



Mount Albion Elementary School

NEWSLETTER

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Principal's Message

This month we begin our Junior Kindergarten registration process. We are hoping to welcome many new families to our school. If you have a child born in 2014 please make sure you read the registration information in this newsletter and share this information with any friends or family members living in our school's catchment area.

We have many exciting events happening this month in our school. Our School Council will be running a chocolate bar fundraiser to help support school initiatives. Information about this fundraiser was sent to families last week in a separate letter. Please help support our School Council by either selling chocolates with your child or purchasing these treats for yourself. Please note that you must return the slip in that letter to let us know if you WILL or WILL NOT be participating in this fundraiser.

We are happy to announce that we will be starting a milk program this month at our school. Every Tuesday and Thursday we will be selling Chocolate and White milk to students for \$1.00. This milk will be sold on a first come, first serve basis. We are hoping to expand this program throughout the year and we would appreciate any parent volunteers willing to help us organize this milk program. If you are interested in volunteering for this, please contact Mrs. Quinn in our office.

Thank you to all families who have been patient as we work through the traffic in our parking lot. We appreciate your understanding and the care you are taking in keeping our students safe during morning drop off and after school pick up. A reminder that there should be no stopping in front of the pylons on the upper parking lot. The upper parking lot is often used for school visitors, contractors etc. We need to keep this area clear so that cars in that lot can leave when necessary.

Lastly, with kindergarten registration opening this month, a reminder that Mount Albion School is a “closed school”. This means that only students living in our school catchment area are permitted to be registered at our school. If you have moved out of our school’s catchment area, please update your address with Mrs. Quinn. She will be happy to give you information about the school closest to your new home so that you can register your child there for next September.

Registration opens on Monday, February 5th, between the hours of 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m., and 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.. Please bring a birth certificate, health card, and proof of your address, for example a Driver’s License or a utility bill with your name and address on it. You can also get the process started at www.hwdsb.on.ca. Please don’t hesitate to contact Mrs. Quinn in the office with any questions.

We encourage you to register your little ones as soon as possible, as it helps greatly when planning classrooms for the following school year. If you know of anyone registering for September 2018, please have them visit the office during the registration hours any time beginning February 5th.

We look forward to registering our September kindergarteners!

Angela Giardino
Principal

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Opens February 5th!

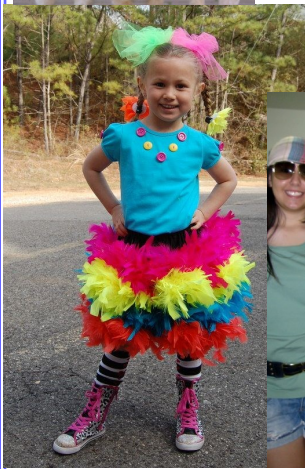
Between the hours of 9:30-11:00 a.m. and 1:00-2:30 p.m. ONLY



What Not To Wear Spirit & Gum Day

Thursday, February 22nd

\$1.00/gum license & \$2.00/pack of gum



VALENTINE'S DAY DANCE

February 14th

Grade 6-8



\$4.00
Admission



HAPPY
FAMILY DAY

Monday, February 19th



Report Cards and Kindergarten Communication of Learning Reports

Report cards will be going home on Tuesday, February 13th.

Kindergarten Communication of Learning reports will be going home on Thursday, February 15th.



GRADE 8 GRADUATION PHOTOS

Thursday, February 1st

GIRLS: Please wear a white-collared shirt.

BOYS: Please wear a white shirt and tie.



SCHOOL COUNCIL

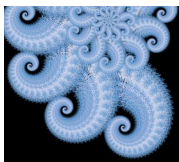
Greetings from the Mount Albion School Council!

We have another busy month planned and to kick it off we have the World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser. Starting Feb 2-23 students have the opportunity to help raise funds by selling CHOCOLATE. For every box sold the participant's name will be entered in the draw for a chance to win a prize! Prizes include \$25, \$50 and \$100 gifts cards, a Samsung Galaxy Tablet, a class pizza party and much more. Good Luck!!

The next Pita Pit Day is scheduled for Feb 23, 2018, so watch out for those order forms!



The next School Council meeting is scheduled for Feb 22, 2018, at 6:30 p.m.. New members are always welcome and you can find us in the library. This is a fantastic way to get involved in your child's school and have a voice in discussing how the fundraising money is best spent for our school community.



COLD WEATHER

Time spent outdoors is an integral part of the school day. There are great benefits when children experience fresh air, exercise and time spent outside. Outdoor play is also a break from the structure of the classroom.

Depending on the season, preparing for outdoor play in Canada can mean anything from applying sunscreen to wearing mittens and a hat. During winter, it's important that children come to school prepared for the cold. Students should wear boots, mittens/gloves and hats and it's a good idea to pack extra mittens, socks, etc. in case they are needed.

Principals can always use their judgment to decide whether to send students outside for recess. However, HWDSB asks Principals to follow the City of Hamilton recommendation that individuals stay inside when the temperature drops below -15 C without wind chill. Questions or concerns regarding winter outdoor play should be directed to the school Principal.

Mount Albion is FUN!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



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.

NO 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.

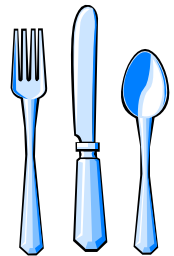
If you walk your dog on school grounds during the evenings or weekends, please remember to 'stoop and scoop'. We appreciate your support.

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.





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.

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.

FEBRUARY 2018

WINTER

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1 (3) 
GRAD PHOTOS
 PIZZA! 


2 (4) 
POPCORN DAY! \$2.00



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 5 (5) **KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION BEGINS**


6 (1) 
Milk Sales

7 (2) 
COUGAR COOKIE DAY

8 (3) 
Milk Sales
 PIZZA! 

9 (4) 
POPCORN DAY! \$2.00



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 12 (5)

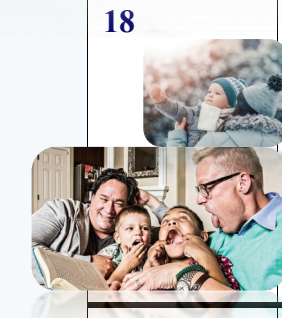
13 (1) 

REPORT CARDS go home Milk Sales

14 (2) 
COUGAR COOKIE DAY Valentine's Day Dance



15 (3) 
Kindergarten Communication of Learning goes home Milk Sales
 PIZZA! 

16 (4) 
POPCORN DAY! \$2.00



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 19 **FAMILY DAY No School**


20 (5) 
Milk Sales

21 (1) 
COUGAR COOKIE DAY

22 (2) 
What Not To Wear Spirit & Gum Day SCHOOL COUNCIL 6:30 Milk Sales
 PIZZA! 

23 (3) 
POPCORN DAY! \$2.00



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 26 (4)

27 (5) 
Milk Sales Chicopee Ski Trip

28 (1) 
COUGAR COOKIE DAY BEST BUDDIES lunch

