

Mount Albion Elementary School

NEWSLETTER

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NOVEMBER 2018

J. Beattie - School Trustee

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Guardians:

Thank you to all families who have participated in our Funscrip Gift Card Fundraiser. We will announce the winners of the grand prize later this month.

Last month was a busy month filled with many activities for our students and staff. We have many sporting events occurring daily in our school. We have also completed progress reports and interviews for parents. We thank all parents for attending interviews with our teachers.

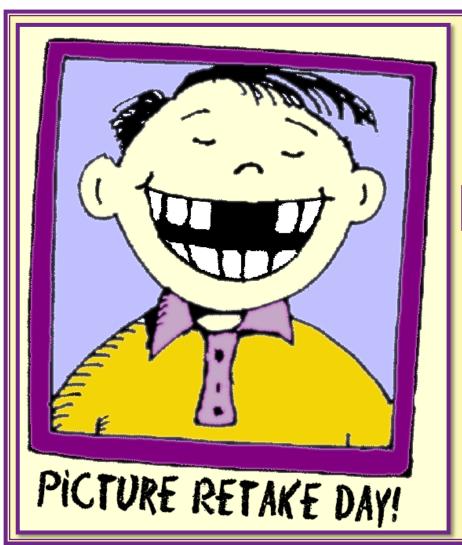
As we move into November we have a few more staffing changes. We will say farewell to Mrs. Pagliaro, our part time office assistant. Mrs. Pagliaro has accepted a full time position at another school beginning later this month. We will also say good bye to our intermediate French Teacher Mme Bognar who is also moving to a full time position at another school. We wish them both the best of luck at their new schools. They will be missed by all.

As the cold weather approaches we remind parents to ensure that your children come to school prepared for the colder weather. Warmer coats, mittens and hats, as well as indoor shoes are recommended. Please ensure that your child's belongings are well labeled so that if they end up in our lost and found they can be returned to your household. Please note that all lost and found items are gathered and displayed monthly. Any unclaimed items are bagged and donated to charities. Please remind your child to check the lost and found frequently.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank Heritage Green Trust for their large donation towards our new Creative Playground. We are just putting the finishing touches on the playground and have added "buddy benches" to the area. Without their generous donation this playground would not have been built. It is a pleasure watching our students access the playground before school, during nutrition breaks, after school and on the weekends. We are very fortunate to have such a wonderful community partner!

Mrs. A. Giardino Principal





Thursday, November 15th

Brush your teeth and brush your hair! :)

Mickey Mouse Spirit Day

Friday, November 16th

We love anything and everything Mickey Mouse! Bring your Mousy spirit to Mount Albion!



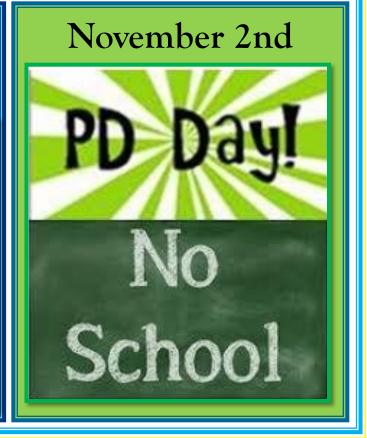
Wednesday, October 14th Hamilton Bulldogs game



Grades 4 - 6



<u>Remembrance Day</u> November 11th Lest we forget...



Student Council - GUM DAY Friday, November 23rd



Students must purchase a gum license for \$1.00, and packages of gum are \$2.00 each or students may bring it from home. All proceeds will be used by Student Council to purchase gifts for children at McMaster Sick Kids Hospital.

Terry Fox

Thank you to all students and families for your wonderful donations to the Terry Fox Run in support of cancer research. We raised nearly \$1100 in cash, plus the numerous and generous online donations that contribute to the important fight against cancer.

We thank you!

Congratulations to all of our participants—you help make a difference!



SCHOOL COUNCIL

Greetings from Mount Albion School Council!

How is it November already? There are lots of things currently going on within our school and lots more on the way!! Volleyball is currently underway with 4 teams and 8 amazing coaches dedicating their time, keep up the great work! Jr. Swim team is also underway with their swim meet being on November 21st at McMaster University.

November 9th will be our Remembrance Day assembly, to honour all those men and women who have fought and are still fighting for our freedom.

Mr.Black requested some much-needed gym equipment and I am happy to say that School Council is helping the school make that happen by paying for half. School Council has given \$600 towards any future gym equipment purchases.

During our October meeting we discussed the demand of technology in the classrooms and I'm happy to announce that council has approved an approximate \$2,250 which will pay for 5 more ipads.

Exciting events & fundraisers coming soon:

School Spirit wear

Lil Warriors indoor playground fundraiser

Stay tuned & it's never too late to join School Council, everyone welcome 2

- Amber Mayne (School Council Co-Chair)



Turn clocks back 1 hour on Sunday, November 4th

PORTANT INFORMATIC







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.

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 onto 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.

<u>ILLNESS</u>



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.

NOVEMBER 2018 AUTUMN

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	25	26 (3)	27 (4) Milk Day	28 (5)	29 (1) Milk Day School Council 6:30 p.m.	30 (2)	