



Mount Albion Elementary School

NEWSLETTER

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JUNE 2019
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Dear Parents, Guardians and Caregivers:

We are in our last month of school for the 2018-2019 school year. This month brings many exciting events for our staff and students. Our teachers have planned several year end events for their students. We are always looking for parent volunteers to help supervise these trips. If you are interested in volunteering, please remember that our board requires all volunteers to have a valid vulnerable sector police check. Please see Mrs. Quinn or Mrs. Fracassi in our front office should you have any questions about acquiring a police check.

A friendly reminder that we are moving towards becoming a “cashless school”. Please ensure you are registered with SchoolCash Online so that you can pay for items such as pizza, milk and trips online. We also have the new Safe Arrivals program for student absence reporting that all HWDSB schools must use. If you haven’t yet registered, you can download the free app, School Messenger, and register with the email address that the school has on file. Alternatively, you can use the website go.schoolmessenger.ca or you can call 1-844-506-4350. Thank you everyone for helping make this a smooth transition, even with a few start-up hiccups!

As our school continues to grow in population we are preparing to expand our building this summer as well. You may have noticed that we have had construction crews at the school and some storage containers delivered on site to prepare for our expansion. We are now anticipating a July start date. Please follow our twitter accounts for exciting updates!

June 7th will be a PA day. Teachers will be preparing assessment data and will begin working on the report cards that will be sent home to you at the end of the month. Teachers will also indicate with that report card the class placement for your child for next year. At this point I am unable to share the names and teaching assignments of our staff as we are still in the middle of our staffing process. I will share the names of all of our staff members in another newsletter later this month. At this time, I would like to thank Mrs. MacKenzie for supporting us over the last week at Mount Albion School. She has been very helpful to us during this very busy time! She will be heading back into retirement next week until September when she may decide to help support our school or others that our in need.

The last day of school for students will be Thursday, June 27th! Welcome Summer!

Angela Giardino
Principal



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.

A huge and heartfelt **THANK YOU** to our nutrition program sponsors - you have truly made a difference to our students here at Mount Albion!



Grade 8 Graduation
Wednesday, June 19th
Marquis Gardens, Hamilton



Friday, June 7th
P.D. DAY
No school!



Thursday,
June 27th



**FRIDAY,
JUNE 21st**



Monday, June 17th



Dress Like Your Pal Day



WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26

MOUNT ALBION

Please make sure your child has a hat and sunscreen and appropriate clothing—we will be outside!



SENIOR

Track & Field

June 11th



JUNIOR

Track & Field

June 18th

SCHOOL COUNCIL

June already? This school year has certainly flown by!! Thank you to all of the parents, council members and parent volunteers for their tireless efforts in all of our fundraisers! I am proud to say that because of the funds raised, we were able to donate \$14,000 to support the following programs and various school initiatives:

- Gym equipment
- Speakers for the music room
- Technology
- Numbered sports jerseys
- Grade 8 Graduation
- DRA leveled books
- Leveled Literacy Intervention
- Math Manipulatives
- Kinder needs
- Trip Subsidy
- Classroom Enhancements



Thank you again for your continued support and we hope to see you at our next meeting in September 2019.

Have a wonderful summer!!

- Amber Mayne

(Parent Council Chair)



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.

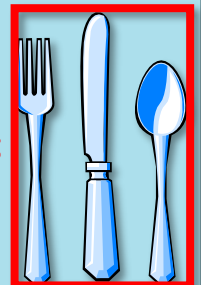
If you walk your dog on school grounds during the evenings or weekends, please remember to 'stoop and scoop'. We appreciate your support.

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.

JUNE 2019

SUMMER

SUN

MON

TUE

WED

THU

FRI

SAT



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3 (5)

4 (1) 
Milk Day

5 (2) 
COUGAR
COOKIE DAY

6 (3) 
Milk Day
SPECIAL
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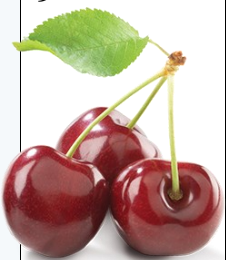
PIZZA! 

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PD DAY



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10 (4)
Booster
Juice Day



11 (5)
Milk Day

12 (1) 
COUGAR
COOKIE DAY

13 (2) 
Milk Day

PIZZA! 

14 (3)

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17 (4)
TWIN
DAY!



18 (5) 
Milk Day
Junior
Track &
Field

19 (1) 
COOKIE DAY
BEST BUDDIES
GRADE 8
GRADUATION
Senior Kinder
CELEBRATION



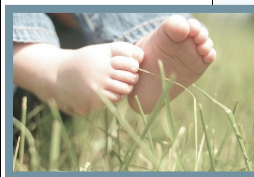
20 (2) 
Milk Day
Kindy
Soccer
World Trip



21 (3)



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23/30



24 (4)

Wild
Waterworks
Grades 5-7

26 (1) 
COUGAR
COOKIE DAY
M.A.
FUN
DAY!



27 (2)



PIZZA! 

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