



Mount Albion Elementary School

NEWSLETTER

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January 2019 Newsletter

Happy New Year and Welcome Back! I hope that you have all had a restful holiday with your family and friends. This year will bring many new changes to our school community. We are welcoming many new families to Mount Albion and our student population is increasing. We are excited about the upcoming additions to our school with the addition of a new gym, ten new classrooms as well as a full time Child Care Centre. More information about this project will be presented to you in the near future.

We welcome our new school board trustee Mr. Cam Galindo to our community. Cam will be joining us at our School Council Meeting this month on January 17th at 6:30 p.m. I would welcome you to attend this meeting so that you can meet Cam and our school council members who are working on a school fundraiser to help raise funds to support our school initiatives.

A reminder that there will be a Professional Activity Day on Friday, January 25th. There will be no school for students on this day.



Thursday, January 24th

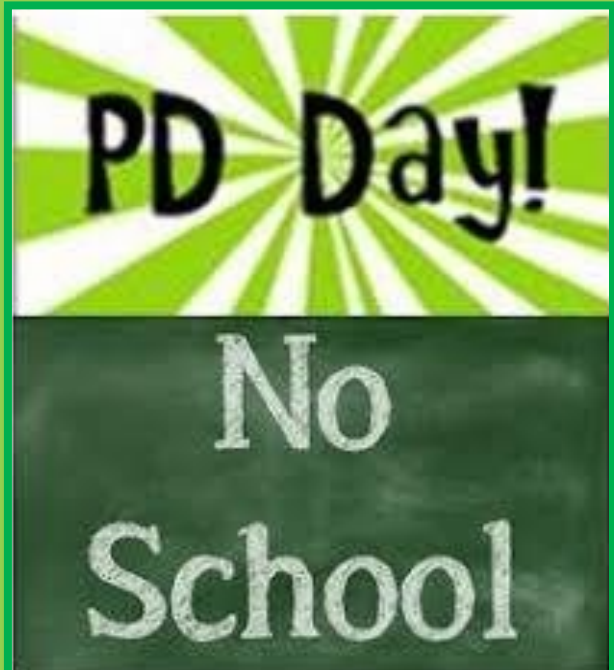
Pyjama Spirit Day & Family Literacy Day



School Council

There was no meeting in December, and we will have our January meeting on Thursday, January 31st at 6:30 p.m. in the library.

January 25th





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!



Hello Parents, Guardians and Caregivers!

My name is Cam Galindo and I am your School Board Trustee representative for Wards 9 and 10.

As a school board trustee, my role is to maintain a focus on student achievement, well-being and equity and to participate in making decisions that benefit our board's entire jurisdiction while representing the interest of my constituents. I look forward to visiting our schools and seeing all of the hard work that is taking place by students and staff.

I'd invite you to reach out to me to introduce yourself and share any positive feedback or concerns you might have about the schools in our wards. I can be reached by email at cgalind@hwdsb.on.ca or by phone at 905-515-2563.

For more information about the Board of Trustees, including the committees that Trustees are part of, please visit: <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/about/trustees/>

SCHOOL COUNCIL

There was no meeting in December, but we will be having our next meeting on Thursday, January 17th, at 6:30 p.m. — hope to see you there!

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.

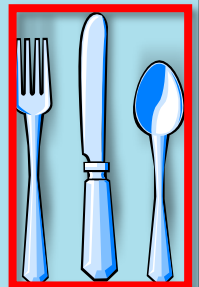
If you walk your dog on school grounds during the evenings or weekends, please remember to 'stoop and scoop'. We appreciate your support.

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.

JANUARY 2019 WINTER

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13 	14 (1)	15 (2)  Milk Day	16 (3)  COUGAR COOKIE DAY	17 (4)  Milk Day School Council 6:30 p.m. PIZZA! 	18 (5)	19 
20 	21 (1)	22 (2)  Milk Day	23 (3)  COUGAR COOKIE DAY	24 (4)  Milk Day Pyjama Spirit & Family Literacy Day  PIZZA! 	25 PD DAY!	26 
27 	28 (5)	29 (1)  Milk Day	30 (2)  COUGAR COOKIE DAY	31 (3)  Milk Day PIZZA! 		