



Mount Albion Elementary School

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents, Guardians and Caregivers:

As we enter the month of May we have many exciting upcoming events at our school.

This Thursday, May 2nd, we will have our school Open House. I would like to invite all of our families to attend this event from 5:00-6:30 p.m. This is a great opportunity to visit your child's classroom, connect with staff members and participate in our basket fundraiser in the school gymnasium. Thank you to all families who donated items to this fundraiser. The funds from this event will go to offset the cost of various school initiatives. We will also have two food trucks in our upper parking lot so that families can have dinner or a snack while visiting our school.

This month our grade 3 and 6 students will be writing EQAO. We will begin this provincial testing on May 22nd and end on June 3rd. If you have a child in these grades please ensure that your child is in attendance during this testing period. If you plan to be away during this time, please connect with me so that we can discuss options for your child to complete the testing.

As you are aware our school population is growing and soon our school building will also be growing. Next month I will be sharing the plans for our construction project. We will be adding ten new classrooms, a permanent child care centre as well as a new gymnasium over the next year. We are excited to begin these renovations in our school and look forward to the added spaces for our students.

Our staff will begin to build classes for next year during this month. As in the past two years I am asking families who have any concerns about placement for their children to advise me of your concerns in writing. Please note that I can not take requests for student placement based on friendships or a preferred teacher. All requests must be submitted to me in writing by May 17th. Any requests sent to me after this date will not be considered. Further staffing information will be shared with you in our June Newsletter.

Sincerely,

Mrs. A. Giardino



Kindergarten

Registration



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.

We schedule appointments between the hours of 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

Yearbooks will be on sale until May 17th! Please return order forms to your child's teacher.

(No late orders will be accepted)

Order Your
YEARBOOK



May 17th
Sports Spirit Day!

Wear your favourite team jersey, hat or shirt
from any sport or activity!



*Sunday,
May 12th*



Monday,
May 20th





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.

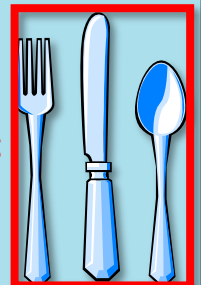
If you walk your dog on school grounds during the evenings or weekends, please remember to 'stoop and scoop'. We appreciate your support.

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.

MAY 2019

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			<p>1 (3)  COUGAR COOKIE DAY</p>	<p>2 (4)  Milk Day OPEN HOUSE 5:00—6:30</p> <p>PIZZA! </p>	<p>3 (5) Grade 7 vaccinations</p>	<p>4</p> 
<p>5</p> 	<p>6 (1)</p>	<p>7 (2)  Milk Day</p>	<p>8 (3)  COUGAR COOKIE DAY</p>	<p>9 (4)  Milk Day</p> <p>PIZZA! </p>	<p>10 (5)</p> 	<p>11</p> 
<p>12</p> 	<p>13 (1)</p>	<p>14 (2) Milk Day</p>	<p>15 (3)  COUGAR COOKIE DAY</p>	<p>16 (4)  Milk Day</p> <p>PIZZA! </p>	<p>17 (5) Sports Spirit Day!</p> 	<p>18</p>  
<p>19</p> 	<p>20 Victoria Day</p> 	<p>21 (1)  Milk Day EQAO</p>	<p>22 (2)  COUGAR COOKIE DAY</p> <p>EQAO</p>	<p>23 (3)  Milk Day EQAO</p> <p>PIZZA! </p>	<p>24 (4) EQAO</p>	<p>25</p> 
<p>26</p>  	<p>27 (5) EQAO</p>	<p>28 (1)  Milk Day EQAO</p>	<p>29 (2)  COUGAR COOKIE DAY</p> <p>EQAO</p>	<p>30 (3)  Milk Day SCHOOL COUNCIL 6:30 p.m. EQAO</p> <p>PIZZA! </p>	<p>31 (4) EQAO</p>	 