



Mount Albion Elementary School

NEWSLETTER

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From the Principal's Desk:

Well I know we can all agree that October has flown by! It went out with a bang indeed with our amazing Hallowe'en parades, parties and dance! November has arrived and at school we will embrace this fall month with hard work and focus. Daylight Savings time will end on November 6th and our days outside will seem shorter. But at Mount Albion we will keep the light shining with a spotlight on academic growth, initiative-taking and perseverance, and a culture of caring. Part of our school's Positive School Climate/Character Education initiative is the Cougar Compassion Challenge. Various themes are explored school wide, and students, teachers and classes and clubs are challenged to share their ideas, their thinking and their learning. Various in-class, and cross-class activities take place. NOVEMBER'S theme is: RESPECT. Students will share their understanding of the term respect and what it means to them. They will discover books, poems, songs, on-line resources, and a variety of media sources that support the vast representation of RESPECT; what it looks like, what it sounds like, what it feels like! Enjoy some conversations at home with your child(ren) about the term Respect. A big part of this theme in November is also represented through our annual Remembrance Day Assembly on Friday November 11th. Details inside this newsletter! Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week also falls in November (week of Nov 21st, to Nov 25th). This is a perfect connection to our Cougar Compassion Challenge this month as well.

We hope to see most of you making it into the school on Thursday, November 3rd, or Friday, November 4th for Parent Teacher Interviews to discuss the fall Progress Report. If you were unable to schedule an appointment, please do make a phone call to your child(ren)'s teacher to book a time that is more convenient.

Mrs. C. E. MacKenzie

Principal

PROGRESS REPORTS HOME!

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2nd

Remember to ask your child for their copy!



ME TO WE!

NATIONALITY SPIRIT DAY!

Spirit day to show your culture and nationality by wearing clothes, traditional garb, jerseys, and/or colours that represent you. For example: red and white for Canada or your ancestry's national dress! We love the diversity we have here at Mount Albion! Let's show our colours off!





JUNIOR SWIM MEET

November 23rd at
McMaster Pool

Junior & Senior Volleyball Tournament



November 24 & 25th

Dofasco Rec Centre



On Thursday, December 22nd the entire school will be walking to the Silver City movie theatre to watch SING!

Details to follow!



POPCORN IS BACK!!!!!!!

EVERY FRIDAY!

(Or Thursday if there is a holiday on a Friday!)

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



**Butter and Salt
Dill Pickle
White Cheddar**



BULLDOGS GAME

November 16th

Our grades 4-8 classes and Mr. Axiak's class will be attending the Bulldogs game

CHEESE!



PHOTO RE-TAKE DAY

Wednesday, November 9th

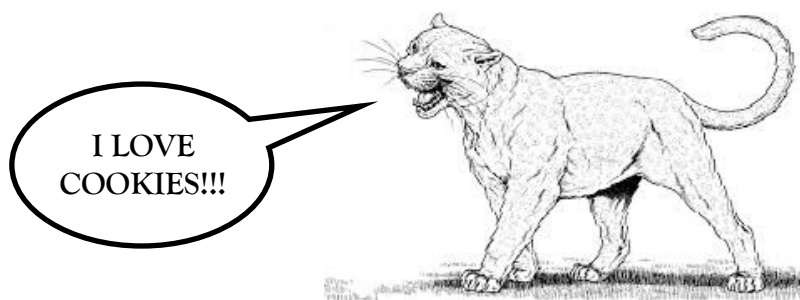
We will also be taking CLASS PHOTOS this day, so be sure to send your little ones in their photo best! :)



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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.



SCHOOL COUNCIL

Greetings from the Mount Albion School Council. September and October proved once again to be busy months for School Council. In September, we attended Meet the Teacher night to introduce ourselves to school members and sell Mount Albion School stainless steel water bottles. We met several new families, sold quite a few water bottles and garnered some interest for new attendees to the meetings. New attendees to our monthly meetings are ALWAYS welcome (meetings are the last Thursday of every month from 6:30 – 8:00pm).

On October 25th, Mount Albion paired with Turtle Jacks for a Mount Albion Family Night at Turtle Jacks. Turtle Jacks offered to give 10% of all sales from Mount Albion supporters to be donated back to the school. It was so wonderful to see numerous Mount Albion teaching staff, Mount Albion families and their friends enjoying the great food and atmosphere. Families were going around visiting and chatting with their friends and teachers in the restaurant. The night was quite a success – and we plan on having some additional Turtle Jacks nights throughout the year.

Turtle Jacks was so impressed with the attendance and Mount Albion's commitment to this fundraising initiative that they decided to give back to our school community and donate 10% of the entire days' sales. Together with your support and Turtle Jacks Upper Centennial's community spirit we raised 600\$ towards school initiatives!! Thank you Mount Albion Families as well as to our wonderful community partner, Turtle Jacks!

Stay tuned for another Mount Albion Family Movie night, which will be coming soon.

Next School council Meeting: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24th @ 6:30 p.m.



Remembrance Day

November 11

ALL WELCOME!

Assembly @ 9:20 SHARP!

**We will collect donations for
poppies from
Stoney Creek Legion.**



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>.

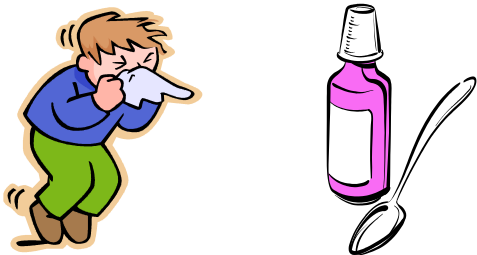
**We will be very happy to help you set up this very easy
and time-saving program.**



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 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

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.



NOVEMBER 2016 *AUTUMN*

SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT



1 (4)
Pointsettia fundraiser has begun

2 (5)
COUGAR COOKIE DAY
Progress Reports sent home today!
Dental screening—JK, SK, Grd 2



3 (1)
POPCORN DAY! \$2.00
Parent Teacher Interviews 3:15-6:00 p.m.
PIZZA!

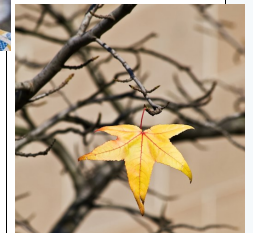


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P.D. DAY

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DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS

7 (2)

8 (3)

9 (4)
COUGAR COOKIE DAY
\$1.00
CHEESE!
PHOTO RETAKE DAY and CLASS PHOTOS



10 (5)

PIZZA!



11 (1)

POPCORN DAY! \$2.00
Nationality Spirit Day!
REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY 9:20 a.m. SHARP



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14 (2)

15 (3)

16 (4)
COUGAR COOKIE DAY
\$1.00
BULLDOGS GAME Grades 4-8 & Mr. Axiak's class



17 (5)
Last day of Pointsettia Fundraiser



18 (1)

POPCORN DAY! \$2.00



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21 (2)

22 (3)

23 (4)
COUGAR COOKIE DAY
\$1.00
Junior Swim Meet 1-3 p.m.



24 (5)
School Council 6:30 p.m.
PIZZA!



25 (1)

POPCORN DAY! \$2.00



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28 (2)

29 (3)

30 (4)
COUGAR COOKIE DAY
\$1.00



DECEMBER 1st
Pointsettia Pick-up is TODAY! 2:30-5:30 p.m.



DECEMBER 2nd
PD DAY

