



# Mount Albion Elementary School

## *NEWSLETTER*

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### Message from the Desk of Mrs. A. Giardino

#### May Newsletter

Mount Albion Families:

We are heading into another busy month at Mount Albion School. As we turn our calendars to the month of May we can see that there are only ten weeks left until the end of the school year!

May 1st-5th is Mental Health Awareness and Education week. On May 4th we will have our spring Open House. Parents are invited to attend this event with their children. Please visit your child's classroom, the book fair, food trucks and come and support our basket fundraiser. Our school council will be having a book exchange so please stop by for a free book exchange.

This month we will be looking ahead to next year's school organization. We will determine the number of classes that we will have next year in our building. At this time I would like to ask any families who have concerns about the placement of their child for next year to please put your requests in writing and submit them to me by May 12th, 2017. Please do not request specific teachers or that your child be with their friends.

**LATE REQUESTS WILL NOT BE GIVEN CONSIDERATION.**

Also, please be aware of the parking regulations for before and after school pick-up and drop-off. We have had Bylaw officers here already, and they will be having a few more surprise visits throughout the school year. Please follow the signage and save yourself an \$80.00+ ticket. It is all done for the safety of our students—our number one priority.

# OPEN HOUSE

## THURSDAY, MAY 4th

5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Please join us for a wonderful evening for staff, students and the entire family! We will have the pleasure of having Pappa's Greek Food Truck and Crazy Cravings Ice Cream Truck here at the school from 5:45 until 7:00 to satisfy every savoury and sweet tooth out there! Please spend time in your child's classroom, taking the opportunity to see all that your child has been working on in the classroom this year, and have a visit with their teachers.

We will once again be having an exciting Silent Auction in the Learning Commons, with many fabulous prizes to be won! There is something for everyone!

Mark your calendars - it is going to be a fun-filled evening for the Mount Albion Cougar families!

# Silent Auction

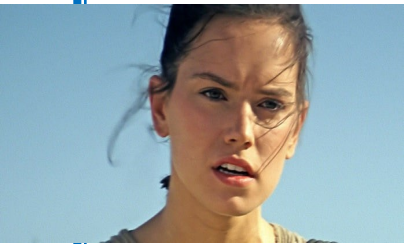


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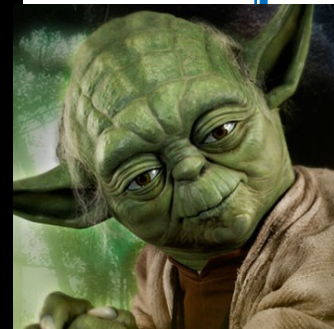


