



# Mount Albion Elementary School

# NEWSLETTER

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## MARCH 2021 — PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Mount Albion Parents and Caregivers,

March is upon us and with this new month comes the realization that one year ago, just before our March Break, we were made aware that Covid 19 numbers were rising in Ontario and that we were going to extend our March Break by two weeks to "flatten the curve". Our students have been through a great deal over the last year and I am proud of the resilience our staff and our students have shown. I commend the parents in our community for their commitment to keeping learning going throughout school closures and for working so closely with our staff to keep our students engaged, healthy and happy.

March Events:

By now I am sure you are aware that March Break has been moved to April. Our student council has decided that we should infuse some fun into our school this month by celebrating March Madness. They have planned five fun filled spirit days for the week that was supposed to be our March Break. Please refer to the school calendar for details. We look forward to seeing our students dressing up and participating with our staff.

Signed report cards will be sent home to parents on Thursday, March 4th. Please connect with your child's teacher should you have any questions regarding the report cards. A reminder that Friday, March 5th is a Professional Development Day. There will be no school for students. Our staff will be engaging in online professional development that day. We will be exploring the new Math Curriculum as well as digging deeper into Equity in our schools and our community.

Construction Updates:

Seven of our classes have settled into their new learning spaces in the south addition of our school. You may have noticed that there are now some block walls in the area of our new gymnasium. We have been fortunate that this winter has been relatively mild and our contractors have been able to continue their work. We are hoping to see the new gym and the Child Care Centre completed by the end of June. The new bus drop off zone and upper parking lot will help alleviate much of the congestion we have on Kennard at the beginning and the end of each school day.

I hope you all stay safe and as always, please feel free to reach out to me should you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely, Mrs. A. Giardino, Principal

# SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS



Greetings Mount Albion Families,

The parent council met virtually on February 18, 2021. Construction is coming along at the school and the addition of the south end of the building is now completed. Many classes have moved inside the school from the portables at the rear of the building. Based on our current projections, 3 portables will remain on the property. The construction continues at the front of the school on the new gymnasium and daycare program rooms. The changerooms have already been completed with new facilities and sinks.

Summer daycare camp forms will be distributed for those needing care. Enrollment in camp will run in full week time blocks. Summer camp will be offered to students already enrolled in the afterschool program but may be open to all students dependant on enrollment number. Summer camp will be housed at Janet Lee school due to the construction at Mount Albion this year.

A major safety concern was noted during pick up and drop off times. Please exercise patience while dropping and picking up students at the front of the building as this area has become very congested due to construction and buses loading on street and snowbanks on both sides of the road. Please note that the lower parking lot is not for pick up and drop off and be aware of no-stopping areas on Kennard Street. We also ask parents to be mindful of students crossing the road or getting into or out of vehicles as well as respecting our neighbours by not blocking driveways. Thank you so much for everyone's participation in making sure that our students and staff are safe.

The next virtual parent council meeting will take place Thursday March 25 at 6:30pm through MS teams invite. Please email [mountalbionsc@hwdsb.on.ca](mailto:mountalbionsc@hwdsb.on.ca) if you would like to receive a meeting invitation. Wishing everyone a marvellous March!

Melissa Smith,  
Parent Council Chair [mountalbionsc@hwdsb.on.ca](mailto:mountalbionsc@hwdsb.on.ca)

## MARCH MADNESS WEEK!

**Monday March 15—Sports/jersey day—wear your favourite jersey or sport uniform**

**Tuesday March 16—Wear your comfiest clothes—wear your pjs, favourite hoodie, sweats**

**Wed. March 17—Wear green—t-shirt, pants, socks, etc.**

**Thurs. March 18—Backwards day—wear your clothes backwards or inside out**

**Friday March 19—Movie Mania day—dress like your favourite character from a movie or book**

# Learn. Disrupt. Rebuild.

@HWDSB

*Learn:* "Who I am is important for my wellbeing and learning."

*Disrupt:* "I notice and name things that are unfair for myself and others."

*Rebuild:* "I am an ally in progress. I work to create a safe and fair learning experience for everyone."

Information about HWDSB's culturally-responsive-equity-diversity-inclusion curriculum will be shared in upcoming School Council meetings.

## Kindergarten Registration

for September 2021 is now open!

Kindergarten is a full day two year program for 4 and 5 year old's.

