



# Mount Albion Elementary School

## *NEWSLETTER*

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### MARCH NEWSLETTER

It seems that March has decided to come in “Like a Lion”! We are all hoping that the snow and cold weather will be behind us soon! As many of you are aware, Mount Albion will be undergoing some renovations and a new addition will be added to our school in the very near future. A public meeting will be held in our school gymnasium for all parents and members of our community to attend on April 19th, at 6:00 p.m. A separate letter with further details will be going home to families this week.

I would like to thank our School Council for all of the work that they put into organizing their chocolate bar fundraiser. They have raised approximately \$4000 towards school initiatives. A special thank you to our School Council co-chairs, Amber Kierstead Mayne and Victoria Miller for all of the hours they spent counting funds, organizing boxes of chocolates and purchasing prizes for the event.

This month we say farewell to Ms. A. Grande who will be leaving us on March 23rd. We thank her for her work in FDK and wish her well as she continues to work in various schools in our board. We welcome Ms. Bell back from her maternity leave to her FDK class on March 26th.

Mrs. A. Giardino  
Principal



# KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

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



## TOTAL HEALTH ACTIVITY DAY

Friday, March 9th

School-wide activities and healthy snacks!



# SUPERHERO Spirit Day

Friday, March 23



**St. Patrick's Day**  
**Saturday, March 17**



**Good Friday &  
Easter Monday**

**Friday, March 30 &  
Monday, April 2**





# SCHOOL COUNCIL

## Greetings from the Mount Albion School Council!

Mount Albion School Council wants to send out a BIG THANK YOU for everyone that participated in the Chocolate Fundraiser. It was a group effort and a huge success. Congratulations to all the winners!!

Everyone is welcome to attend the School Council meetings. They take place on the last Thursday of every month, 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 wonderful way to find out general school up-dates, initiatives, student activities and community engagement. We hope to see you there.



## 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.

## 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.

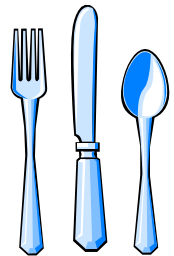
If you walk your dog on school grounds during the evenings or weekends, please remember to 'stoop and scoop'. We appreciate your support.

## 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](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.

# 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.









# MARCH 2018

# WINTER

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			1 (2) Milk Sales  	2 PD DAY	3 
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4 	5 (3)	6 (4) Milk Sales 	7 (5) COUGAR COOKIE DAY 	8 (1) Milk Sales PIZZA! 	9 (2) POPCORN DAY! \$2.00 TOTAL HEALTH ACTIVITY DAY 	10 
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# MARCH BREAK

12 	13	14	15	16	17  St. Patrick's Day 
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18 	19 (3) Back to School!	20 (4) Milk Sales  	21 (5) COUGAR COOKIE DAY 	22 (1) Milk Sales PIZZA! 	23 (2) POPCORN DAY! \$2.00 SUPERHERO SPIRIT DAY 	24 
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25 	26 (3)	27 (4) Milk Sales 	28 (5) COUGAR COOKIE DAY 	29 (1) Milk Sales SCHOOL COUNCIL 6:30 	30 GOOD FRIDAY 	31  (No school on Monday, April 2nd for Easter Monday)
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