# STAR WARS DAY

Tuesday, May 2nd



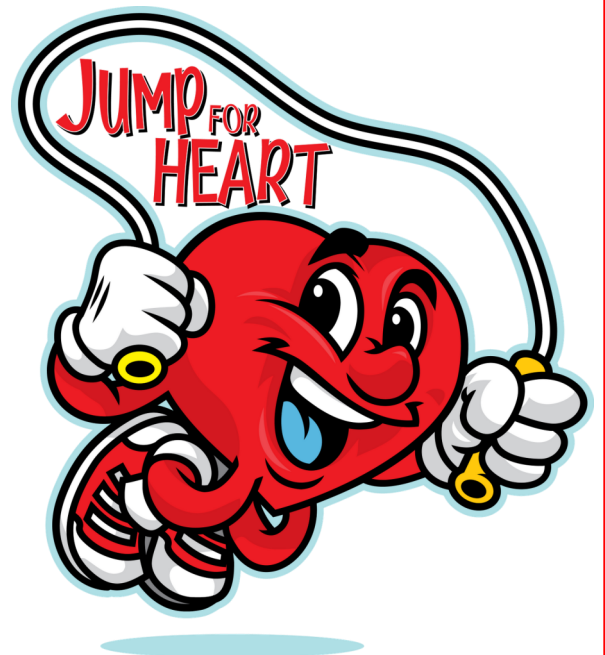
# STAR WARS



Thursday, May 18th

## Jump Rope for Heart

Did you know that Heart and Stroke Jump Rope for Heart has been supporting kids' health for 35 years? They have been encouraging kids to get active by skipping rope and collecting pledges for heart disease and stroke research. **Mount Albion School will be participating in this event on May 18th, 2017.** Our goal is to raise \$4,000 which is \$10 per student! The easiest way to donate is to go online to [JumpRopeForHeart.ca](http://JumpRopeForHeart.ca) where students get a "kick-start donation" of \$5 and a FREE skipping rope with their first donation! Additional prizes are available for online donations! If you choose not to donate online the collection envelopes will be coming home with your child on May 5, 2017. Please return all donations by May 24, 2017. If you have any questions about this event please contact Ms. Baca at the school.





***BACKWARDS DAY!  
FRIDAY, MAY 19th***



# Junior Kindergarten registration is open!

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



Monday, May 22nd

Victoria Day

No school!



## For Your Information



Starting September 2017, *cheques will no longer be accepted at Mount Albion.* Cheques will be returned to parents if they are sent in to the school. Accepted methods of payment will be cash and Schoolcash Online only. Please contact the office for information for registering for Schoolcash Online. We'll be happy to help!

# Up-coming HWDSB programs for students

- Here are a few key points about our summer programs and links to where you can find additional information:
- The Grade 7 & 8 Summer Programs will run as a one week program focused on Literacy or Math or Fractions at schools that have chosen to offer them. Students from across the city are eligible to attend. Details and registration (link) are available at:  
[www.hwdsb.on.ca/cce/summer-programs-and-camps-non-credit/](http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/cce/summer-programs-and-camps-non-credit/)
- The Grade 9 S.T.E.P. Program will run August 14-25, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at: Ancaster High, Delta, Dundas Valley, Glen Brae (for Glendale), Nora F. Henderson (for Nora F. Henderson and Sherwood), Winona (for Orchard Park), Saltfleet, Sir Allan MacNab, Sir John A. Macdonald, Sir Winston Churchill, Waterdown, Dalewood (for Westdale) and Westwood (for Westmount). Additional details and registration (link) are available at:  
[www.hwdsb.on.ca/cce/step](http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/cce/step)
- Reach Ahead courses will run July 5-28, 2017 at Sir John A. Macdonald and Nora F. Henderson. Details and registration information (link) are available at: [www.hwdsb.on.ca/cce/reach-ahead/](http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/cce/reach-ahead/)
- We will contact you in early June to verify the approval of participation for those students who applied on-line. CCE will send confirmation e-mails to all families by June 23rd.

## CHOIRFEST Friday, May 19th



# Order Your YEARBOOK



The 2016-17 Mount Albion Memories Yearbook is on sale now. This 48 page all colour book includes pictures of all students, staff and special activities from the past year. The yearbook must be PRE-ORDERED by May 18. Please pay online at School Cash (remember to also fill out the order form!) or with cash. The cost including tax is \$18. for softcover and \$29.00 for a hardcover book. There will be samples of yearbooks from previous years available for viewing at Open House. If you have questions, please contact Ms. Carne at the school.

The Concert Band and Choir will be going to perform at Canada's Wonderland Music Fest on Friday, May 19th. Each group will perform in the event tents, get feedback from professional adjudicators and then spend a fun day going on the rides after. This will be our final trip and performance for the year.

Congratulations on an excellent year for our dedicated Band and Choir members!



## Canada's Wonderland



## PARENT VOLUNTEERS!

We have had a number of parents back out of volunteering commitments recently, with very short notice. We have luckily been able to find volunteers at the last minute to come on the trips, but as the year comes to an end, there will be more and more excursions requiring volunteers, and less people to fall back on. Please consider it a commitment when you volunteer to go with your child's class on a trip, as without the proper number of chaperones, the trips will be cancelled. Organizing school trips takes a huge amount of time and work, and the children get excited for them as well. It would be a shame if they had to miss a trip due to volunteers backing out at the last minute.

