



Mount Albion Elementary School

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Mount Albion Families,

As we enter the month of March we begin to see many changes with the weather. Our school field is quite muddy and in an effort to keep our school clean we ask that our students continue to have both indoor and outdoor shoes available to them.

We are still working on our parking lot situation and are hoping that the by-law officer will be able to help us with improving the flow of traffic in our parking lot during arrival in the morning as well as at dismissal times. Please continue to be patient with us while we do our best to keep all of our students and staff members safe in the parking lot.

This month brings many fun activities to Mount Albion School. Our School Council will be hosting a Movie Night featuring the movie 'Moana'. A flyer for this event should have come home with your child last week. Please return the bottom section of the flyer should you wish to attend with your family.

On March 8th our entire school will be participating in the Hoop It Up challenge in support of Mount Albion's Best Buddies chapter. This event helps raise awareness for inclusion of special needs students in our schools. Last year 140 schools participated and helped raise over \$10,000.00 to fund Best Buddy activities. Mr. Duffy will be sending out more information about this event soon!

A reminder that March 3rd is a PA day. Teachers will be engaged in school improvement planning. There will be no school for students.

Lastly, March break will run from March 13-17th. We hope that you all have a restful break with your family and friends.

Mrs. A. Giardino, Principal

Junior Kindergarten registration is open!

Please bring birth certificate,
health card & proof of address.



PD DAY

Friday, March 3



MARCH BREAK

Have a most
wonderful time spent
with your family!

March 13-17

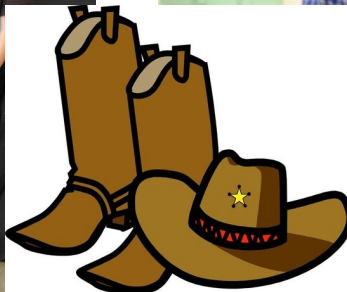


WESTERN DAY!

FRIDAY, MARCH 24th

GIDDY UP, MOUNT ALBION!!!

Get out your cowboy (or girl) hats, your plaid, your denim and your YEEHAWs!!!



SCHOOL COUNCIL

Greetings from the Mount Albion School Council!

On Thursday, March 9th, the School Council will be hosting a Family Movie Night. Come on out to enjoy the screening of Moana! Doors open at 5:45 p.m. The show will start at 6:00pm, in the gym. At the concession stand you will find popcorn, sour keys, juice boxes and glow bracelets for purchase. So come on out and have some family fun!

School Council is also working on hosting a Family Fitness Workshop — complete with a family exercise class and some healthy tasty treats. The official date is to be announced so stay tuned.

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



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 matter.

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.

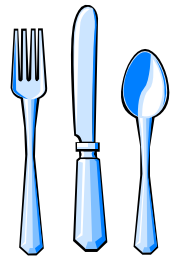
If you walk your dog on school grounds during the evenings or weekends, please remember to 'stoop and scoop'. We appreciate your support.

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.



MARCH 2017

WINTER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 (1)  COUGAR COOKIE DAY	2 (2) PIZZA! 	3 PD DAY 	4 
5 	6(3)	7 (4) SR CRICKET TOURNAMENT	8 (5)  COUGAR COOKIE DAY HOOP IT UP	9 (1)  MOVIE NIGHT MOANA 5:45 p.m HOOP IT UP 	10 (2)  POPCORN DAY! \$2.00 HOOP IT UP MIND UP ACTIVITY DAY	11 
12 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS! 	13 	14 	15 	16 	17  Saint Patrick's Day	18 
MARCH BREAK – NO SCHOOL						
19 	20 (3) FIRST DAY OF SPRING! WOOHOO!!	21 (4)	22 (5)  COUGAR COOKIE DAY	23 (1) PIZZA! 	24 (2)  POPCORN DAY! \$2.00 Western Day!	25 
26 	27 (3) 	28 (4)	29 (5)  COUGAR COOKIE DAY	30 (1) SCHOOL COUNCIL 6:30 PIZZA! 	31 (2)  POPCORN DAY! \$2.00 	