



Mount Albion Elementary School

NEWSLETTER

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NOVEMBER 2020 — PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Mount Albion Families:

As November approaches I wanted to take time to inform you of the changes coming our way next week. Many of you are aware that we have a turnaround date on November 3rd for students whose families wish to opt them back into our school for learning, or for students moving from in class learning to remote day school.

Mrs. Nelson and I have just gone through the process of reorganizing classes and shuffling teachers. We have had to close two classes and will have several teachers moving to other schools because of this change. Should your child's class be impacted by these changes, you will receive a letter from your child's teacher today. The letter will indicate the new class placement as well as the new teacher's name (if available).

On November 11th, we will be having a virtual Remembrance Day assembly. Students will log into MS teams with their classes to participate in our assembly. Thank you, Ms. Davidson and her class for organizing this event for us!

Friday, November 27th is a PA day for students. Staff will be engaging in mandatory training that day as well as communicating with families.

Have a Happy November!
Stay Safe, Stay Healthy,

Mrs. A. Giardino

**LOT
CLOSED**

**DUE TO
CONSTRUCTION**

A reminder that due to construction our parking lots are closed to parents. Please park on the streets nearby and walk to the school to pick up and drop off your students. Thank you!

Please send your child to school with a mask and a spare



Recycling and Litter less Lunches!

Please be sure to send your child with a Litter less Lunch! Please use Tupperware and recyclable items for packaging your child's food. We are unable to accept containers with food in them or food residue, as they become un-recyclable. We are encouraging a Boomerang Lunch as well, everything your child does not eat, including half- or uneaten food can go back in the lunch bag where it can be properly disposed of in your family's green waste box or recycling bins. Every little bit counts, let's work together to lessen our footprints on the Earth!



Nutrition Program

We as a school community, have been blessed with many donations to be used for the school nutrition program this year! A HUGE, WARM & HEART-FELT *thank you* to the following incredibly generous organizations for helping us fund this incredible program that makes such a difference in our school:



SCHOOL COUNCIL

The Mount Albion Parent Council would like to welcome back students, staff and parents. This year looks very different than previous years, both in our school construction and new health and safety protocols. We are very impressed with how these changes have been implemented at the school and send our thanks to all those involved in keeping our staff and students safe.

Our first council meeting was held Oct 15th at 6pm. Voting took place to elect our members and are as follows:

Council Secretary - Victoria Llewelin
Council Treasurer - Susan Dumoulin
Council Chair - Melissa Smith

Thank you to everyone who joined us virtually and our warmest welcome to new and returning members. We are always looking for new parents to join our council. If you are interested in participating in our virtual school council meetings, please email mountalbion@hwdsb.on.ca so we can send you an invite link.

At this time fundraising will not be taking place at the school but parent council will remain very involved supporting students with funds that are available to us from our successful fundraisers from last year. Council also continues to support with our school snack program and we are excited that we are able to continue this great program.




We are looking forward to another fabulous year at Mount Albion School.

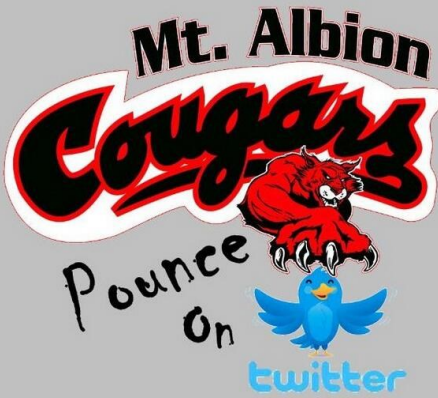
Many thanks,
Melissa Smith,
Parent Council Chair

Remembrance Day November 11



NOVEMBER 2020

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1	2 (4)	3 (5) Re-entry Day Welcome Students!	4 (1)	5 (2)	6 (3)	7 
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15	16 (4)	17 (5)	18 (1)	19 (2) School Council Meeting 6:30 pm	20 (3) Funky Mask Spirit Day	21
22	23 (4)	24 (5)	25 (1)	26 (2)	27 P.A. Day No School	28
29	30 (3)					



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IMMUNIZATION

IMMUNIZATIONS FOR GRADES 7 AND 8

Immunizations will take place November 11 at Saltfleet Secondary School after school hours. Please watch for more information.



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.

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 environ-

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 onto school property during school hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m..

Thanks for your understanding.

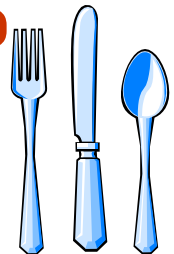
If you walk your dog on school grounds during the evenings or weekends, please remember to 'stoop and scoop'. We appreciate your support.

ILLNESS



If your child isn't feeling well, please keep your child at home. 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!



Please ensure your child has everything they need when they leave for the day (i.e. water, lunch, coats, mitts, etc.) We can no longer accept items in the office. Thank you for your understanding!

HALLOWEEN 2020

at Mount Albion



Although Halloween may look different this year, we are still able to take part in the Halloween festivities.

Here are some things to keep in mind as we celebrate on **Friday, October 30th**

- 1. Students may wear costumes to school as long as they follow guidelines, (e.g., no weapons, no costume masks that might impede vision, no inappropriate images, etc.), and can safely accommodate a face covering
- 2. Parents **WILL NOT** be permitted to come at lunch to help with costumes, which means students will likely need to have costumes on all day.
- 3. Students will not be able to share snacks with the class, but will be **allowed to bring their own personal treats for the day**
- 4. No parade or dance will be able to take place this year
- 5. Students must still maintain safe practices including physical distances, hand hygiene and masks



Despite things looking a little different this year, we still hope to celebrate and enjoy some of the festivities we can take part in!