**Thank you very much!**

Grade 8 Graduation  
Thursday, June 22nd  
6:00 p.m.



Paramount Alliance Church

# PINK DAY FOR ANTI-BULLYING!





## Greetings from the Mount Albion School Council

Do you have books sitting on the shelves collecting dust? Then come join School Council for a **BOOK EXCHANGE** on May 4, 2017. Just bring the gently loved books to school where you can either drop them off with the teacher or straight to the collection box located in the office. On the day of **OPEN HOUSE**, come visit us in Room 10, where you can pick a new book to take home and read. All donations are greatly appreciated, as any remaining books will be donated to the Mount Albion School Library for all to enjoy.



The last School Council meeting for this school year will be held on May 25, 2017 from 6:30-8:00pm. We will be mixing business and pleasure by having a **POTLUCK!** New members are always welcome and on-site daycare is always provided. You can find us in the library!



# 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](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.

## 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.

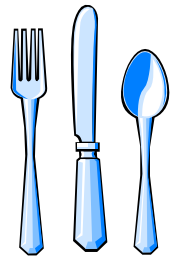
If you walk your dog on school grounds during the evenings or weekends, please remember to 'stoop and scoop'. We appreciate your support.

## 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.**



# MAY 2017

# SPRING

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	<p>1 (1) <b>Scholar's Club</b></p> <p>Last day to bring in Silent Auction Items—<b>THANK YOU!!</b></p>	<p>2 (2)</p> <p><b>STAR WARS DAY</b></p> 	<p>3 (3)</p> <p><b>COUGAR COOKIE DAY</b></p>  <p><b>Scholar's Club</b></p>	<p>4 (4)</p>  <p><b>OPEN HOUSE</b> 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>PIZZA!</p> 	<p>5 (5)</p>  <p><b>POPCORN DAY! \$2.00</b></p>	<p>6</p> 
	<p>8(1)</p> <p><b>Scholar's Club</b></p>	<p>9 (2)</p>	<p>10 (3)</p> <p><b>COUGAR COOKIE DAY</b></p>  <p><b>Scholar's Club</b></p>	<p>11 (4)</p> <p>PIZZA!</p> 	<p>12 (5)</p>  <p><b>POPCORN DAY! \$2.00</b></p> <p><b>BACKWARDS DAY!</b></p> 	<p>13</p> 
<p>14 <b>I ♥ Mom</b></p> 	<p>15 (1)</p> <p><b>Scholar's Club</b></p>	<p>16 (2)</p> <p><b>TWO DAYS LEFT TO ORDER YOUR YEAR-BOOK!</b></p>	<p>17 (3)</p> <p><b>COUGAR COOKIE DAY</b></p>  <p><b>Scholar's Club</b></p>	<p>18 (4)</p> <p><b>JUMP ROPE FOR HEART</b></p>  <p>PIZZA!</p> 	<p>19 (5)</p>  <p><b>POPCORN DAY! \$2.00</b></p> <p><b>Choirfest at Canada's Wonderland</b></p> <p><b>BACKWARDS DAY!</b></p> 	<p>20</p>  
<p>21</p> 	<p>22 (no school) <b>VICTORIA DAY</b></p> 	<p>23 (1)</p> <p><b>EQAO</b></p>	<p>24 (2)</p> <p><b>COUGAR COOKIE DAY</b></p>  <p><b>EQAO</b></p>	<p>25 (3)</p> <p><b>SCHOOL COUNCIL 6:30</b></p> <p><b>EQAO</b></p> <p>PIZZA!</p> 	<p>26 (4)</p>  <p><b>POPCORN DAY! \$2.00</b></p> <p><b>EQAO</b></p>	<p>27</p> 
<p>28</p> 	<p>29 (5)</p> <p><b>EQAO</b></p>	<p>30 (1)</p> <p><b>EQAO</b></p>	<p>31 (2)</p> <p><b>COUGAR COOKIE DAY</b></p>  <p><b>EQAO</b></p> <p><b>Destination College Trip</b></p>	