



Mount Albion Elementary School

NEWSLETTER

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Principal - A. Giardino

Vice-Principal - L. van der Put

Office Administrator - L. Quinn

Office Assistants - A. Fracassi and A. Morrison

Superintendent of Student Achievement—E. Jones

School Trustee - C. Galindo

JANUARY 2021 — PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

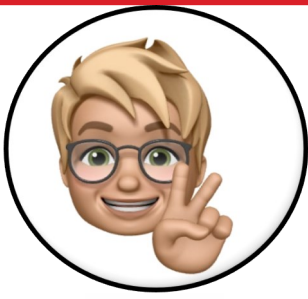
Happy New Year to all of our Mount Albion families!

I hope that you had a good holiday with your family and that you are all safe and well. We have returned to school with Remote Learning as per the Ministerial Order on December 21st. Our Education Minister indicated that all students enrolled for In School Learning will be returning to our buildings on January 11th. We will keep you posted as we receive updates from our Director and from the Ministry.

This month we welcome our new Vice Principal, Mrs. L. van der Put. Mrs. van der Put has twenty-six years of experience as a school teacher and has been a Vice Principal in HWDSB for two years. I am looking forward to working with Mrs. van der Put and I hope that you all have the opportunity to connect with her this year!

I am very excited to announce that we have made great progress on our construction project. Our South addition, which gives us ten new classrooms is almost complete and we are anticipating moving some of our primary classes to that addition before February. Our gymnasium and childcare centre should be completed by the end of June. We are looking forward to having our front driveway restored, new landscaping and a nice street view once again!

Mrs. A. Giardino,
Principal



From the VICE PRINCIPAL

Hello Mount Albion staff, students and families!

My name is Ms. Louise van der Put and I am looking forward to joining the staff and students at Mount Albion Public School as Vice Principal beginning January 4, 2021. I had the opportunity to meet with Mrs. Nelson who was kind enough to show me around your school early in December. I was greeted very warmly by many staff and students on the morning of my visit. Mrs. Nelson has helped me become familiar with the many Mount Albion routines and processes. This will ensure I am able to 'hit the ground running' when I begin my role as Vice Principal which will be split between Mount Albion and Shannen Koostachin schools.

Before being hired by HWDSB as a Vice Principal in January 2018, I taught Grades K-8 for 26 years with the Peel District School Board. I have also worked extensively as a Special Education and ESL teacher before deciding to pursue a more formal leadership career in education.

I am the Canadian born daughter of Dutch immigrants. My four siblings and I grew up on a honey farm in southern Manitoba. I recently moved from Burlington to Dundas where I live with my husband Steve and our polydactyl cat named Thumbs. We have three grown daughters in their twenties in our blended family. In my spare time I enjoy practicing yoga, reading, gardening, exploring vegetarian cooking, and riding a motorcycle. I love spending time outdoors and taking in fresh air by hiking and cycling in the spring, summer and fall and skiing and snowshoeing in the winter. One of my favourite things to do lately is visiting with family and friends by a cozy backyard fire.

In HWDSB, I have been a Vice Principal at Cootes Paradise School, Helen Detwiler and the recently created Remote Day School. I am VERY much looking forward to working with Mrs. Giardino whom I know brings much joy to her work with students, staff and families. I anticipate that the front office team members Mrs. Quinn, Mrs. Fracassi and Miss Morrison will be a treat to work with as well.

I look forward to making my mark at Mount Albion Public School one relationship at a time.



TREAT YOUR MASK LIKE UNDERWEAR



1. Do not touch or adjust (especially in public)
2. Do not borrow or lend
3. Make sure it fits tight but comfortable
4. Make sure it's clean (daily or as needed)
5. Wear the right side out.
6. If there's holes in it, throw it away.
7. If it's stained, throw it away.
8. If it's damp, change it.



**Dear Parents and
Guardians,**

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

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

Welcome back Mount Albion Families!

We hope that everyone had a safe and joyous winter break and we wish you all a happy new year.

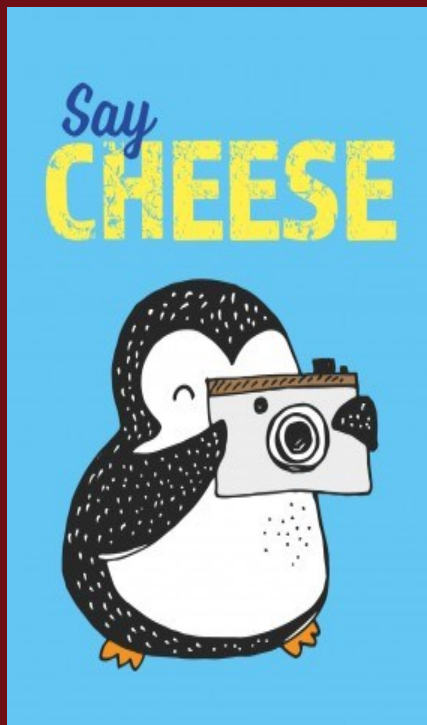
The next parent council meeting will take place virtually on January 21st at 6:30pm. All are welcome to attend. If this is your first virtual meeting, please email mountalbionsc@hwdsb.on.ca so we can send you an MS Teams link.

Thank you to all parents for your continued support this year.

Melissa Smith,

Parent Council Chair

mountalbionsc@hwdsb.on.ca



SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

School photos
will be taken on
Tuesday, January 26
from 9 - 2
Wear your best
outfit
and say cheese!



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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

curiosity.

creativity.

possibility.

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PYJAMAS

all day

WEDNESDAY

JANUARY 27

Wear your pajamas
to school all day!



KEEP
CALM
IT'S
PYJAMA
DAY

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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

To our families and neighbours

Please remember that our school grounds are not open to the public during school hours. Dogs are not allowed on school property even if on a leash. Thank you!



On Wednesday January 27 stay comfy & warm and wear your pyjamas to school! It is Family Literacy Day and we are showing our school spirit by dressing in pyjamas! Join the fun!

HERE'S THE IMPACT OF READING 20 MINUTES PER DAY!

A student who reads

20:00

minutes per day

will be exposed to
1.8 MILLION
words per year
and is more likely
to score in the
90th PERCENTILE
on standardized tests

A student who reads

5:00

minutes per day

will be exposed to
282,000
words per year
and is more likely
to score in the
50th PERCENTILE
on standardized tests

A student who reads

1:00

minute per day

will be exposed to
8,000
words per year
and is more likely
to score in the
10th PERCENTILE
on standardized tests

Source: Nagy, Anderson and Herman, 1987



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 spoons and forks in your child's lunch! Thank you!



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

for understanding!

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Covid Symptom Checklist



sore throat



cough



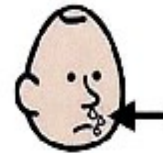
fever



nausea or vomit



headache



runny nose or
congestion



tired



muscle ache



diarrhea



loss of smell



loss of taste



JANUARY 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4 (3) <i>Welcome back</i>	5 (4) <i>Online learning begins today</i>	6 (5)	7 (1)	8 (2)	
10	11 (3)	12 (4)	13 (5)	14 (1)	15 (2)	
17	18 (3)	19 (4)	20 (5)	21(1) <i>School Council 6:30 pm</i>	22 (2)	23
24	25 (3)	26 (4)	27 (5)	28 (1)	29	30
31		9—2 <i>Photo Day!</i>	<i>PJ Spirit Day</i> <i>Family Literacy Day</i>		<i>P.A. Day</i> <i>No school</i>	