All public Kindergarten documents for families can be found at

[www.hwdsb.on.ca/kindergarten](http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/kindergarten)



**Please note that the dates of  
March Break have been  
changed!**

**The spring break usually scheduled in March will now take place  
April 12—16.**

## What's special about March?

- February & March are month twins! - The dates are the same for the days of the week in both months (unless it is a Leap Year)
- March is named after Mars, the Roman god of war.
- March is the time of year when animals start waking up from hibernation.
- Spring begins on Saturday March 20!



The **more** that you read, the **more** things you will know.  
The **more** that you learn, the **more** places you'll go.

**Dr. Seuss**

Daily Quotes// talgroup.net

If you read just **one** book a day to your child, they will have been read **1825** books by their 5th birthday.

**Every Day Counts.  
Every Book Counts.**

**WE ARE  
TEACHERS**

## **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**

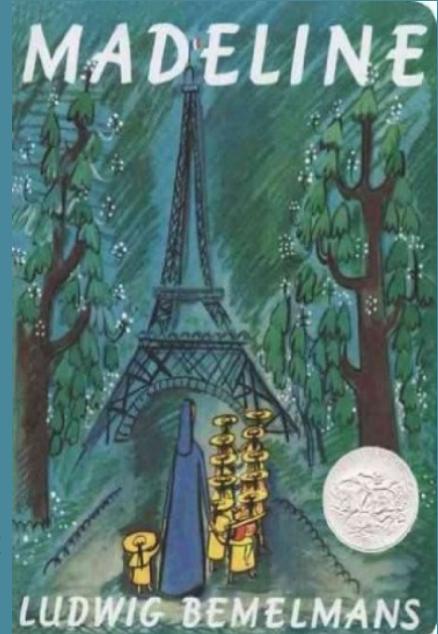
**Messenger/Safe Arrivals and to tell your child about the appointment.**



## **My Favourite Children's Book**

by Miss A. Morrison

My favourite book to read has always been ***Madeline*** by Ludwig Bemelmans. This book was originally published in 1939 and is beautifully illustrated with paintings of real Parisian landmarks. The books all begin the same way: "In an old house in Paris that was covered in vines, lived twelve little girls in two straight lines, the smallest one was Madeline". Delightfully written in rhyme, this book follows the story of Madeline who ends up needing an appendectomy. I loved this story because Madeline was a feisty heroine with lots of bravery. I also liked that this book had a special "badge" on the front cover which meant that it was a good one! The badge is the Caldecott Medal, awarded to the most distinguished American picture book for children of the year. Maybe your children will enjoy this enduring classic too!

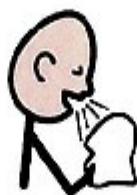


# HWDSB

## Covid Symptom Checklist



sore throat



cough



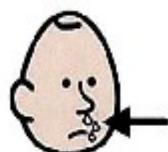
fever



nausea or vomit



headache



runny nose or  
congestion



tired



muscle ache



diarrhea

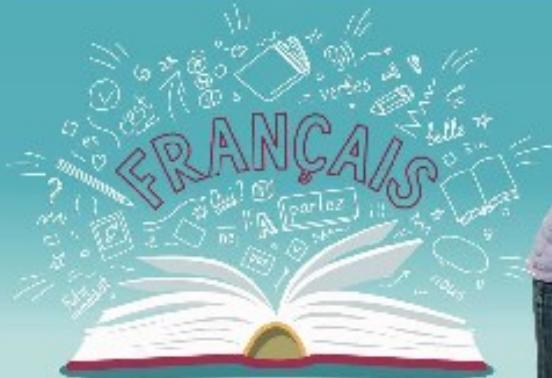


loss of smell



loss of taste





## 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](http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/fi)

# MARCH 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 (1)	2 (2)	3 (3)	4 (4) Grad Photo Day 9 am	5 P.A. DAY NO SCHOOL!	6
7	8 (5)	9 (1)	10 (2)	11 (3)	12 (4)	13
14	15 5) <b>MARCH</b>	16 (1) <b>MAD-NESS</b>	17 (2) 	18 (3) ALL	19 (4) <b>WEEK!</b>	20 <i>Spring begins!</i>
21	22 (5)	23 (1)	24 (2)	25 (3) School Photo Day 9 am School Council 6:30 pm	26 (4)	27
28	29 (5)	30 (1)	31 (2)			