



Mount Albion Elementary School

NEWSLETTER

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A Message from the Principal:

The month of December finds us celebrating all of the events of the last few months as we approach our 2 week holiday break. We will complete our year with festive activities including a Holiday Assembly, a trip as a school to see the movie “Sing”, a Spirit day, and more. Leading up to these festive events, we will continue to emphasize a culture of learning, problem-solving and a sense of academic optimism.

December is a month of many diverse celebrations that will continue into January for many of our students and their families. Winter Solstice welcomes the winter season on December 21st. Hanukkah is an 8 day Jewish holiday that is celebrated between December 24th and January 1st. Christmas is celebrated on December 25th. Kwanzaa is a week-long celebration beginning on December 26th each year. And within our community at Mount Albion we strive to build understanding and acceptance of these wonderful yet different traditions, and will also simply enjoy the fun and joy of holiday time spent with family and friends.

Our Cougar Compassion Challenge for the month of December will focus on the broader theme of giving – not of presents – but gifts of kindness, time, talent, caring thoughts and actions and more. This will help our students recognize the importance of “giving of themselves” to others in a way that brightens someone’s day! We will set up a new “holiday peace tree” in our lobby in a week or so, and our students will decorate it with handmade ornaments that represent different cultures and traditions, or reflective quotes about peace and giving for all.

Staffing update: We welcome Mrs. K. Ryglewicz to Mount Albion as our new and permanent School Success EA. She is at Mount Albion every afternoon, working with a variety of students and spearheading many groups during second nutrition break, such as Girls’ Group, and our Games club and homework clubs.

On behalf of the Mount Albion “team” I want to extend to you and your family warm wishes for a wonderful Winter Holiday! May you find time together to rest, relax, have fun and re-connect! Before you know it, we will be saying “Happy New Year”.

Mrs. C. E. MacKenzie

Principal



Food Drive



December 5th-9th

Please donate non-perishable goods for the Stoney Creek Food Bank! High-demand items are baby food, diapers, feminine products, laundry soap, cat and dog food. All canned goods are welcome as well—but please check the expiration date first! **THANK YOU!**



CHRISTMAS DANCE

Friday, December 22nd

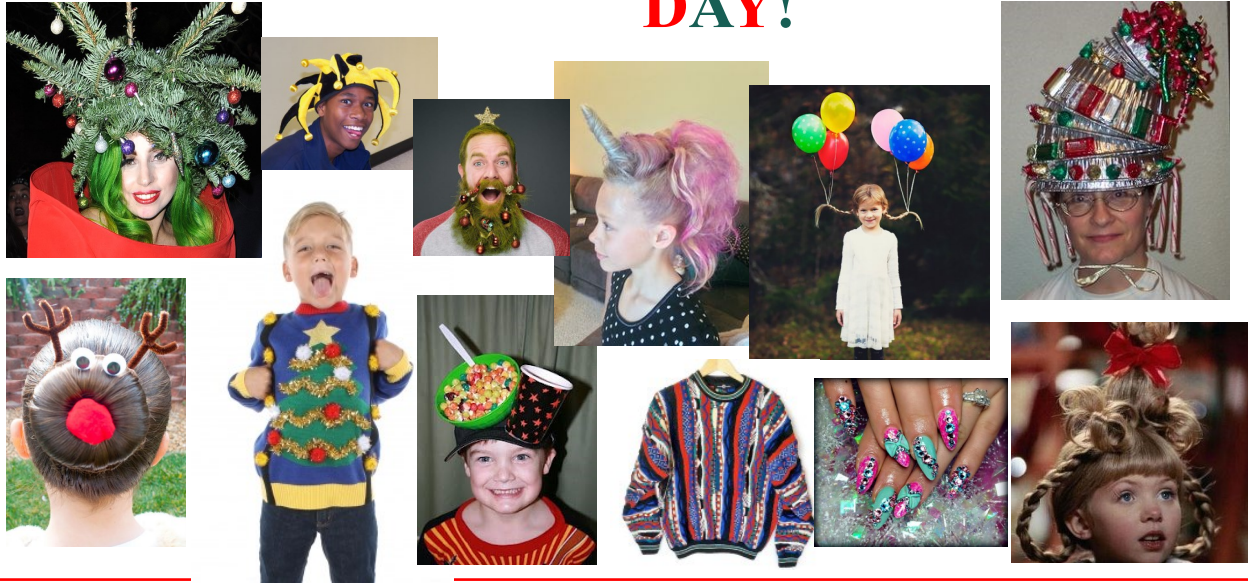


Grades 6, 7 & 8



Thursday, December 22nd

**CRAZY
HAIR/HAT/BLING/HOLIDAY SWEATER
DAY!**



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

Please dress appropriately for the weather!



