



Mount Albion Elementary School NEWSLETTER

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School Trustee - C. Galindo

DECEMBER 2020 — PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Mount Albion Families:

As we enter this month I would like to share some news regarding our Vice Principal. Mrs. Nelson will be moving to a new school in HWDSB on January 7th. She will be moving to Flamborough Centre School where she will be able to work in one school every day. This is a good opportunity for Mrs. Nelson however it is bittersweet news for us at Mount Albion. We wish Mrs. Nelson the best of luck at her new school! She will be missed by all of the staff and students at Mount Albion. The Flamborough Centre community is very lucky to have Mrs. Nelson as their new vice principal!

On January 7th we will welcome our new Vice Principal, Mrs. Van der Put to our school. Mrs. Van der Put will be working between our school and Shannen Koostachin School.

On December 1st our school will participate in Joy Day. This year Joy Day will look a little different due to Covid protocols. Our students will be creating winter and festive crafts within their cohorts and with their teachers. We look forward to spreading **JOY** throughout our school! Thank you to our Mount Albion School Council for supporting this day and for providing craft supplies to our students for this fun day.

Many families have reached out to us inquiring about Christmas gifts for our staff. If your child has a teacher gift, please place the gift or card in your child's backpack and instruct your child to hand the gift to his/her teacher. We are not permitted to accept gift drop offs for staff at the office or at the front door. Again, we are observing Covid protocols and trying to keep our staff and students safe.

Mrs. A. Giardino,

Principal

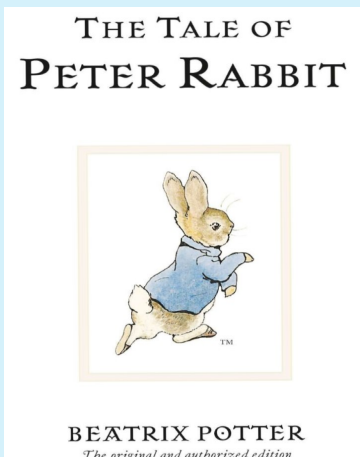
FROM THE VICE PRINCIPAL

Dear Mount Albion Families,

Although my time at Mount Albion has been short, each and every one of the students, staff and community will be missed. I have learned so much from the students and I am amazed at the caring nature that they have towards each other. This past year has been a tricky and difficult one for us all to navigate but the students and staff have adapted so seamlessly, that the new way of school has become the norm and everyone has supported each other.

I would like to especially thank Mrs. Giardino for her guidance and support during my time at Mount Albion as well as the amazing staff who have made working at Mount Albion so easy and fun.

I want to thank you all for making my experience at Mount Albion such a wonderful and special place to work and I will hopefully always be part of the Mount Albion Community.



Kind Regards,
Mrs. T. Nelson
Vice Principal



WE WILL MISS YOU MRS. NELSON!





Dear Parents and Guardians,

Even when outside, masks must be worn by everyone while on the blacktop at school property.

Thank you for adhering to this as we attempt to keep all our staff and students safe. Please send your child to school each day with a mask and a spare.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

Greetings Mount Albion Families,

Our parent council met virtually on November 19th 2020.

We would like to thank all our families for your continued support and patience as we navigate this year through staffing changes, reorganization of classes and new protocols to ensure all our staff and students remain safe at school.

We are delighted to see all the wonderful changes happening on the south end of the building. The outside bricks are nearly completed and the beautiful new windows are installed. Work continues to progress at the front of the school on the construction of our new gymnasium. Staff, students and families are really looking forward to these new spaces.

School council continues to actively support Mount Albion students through the morning healthy snack program. We have also been able to contribute to supplying new French materials, literacy support materials and are excited to provide funds for upcoming Joy day activities for classes.

Parent council will not meet for the month of December. Our next council meeting will take place virtually on Jan 21st 2021. If you would like to attend a parent council meeting or have a question or concern to bring to school council please email mountalbionSC@hwdsb.on.ca.

We would like to wish all families a safe and happy holiday season.

~ Melissa Smith, Parent Council Chair

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LOOKING FOR THINGS TO DO THIS WINTER BREAK?

- * Bake—cookies, cinnamon buns, bread
- * Decorate the house
- * Play cards or board games
- * Family movie day
- * Skate, toboggan or sled
- * Dance to a holiday playlist
- * Walk to look at Christmas lights





French Immersion Application

HWDSB uses an application process for entry into French Immersion for children born in 2015.

A Grade 1 system-wide application process for entry to French Immersion allows for program placement of students, monitoring of accommodations, balance of enrolment, and long-term stability of the French Immersion program.

We guarantee an offer of placement within the French Immersion program to all applicants – not necessarily the neighbourhood school.

Please take note of the important dates:

Monday, November 30, 2020	Application process opens for Senior Kindergarten students
Sunday, January 24, 2021	Deadline for applications
Friday, February 26, 2021	Program location offered to Parent/Guardian
Friday, March 12, 2021	Deadline for program acceptance

Please note: Families with an older sibling currently in French Immersion are still required to complete an online application for the new student.

Further information about French Immersion, the application process and the online application is available at: www.hwdsb.on.ca/fi



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Stay up-to-date with Mount Albion School by following us on Twitter!

You will get frequent updates on life at Mount Albion including important reminders, special events, community happenings & student activities

Go to www.twitter.com/mountalbion then click "Follow". You can also use the Twitter App to get updates sent straight to your Smart phone/device!



Immunizations for Grades 7 & 8 will take place from 3:30—4:30 p.m.

January 25, 2021

at Saltfleet Secondary School

Feel like going for a drive?

There are displays of holiday lights you can drive through in the safety of your own car

Glow Gardens—Niagara
Gift of Lights—Bingemans
Kitchener

Nights of Lights—Vaughan

(Tickets must be
purchased in advance)



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. We want to maintain a smoke-free environment to keep our students healthy.

Is your child leaving early for an appointment?

Please remember to record this information in School Messenger/Safe Arrivals and to tell your child about the appointment.

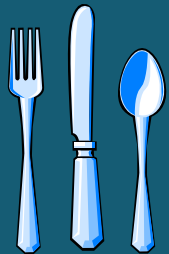


ILLNESS



**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!

Recycling and Litterless Lunches!

Please be sure to send your child with a Litterless 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 unrecyclable. 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 & HEARTFELT *thank you* to the following incredibly generous organizations for helping us fund this incredible program that makes such a difference in our school:



Covid Symptom Checklist



sore throat



cough



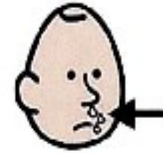
fever



nausea or vomit



headache



runny nose or
congestion



tired



muscle ache



diarrhea




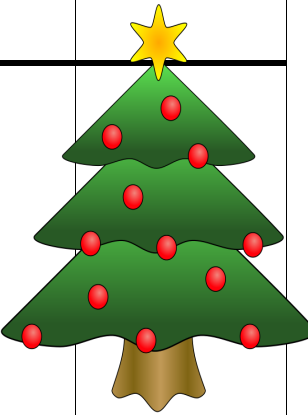


loss of smell



loss of taste

DECEMBER 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 (4)	2 (5)	3 (1)	4 (2)	5
6	7 (3)	8 (4)	9 (5)	10 (1) Fluffy/Silly Sock Spirit Day	11 (2)	12 
13 	14 (3)	15 (4)	16 (5)	17 (1)	18 (2) Last day of school before Xmas	19
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27	28 B	29 R	30 E	31 A	K	