00 EACH

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

Profits will fund busses for Special Class trips.



# POPCORN IS BACK!!!!!!!

**WOOHOO!!!!**

**Starting Friday, October 14th!**

**1st Nutrition Break— \$2.00/bag— No pre-ordering is required!**



**Butter and Salt  
Dill Pickle  
White Cheddar**



Please Mark Your Calendars!

## **Mount Albion's Meet the Teacher Night !**

*Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup> 2016*

*5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.*

Drop by classrooms, and introduce yourself to your child's (children's) teacher(s), then encourage your child to be your guide and they can show you the room, and their personal work areas and other areas in the school that they wish to show you (The Music Room, the Learning Commons, the Gymnasium....). Please remember that it is still too early in the school year for any interviews about specific concerns. The interview PA Day is Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup> and you will receive information about setting up a time for a face to face interview! Next week it is all about "meet and greet", putting faces and names together, and the Mount Albion community coming together for a casual get together!

Ms. Baca's Grade One class would like to wish Mrs. Pogachar well on the rest of her school year at Western University. Mrs. Pogachar has been student teaching in our class for the past six weeks and we have really enjoyed having her here with us. Thank you Mrs. Pogachar we will miss you!



## ME TO WE!

This year some of the grade 7 and 8 students have gotten together to create a Student Council and Me To We Committee. Together we will be working on creating different spirit days and fundraisers such as our Christmas food drive. Not only will we be organizing these events, but we will be trying to make a difference in the world!

The Spirit Day for October is of course, Halloween! Looking forward to seeing all of the fabulous costumes!! :)

## PIZZA DAYS

Pizza days will be returning to Mount Albion on Thursdays this October 20th! 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. Davidson for organizing this scrumptious weekly event! Make sure you have a Schoolcash Online number to make payments easier! Contact the Office!



# SCHOOL COUNCIL

Welcome back to school Mount Albion! We at the MA School Council are so excited to see all the new faces as well as the returning ones. We are looking forward to a great 2016/2017 school year!

Our school clothing sale which took place at the end of last year was a HUGE success - we extend a huge thank you to everyone (students, parents and teachers!) who purchased Mount Albion gear. All proceeds will be allocated to updating/purchasing new gym equipment. Just remember, your support makes a difference!



Last month we had our first School Council Meeting on September 29, from 6:30-8:00 pm. We had some new parents come and participate which was wonderful, and our 2016/2017 School Council Executive Committee was voted on and approved that day. Therefore without further ado, we would like to introduce:

Amber Mayne and Victoria Llewellyn as Co-Chairs

Raji Mundi as Treasurer

Stephanie Blanchard as Secretary

We welcome anyone to come and check out the School Council meetings. They take place on the last Thursday of every month from 6:30 - 8:00 pm and on-site daycare is always provided. Even if you missed the first meeting, you can start coming at any time. It is a wonderful way to find out general school updates and initiatives, student activities and community engagement.

School Council will be in the library at the meet the teacher night on Thursday, selling stainless steel water bottles with the school logo for 2\$ - if you missed getting one last year, here is your chance! We are also in the midst of organizing a fundraising initiative through Turtle Jacks, where ANYONE (not just Mount Albion families - so invite friends, neighbours and relatives!) who eats at Turtle Jacks on our Mount Albion night and indicates they are supporting our school will have a portion of the bill donated back to our school. It's an EASY and DELICIOUS way to support our school. We hope to see you there! Stay tuned for further details.





# Thanksgiving

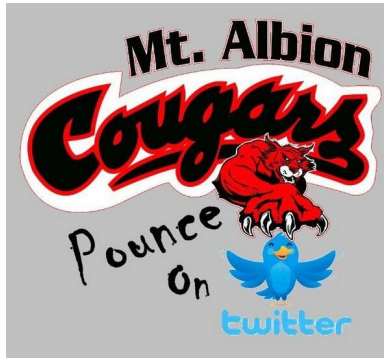
Monday, October 10

(No Classes)



Schoolcash Online is an excellent program to use when paying for your child's school events and other purchases, such as pizza days. It also prevents your children from travelling to school with cash. Please contact the office for the pin and access codes for your child, and get started today at <http://hwdsb.schoolcashionline.com>.

We will be very happy to help you set up this very easy and time-saving program.



## 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.



# 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.

## 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.

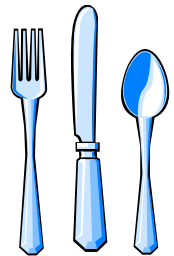
If you walk your dog on school grounds during the evenings or weekends, please remember to 'stoop and scoop'. We appreciate your support.

## 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 2016 AUTUMN

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3 (4)

4 (5)

5 (1)   
COUGAR  
COOKIE DAY

6 (2)

MEET THE  
TEACHER  
NIGHT  
5:30-6:30 p.m.

1/8



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**HAPPY**  
**Thanksgiving**



11 (4)

12 (5)   
COUGAR  
COOKIE DAY  
\$1.00

13 (1)

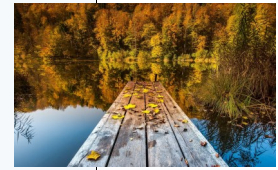
14 (2)   
POPCORN  
STARTS TO-  
DAY! \$2.00

CROSS  
COUNTRY

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17 (5)

18 (1)

19 (2)   
COUGAR  
COOKIE DAY  
\$1.00

SCHOOLBUS  
DRIVER  
APPRECIATION  
DAY

20 (3)

PIZZA!



21 (4)   
POPCORN  
DAY! \$2.00

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24 (5)

25 (1)

26 (2)   
COUGAR  
COOKIE DAY  
\$1.00

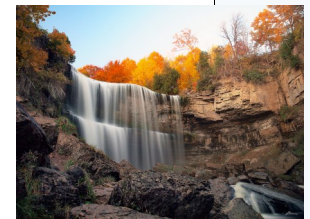
27 (3)  
School Council  
6:30 p.m.

PIZZA!



28   
POPCORN  
DAY! \$2.00

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**HALLOWEEN!**  
Kindergarten Cos-  
tume Parade 8:50  
a.m.  
Primary, Junior  
Costume Parade at  
1:30 p.m.  
Intermediate  
Dance at 1:30