HOLIDAY ASSEMBLY

On Tuesday, December 20th, there will be a Holiday Assembly. Parents are welcome to attend at the 1:30 p.m. show!

The following classes will be participating in the performances:

Mrs. Carne
Mr. Pickett
Mrs. Bell
Ms. Baca
Ms. Bujara
Mrs. Cook
Mrs. Tamblyn
Mrs. Fowler
Mr. Craig
Ms. Davidson



The Mount Albion Band & The Mount Albion Choir
A few students from our 7/8 classes



POINSETTIA PICK-UP



Thursday, December 1st
Gymnasium

Between the hours of 2:30 and 5:30 p.m.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Greetings from the Mount Albion School Council!

The month of November focused on gathering community information and feedback – and the response was fantastic. A big Thank You to all the parents that completed the Mount Albion Family Survey. Important information was collected that will help us plan exciting and fun-filled family activities for everyone to enjoy. Stay tuned!

Nothing says team building and school spirit like new uniforms. Go Cougars Go! A portion of the funds raised by the School Council will go towards the purchase of new team uniforms.

New attendees to our monthly meetings are always welcome. They take place on the last Thursday of every month from 6:30 - 8:00 pm in the school library (on-site daycare is always provided).

Due to the fast approaching holiday season the School Council meeting scheduled for December 2016 has been cancelled. Also, due to a scheduling conflict, the School Council meeting on January 26, 2017 has been rescheduled to January 19, 2017.



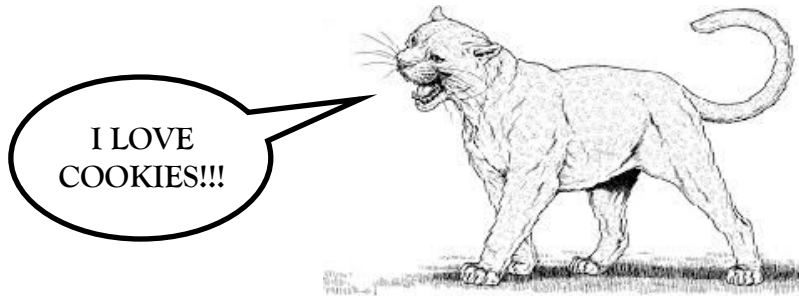
We are looking forward to seeing many of your faces for our Family Movie Night on Thursday, December 1st in our gymnasium! We will be watching The Secret Life of Pets in a pre-release viewing, and there will be refreshments and snacks to purchase. Doors open at 5:45 p.m. and the movie begins at 6:00 p.m..

On behalf of the entire School Council: Happy Holidays Everyone! See you all in the New Year!



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.



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.



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

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.

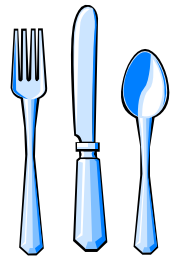
If you walk your dog on school grounds during the evenings or weekends, please remember to 'stoop and scoop'. We appreciate your support.

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.



DECEMBER 2016

WINTER

SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT



1 (5)
POINSETTIA PICK-UP TODAY in GYM
 2:30-5:30 p.m.
Family Movie Night: The Secret Life of Pets
PIZZA!

2

P. D. DAY

3



4



5 (2)

Candy Gram sales begin!



6 (3)



7 (4)

COUGAR COOKIE DAY
 \$1.00



8 (5)

PIZZA!



9 (1)

POPCORN DAY! \$2.00

Last day for Candy Grams



10



11



12 (2)

13 (3)

14 (4)

COUGAR COOKIE DAY
 \$1.00

15 (5)

PIZZA!

16 (1)

POPCORN DAY! \$2.00

17



18



19 (2)

20 (3)

HOLIDAY ASSEMBLY
Performances for parents at 1:30 p.m.

21 (4)

COUGAR COOKIE DAY
First day of Winter (Winter Solstice)
Grades 4-8 trip to Saltfleet for concert

22 (5)

School-wide SING! Movie trip
Crazy hair/hat/sweater/bling day
PIZZA!

23 (1)

POPCORN DAY! \$2.00
Christmas Dance grades 6-8

24

Hannukah begins
Christmas Eve



25

CHRISTMAS



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BOXING DAY



Kwanzaa begins



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Family



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New Year's Eve 2017



Students return to school on Monday, January 9