



Mount Albion Elementary School

NEWSLETTER

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HAPPY SPRING!

Dear Parents, Guardians and Caregivers:

It appears that the winter weather is not ready to leave us yet! We are hoping that this month will bring some warmer temperatures, fewer snowfalls and a few signs of spring.

This month we are pleased to be presenting our Mount Albion Talent Show. The show will be held on Thursday, March 7th. Your child should be bringing home more information this week. Friday, March 8th is the day before March Break. We have designated this day as Beach Day and will be considered as one of our nutrition free days. We will have the opportunity to dress in school appropriate beach attire, participate in fun events and have some special healthy snacks for our students on this day.

A reminder that our Kindergarten registration is open. We are accepting registrations in our front office. Please connect with Mrs. Quinn or Mrs. Fracassi to book an appointment time to register your child. We will have an Parent Information Night on April 24th from 5-6 p.m. More information to follow.

I hope that you have a wonderful March Break with your family. I am sure we are all looking forward to some warmer temperatures at the end of this month!

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.

Kindergarten Orientation will take place on Wednesday, April 24th from 5:00-6:00 p.m.. Please

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

MARCH 17

St. Patrick's
Day



Friday, March 8

Beach DAY



Friday, March 1st



March
11-15



SCHOOL COUNCIL

Thank you to all those who participated in our Chocolate Bar fundraiser!! We will be finalizing everything and determining the top sellers within the next couple days. After March Break we will be announcing the winners, good luck everyone! Thanks so much again to all those who participated, your support means a lot to your Mount Albion School Council.

TALENT SHOW

Thursday, March 7th

1:20 p.m.



Parents
welcome!



MARCH 21st
First Day of
Spring!



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.

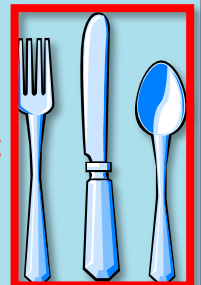
If you walk your dog on school grounds during the evenings or weekends, please remember to ‘stoop and scoop’. We appreciate your support.

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.

MARCH 2019

WINTER

SUN

MON

TUE

WED

THU

FRI

SAT



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PD DAY



4 (3)

5 (4) **Milk Day**

6 (5) **COUGAR COOKIE DAY**

7 (1) **Milk Day**
TALENT SHOW
PIZZA!

8 (2)
Beach DAY



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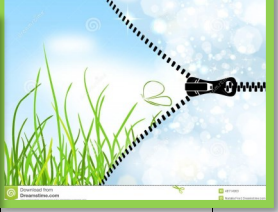
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March Break



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St. Patrick's Day

18 (3)

19 (4) **Milk Day**

20 (5) **COUGAR COOKIE DAY**

21 (1) **Milk Day**

22 (2)

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PIZZA!



24/31

25 (3)

26 (4) **Milk Day**

27 (5) **COUGAR COOKIE DAY**

28 (1) **Milk Day**
SCHOOL COUNCIL
6:30 p.m.
Great Big Crunch!

29 (2)
Crazy Hair/Hat Spirit Day

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PIZZA!

