



# Mount Albion Elementary School

## NEWSLETTER

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### Happy November, Mount Albion Families!

Thank you to all our families who have supported our Fundscrip Fundraiser by purchasing gift cards for their own use or as gifts for family and friends. We will be using funds raised to offset the cost of various initiatives in our school. As our school population grows, we have an increasing need for more technology and access to information for everyone.

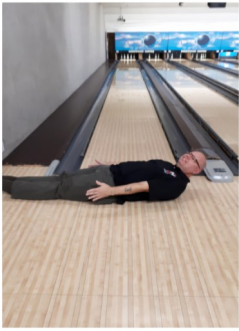
We are hoping to be able to start our Nutrition program this month. We are very pleased to be working with TASTEBUDS Hamilton for this program. TASTEBUDS volunteers help serve over 34,440 children at over 117 schools in the Hamilton area, every single school day. TASTEBUDS is a partnership of community agencies and community members that supports and facilitates local student nutrition programs for children and youth in Hamilton. The Nutrition Program will benefit every student in the school, providing nutritious snacks for anyone who would like a healthy boost.

Progress reports will be going out on Monday, October 30th. Interviews will occur on Thursday, November 2nd in the evening and on Friday, November 3rd in the morning. Your child should have brought home a letter from their teacher indicating times available to meet to discuss your child's progress. If you did not receive a letter please connect with your child's homeroom teacher.

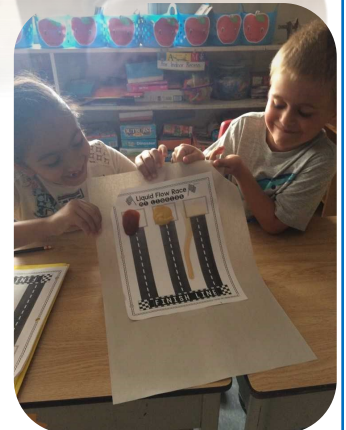
Please remember to send your child with the appropriate clothing as the cold weather finally settles in — extra mittens, socks and indoor shoes are a must!

There are many fun activities planned for our students over the next couple of months, and we look forward to adding to our Mount Albion stories!

Angela Giardino  
Principal



## Bowling & Best Buddies



***FRIENDS!***





# BULLDOGS LITERACY GAME WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15



## REMEMBRANCE DAY

NOVEMBER 11

Our school community is welcome to join us on Thursday, November 9th for the Mount Albion School assembly, in our gymnasium, at 9:30 a.m.

### 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!

### PHOTO RETAKE DAY

Friday, November 17th

## PHOTO RETAKES



# SCHOOL COUNCIL

School Council held another successful meeting on Oct 26, 2017. The room was lively with discussion, brainstorming and laughter as we worked hard on planning for the 2017/2018 school year.

The decision was made to continue to offer Pita Pit days on a monthly basis. To date we have successfully raised \$114.00, which is going directly towards purchasing much needed equipment for the Mount Albion School Band.



We are looking at arranging a Family Movie Night on Nov 30, 2017 with hopes of getting everyone into the holiday spirit. Stay tuned for details!

Everyone is welcome to attend School Council meetings. This month's meeting has been rescheduled for Nov 23, 2017. The meetings take place in the library from 6:30- 8:00pm. On-site daycare is always provided. Even if you missed the first meeting, you can start coming at any time. It is a very relaxed atmosphere, provides opportunity for you to enhance your child's education and offers a wonderful way to learn about school up-dates, initiatives, student activities and community engagement projects. We really hope to see you there!



## PD DAYS

Friday, November 3rd

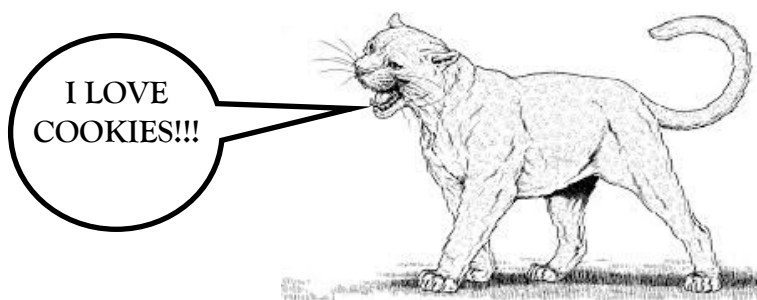
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Friday, December 1st



## 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



## 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.

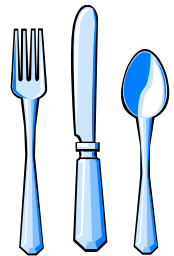
If you walk your dog on school grounds during the evenings or weekends, please remember to 'stoop and scoop'. We appreciate your support.

## 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.**



# 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.

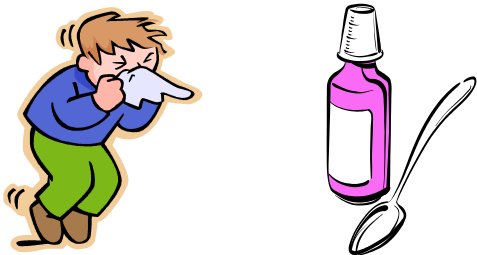




### Follow Us on Twitter (@mountalbion)

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.






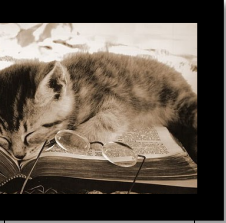


### Epi-Pen Reminder



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.



# NOVEMBER 2017 AUTUMN

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 (5) COUGAR COOKIE DAY 	2 (1)  PIZZA! 	3 PD DAY 	4 
5 	6 (2)	7 (3) Dental Screening JK, SK, gr. 2	8 (4) COUGAR COOKIE DAY 	9 (5) Remembrance Day Assembly 9:30 a.m. COMMUNITY WELCOME! 	10 (1) POPCORN DAY! \$2.00 	11 Remembrance Day 
12 	13 (2)	14 (3)	15 (4) COUGAR COOKIE DAY BULLDOGS GAME DAY! 	16 (5)  PIZZA! 	17 (1) POPCORN DAY! \$2.00  PHOTO RETAKES 	18 
19 	20 (2)	21 (3)	22 (4) COUGAR COOKIE DAY 	23 (5) School Council 6:30 p.m.  PIZZA! 	24 (1) POPCORN DAY! \$2.00  PITA DAY!	25 
26 Sweater (noun) Garment worn by child when its mother is feeling chilly. ~ Ambrose Pierce	27 (2)	28 (3)	29 (4) COUGAR COOKIE DAY 	30 (5)  PIZZA! 	FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1st  PD DAY	