



# Mount Albion Elementary School

## NEWSLETTER

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**OCTOBER 2017**

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### Principal Memo - October

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are preparing for a very busy month ahead at Mount Albion School. The Hamilton Wentworth District School Board continues to make many improvements in and around our building. Our playground is being paved this week and a new basketball court being built on our lower field. Next month work will begin on the expansion of our Learning Commons and the creation of a calming room (Snoezelen Room) as well as a conference room for our school.

Our school continues to have an increase in student enrolment. Due to this increase in enrolment we are currently unable to provide courtesy bus transportation to some of our students. Please contact our transportation department if you have any questions regarding transportation for your child.

I am noticing that many of our students who are not using transportation are arriving to school late. On a daily basis we have upwards of ten children late for school. Please note that lates are recorded on report cards and impact the learning of your child. Your child could be losing valuable learning time by being consistently late for school. Please ensure that your child arrives at school on time every day. Playground supervision begins at 8:25 a.m.

We continue to monitor the safety of our parking lot before and after school. Please ensure that you are following the appropriate procedures for dropping off and picking up your child every day. The kiss and drop area is not an area to park your vehicle. If you would like to walk your child to playground you must park in designated parking areas or on the street in front of the school. Bylaw officers will be handing out tickets soon.

This month we are hoping to offer milk for sale to all students from FDK to grade 8. Milk will be sold for seventy five cents per carton. More information will follow later.

Lastly, we are looking for parent volunteers to help us with a school Nutrition Program. We are currently in the process of working with an agency to help us partially fund this program. Our hope is that we will be able to offer all students healthy snack options from various food groups delivered to their classrooms every morning. If you are interested in helping us with food preparation or distribution to classrooms please contact me through the office.

Angela Giardino  
Principal



# PIZZA DAYS

Pizza days will be returning to Mount Albion on Thursdays this October 21st! 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. Potter for organizing this scrumptious weekly event! Make sure you have a Schoolcash Online account to make payments easier! Contact the Office! Mmmmmmm... PIZZA!!!



## Cross-Country

**HWDSB**  
ATHLETICS

Christie  
Conservation  
Area



Friday, October 13th

# Grade 7 Immunizations



Thursday, October 26th



# HALLOWEEN!!

**KINDERGARTEN to GRADE 5:** Please send your child to school dressed in their costumes. We will have the Kindergarten parade beginning at 9:00 a.m. Parents are welcome to line the upper hall to watch our parade and then follow us back to our classes to help remove costumes. Please label every costume part, so that nothing goes to the wrong costume!



**There will be a dance for our Grades 6-8 students in the afternoon, beginning right after the afternoon break.**



## 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!

# SCHOOL COUNCIL

We had our very first School council meeting on Thursday, September 28! It was a great meeting, and the following parents have been nominated for the following positions:

## CONGRATULATIONS!

Co-Chairs: Victoria Llewellyn  
Amber Mayne

Treasurer: Raji Mundi

Co-Secretaries: Steph Blanchard  
Sylvie Marshall

Community  
Member: Andrea Daw

Teacher Rep: Judy Davidson

We thank you for volunteering and being an integral part of our school community!

Next meeting is on Thursday, October 26th at 6:30 p.m. in our learning commons.

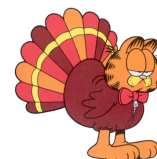


Thanksgiving

Monday, October

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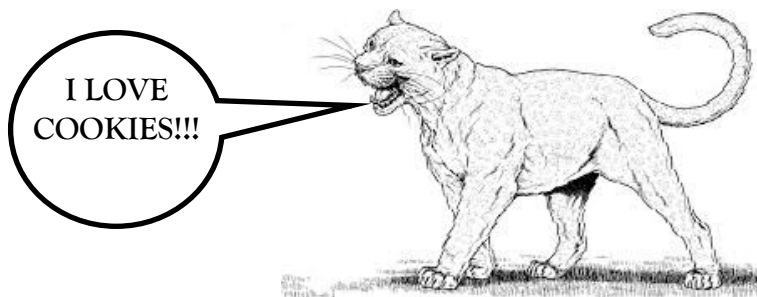
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## Are you a **COOKIE MONSTER!!!!**

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, Oatmeal 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](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.

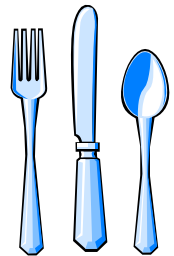
If you walk your dog on school grounds during the evenings or weekends, please remember to 'stoop and scoop'. We appreciate your support.

## 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.**





# OCTOBER 2017 *AUTUMN*

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2 (4)

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COUGAR  
COOKIE DAY

5 (2)

6 (3)  
School  
Photo Day  
**CHEESE!**  


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10 (4)

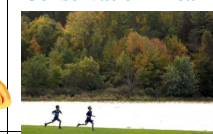
11 (5)   
COUGAR  
COOKIE DAY

12 (1)  
**Pizza Days  
Begin! :)**

PIZZA!



13 (2)  
**CROSS-  
COUNTRY**  
Christie  
Conservation Area



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16 (3)

17 (4)

18 (5)   
COUGAR  
COOKIE DAY

19 (1)

PIZZA!



20 (2)   
**POPCORN  
DAY! \$2.00**

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23 (3)

24 (4)

25 (5)   
COUGAR  
COOKIE DAY

26 (1)  
**Grade 7  
Immunizations**



PIZZA!



27 (2)   
**POPCORN  
DAY! \$2.00**

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30 (3)

31 (4)

**HALLOWE'EN**  
K-5 Parade at  
**9:00 a.m.**

