



# Mount Albion Elementary School

## ***NEWSLETTER***

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Dear Parents, Guardians and Caregivers:

It appears that Spring has finally arrived! As the warmer weather approaches just a few reminders to keep your children safe and comfortable at school. First a reminder to parents who have children with EpiPens and inhalers. Please ensure that your child has their medication at school and that the inhaler or EpiPen is not expired. We often have children visiting the office in need of inhalers due to seasonal allergies and we find that the inhalers are not at school or they are expired. Please notify your child's teacher if you are sending a replacement in your child's school bag.

A reminder to ensure that our school office has all updated parent contact information. If you have a change in cell phone number, work place number or email address please let us know so if there is a need to contact you we can do so as quickly as possible.

As we continue down the cashless school path, a reminder that we do not provide change for trips, donations etc. through the office. Please ensure that you send exact change with your child for all events.

We are excited to announce that we will begin selling our school yearbook later this month. Please look for order forms in your child's agenda in the near future.

**NEW SAFE ARRIVAL:** We will be beginning a new safe arrival program throughout the board in May. Parents will be able to report a child's absence by phone or email. More information to follow.

Thank you to all families who donated a toonie to our Hoop It Up fundraiser for our Best Buddies program. Your generous donations helped us raise \$782.00!

We are accepting kindergarten registrations for next year. Please ensure you register your child soon. We will have a kindergarten orientation evening for parents on April 24th. More information about this event is listed in our full newsletter.

Angela Giardino  
Principal





**We are currently enrolling kindergarten students  
for the 2019-2020 school year.**

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.

Registration hours are as follows with an appointment:

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



## **WE ARE GOING CASHLESS!**

In keeping with student safety procedures, Mount Albion is going cashless as of the 2019-2020 school year! Parents must register for Schoolcash Online, where all transactions for school purchases will be made (with a few exceptions). Get a head start on the September rush and get accustomed to using Schoolcash now!

You can register at <https://schoolcashionline.com> and select the "Get Started Today" option.

# Kindergarten Orientation!

Wednesday, April 24th

5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Please arrive 5 minutes early!

You may bring your child entering Kindergarten next year if you choose, however *we ask that you please keep all other siblings and family members at home*, as the activities and information are designed solely for parents and new students. Thank you!

Kindergarten



We will be having a pizza day on Tuesday, April 2nd to make up for the missed pizza day from the snow day in February . The regular pizza day of Thursday, April 4th is also scheduled.





**Good Friday  
April 19th  
&  
Easter Monday  
April 22nd**

**No school for students**

**Thursday, April 25th**



**Kindergarten  
Celebration photos &  
any missed Grade 8  
Grad photos**

**Friday, April 26th  
MIX & MATCH  
SPIRIT DAY**



**Stripes and  
polka dots?  
Lace and  
animal prints?  
Jeans and  
tiaras? Mix it  
up and have  
some fun!**

# SCHOOL COUNCIL

Happy Spring! We are waiting for our final numbers for the Chocolate Fundraiser, and will report in next month's newsletter. Thank you to all our families who participated in this event—it makes a huge difference to our school!

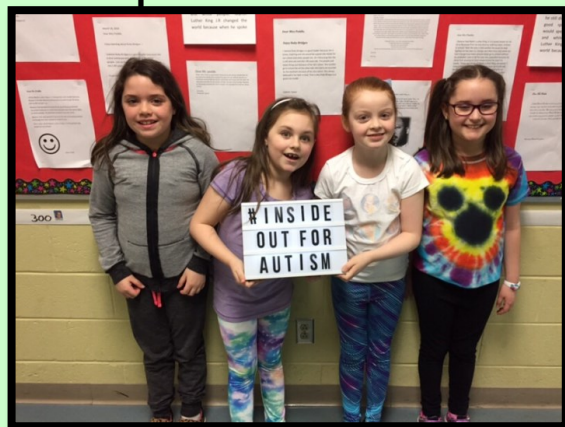
Next meeting is Thursday, April 25th at 6:30. We hope to see you there!



## Inside/Out Day for Autism!



**AUTISM  
CANADA**



Bring a toonie to support Autism Canada  
and wear your clothes inside out! FUN!

# Prom Project HAMILTON

## 2019

### *Give the gift of confidence...*

A "pop up" event that provides students from across Hamilton the opportunity to pick out formal wear for their proms, graduations, banquets and other special events free of charge.

**April 13, 2019**

Delta Secondary School (1284 Main St E., Hamilton)  
9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**May 4, 2019**

Hill Park Learning Centre (465 East 16th St., Hamilton)  
9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

- Facebook: @promprojecthamilton
- Twitter: @PromProjectHam
- Instagram: promprojecthamilton



## Prom Project

Thousands of HWDSB students access the services of HWDSB's Prom Project every year. They offer stylish outfit and accessory options for graduations, proms and other special events for both male and female students. There are two dates open for anyone wishing to take a look at their HUGE selection of formal wear, and it is all free of charge. They also offer hemming and tailoring services, and have a plethora of shoes and accessories to choose from. Don't miss out!





## 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.

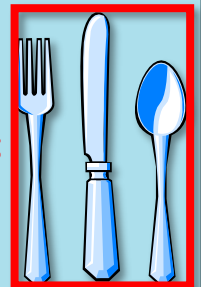
If you walk your dog on school grounds during the evenings or weekends, please remember to 'stoop and scoop'. We appreciate your support.

## 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](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.

# APRIL 2019

# SPRING

SUN

MON

TUE

WED

THU

FRI

SAT

1 (3)

2 (4)  
Milk Day



PIZZA  
DAY!



3 (5)  
COUGAR  
COOKIE DAY



4 (1)  
Milk Day



PIZZA!



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8 (3)

9 (4)  
Milk Day



10 (5)  
COUGAR  
COOKIE DAY



11 (1)  
Milk Day



BEST  
BUDDIES!

PIZZA!



13



Prom  
Project  
Delta  
Secondary  
9:30 - 2:00

14

15 (3)

16 (4)  
Milk Day



17 (5)  
COUGAR  
COOKIE DAY



18 (1)  
Milk Day



PIZZA!



19

GOOD  
FRIDAY



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EASTER  
MONDAY



23 (2)  
Milk Day



24 (3)  
COUGAR  
COOKIE DAY



Kindergarten  
Orientation  
5:00 p.m.

25 (4)  
Milk Day



SCHOOL  
COUNCIL  
6:30 p.m.  
Kindergarten  
Celebration  
Photos  
PIZZA!

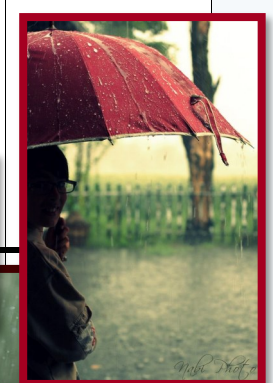


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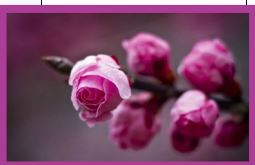
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29 (1)

30 (2)  
Milk Day

