



Mount Albion Elementary School

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents, Guardians and Caregivers:

We have survived the month of January and we are still bracing for more cold weather and snow to come! This month is filled with many exciting events. We are preparing for Junior Kindergarten Registration beginning on February 4th. As you are all aware we have a growing student population and early registration of our JK students will help us determine the number of staff we will require for FDK next year. If you have a child born in 2015, your child is eligible for registration. Forms are available on our school board website or you may visit our school office to pick up a package. Please contact the office to schedule an appointment. A parent orientation night will occur later this Spring. Information will arrive to you in our April Newsletter.

Our School Council is running their chocolate bar fundraiser this month as well. Funds raised by this event will go to support various school initiatives. If you have not received any information about this fundraiser, please send a note to your child's teacher and we will be happy to send information home for you. Please support our School Council by either selling chocolates with your child or purchasing some treats from students in our school selling. There are many wonderful prizes to be awarded to top sellers!

February 14th our students will be celebrating Valentine's Day. Students will be involved in many activities with their classmates. Valentine's Day is one of our designated Nutrition Free Days. If you are sending treats in for your child's class, please ensure that the treats are 100% nut-free.

Teachers have been working on preparing our first term report cards over the last few weeks. These report cards are a snap shot of your child's learning so far this year. Please take the time to read your child's report card with your child and to discuss some goals for next term.

Lastly, February 18th is Family Day. I wish you all a wonderful long weekend with your Family!

Sincerely,

Angela Giardino
Principal





Registration begins

Monday, February 4th

between the hours of

9:30 to 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

Please call the office at 905-560-0908 to make an appointment. We will require a birth certificate or other proof of citizenship, health card and proof of your address.

CRAZY SOCKS SPIRIT DAY

Friday, February 15



Monday, February 18th



Grad Photos
Friday, February 15th



SCHOOL COUNCIL

Hello, Everyone!

It feels like January went on forever ... Bring on February!! We have an exciting fundraiser that kicks off Feb 1st and lasts until Feb 20th. Who doesn't like chocolate?! The chocolate fundraiser is a great way to earn money to help your children's school purchase various learning materials and other port equipment. If you don't wish to sell the chocolate bars but still want to help the school, you are welcome to make a cash donation instead. Remember when selling to always use safety measures and sell with an adult. We have some great prizes again this year as well as everyone who sells one complete case of bars or donates the profit amount, gets their name entered to win of our weekly prizes and our grand prizes.

Best of luck to everyone!!





BOOMERANG LUNCHES!

Mount Albion is proud to be a
Boomerang Lunch school!

What is a boomerang lunch?

They are school-wide initiatives to reduce the amount of waste created by the school by ensuring that everything that is brought to school is returned home by the end of the day, including empty juice containers, food wrappers and ALL uneaten food.

Pack all lunches in a way that it can be easily returned home to parents to be reused. Please consider containers that can be washed and reused!

The end result of the efforts is to educate the school and the whole community about reducing their waste on a day to day basis. Students learn that small things do make a difference! Uneaten food can be saved for the next day, and items like apple cores and bread crust can be composted at home. When students bring items home, parents are aware of what they like to eat and it prevents wasted food or allows parents to look for new options for future lunches!

Reminders for Parents Class Trips & Order Forms

Class trips are an extension of your child's curriculum, enhancing their learning, experience and skill set. Students are expected to participate in these educational and spirit-building excursions. We are seeing an increasing number of students in the intermediate grades especially, stay home on days that their class is participating in an event outside of the school. Some students are telling their parents that the trips are not mandatory and that they can stay home instead. This is not the case, however if a student does not go on a trip for a particular reason, there is always alternative programming prepared in the school by their teachers. We have had occasions where teachers have had to cancel or change an entire event due to a lack of student participants, which changes the entire educational and /or recreational experience for the other students. Please have your child participate in these events, as there is often follow-up activities that are graded by the teachers as part of the curriculum. If cost is an issue, please contact the school office and we will be happy to help ensure all our students are able to participate in the program in its entirety.

Also, please ensure to return all forms when ordering through Schoolcash Online for tracking purposes—thank you very much!

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.

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.

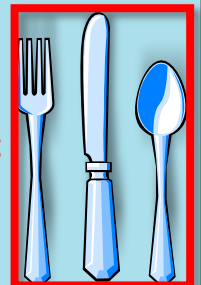
If you walk your dog on school grounds during the evenings or weekends, please remember to 'stoop and scoop'. We appreciate your support.

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.

FEBRUARY 2019 WINTER

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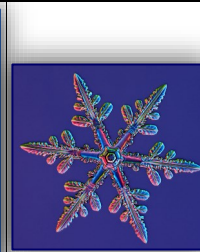
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FRI

SAT



1 (4)
Scientists in the School Kindergarten



3



4 (5)
Kindergarten Registration Opens
Smart Wheels w/ MADD Grades 4-8

5 (1) 
Milk Day
Chinese New Year



6 (2) 
COUGAR COOKIE DAY

7 (3) 
Milk Day

PIZZA! 

8 (4)



10




11 (5)

12 (1) 
Milk Day

13 (2) 
COUGAR COOKIE DAY

14 (3) 
Milk Day
VALENTINE'S DAY 
DANCE FOR INTERMEDIATES

PIZZA! 

15 (4)
Graduation Photos



17



18
FAMILY DAY!



19 (5) 
Milk Day

20 (1) 
COUGAR COOKIE DAY

21 (2) 
Milk Day

PIZZA! 

22 (3)



24



25 (4)

26 (5) 
Milk Day

27 (1) 
COUGAR COOKIE DAY

BEST BUDDIES

28 (2) 
Milk Day
SCHOOL COUNCIL 6:30 p.m.

PIZZA! 

