



*Welcome*  
to  
**KINDERGARTEN**  
**ORIENTATION**



# Welcome!

**Mute your  
microphone**



**Video Camera  
OFF**



**Raise your hand  
to talk**



**Be kind**





# VIRTUAL KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION



Each Spring, HWDSB elementary schools welcome families and children to kindergarten. In a typical year, kindergarten orientation is an opportunity for you to visit your child's classroom. Instead, today we offer some digital supports with our virtual orientation. More information regarding your child's educator team will be shared with families in June.

# EMOTIONAL CHECK IN

HOW ARE YOU FEELING ABOUT COMING TO  
KINDERGARTEN?



1. Excited



2. Nervous



## MEET THE OFFICE STAFF



**Mrs. Quinn**  
*Office Admin.*



**Mrs. Fracassi**  
*Office Assist.*



**Mrs. Giardino**  
*Principal*



**Ms. van der Put**  
*Vice Principal*

## MEET THE EDUCATOR TEAMS



**Mrs. Jones**



**Mrs. Clark**

**FDKA**



## MEET THE EDUCATOR TEAMS



**Mrs. Cook**



**Mrs. Fielding**

**FDKB**





## MEET THE EDUCATOR TEAMS



**Mrs. Bautista**



**Mrs. Flis**

**FDKC**



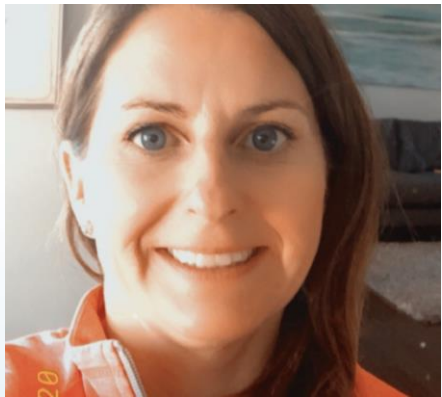


## MEET THE EDUCATOR TEAMS



**Mrs. Van Roon**  
**FDKD**

## EDUCATORS THAT MAY WORK WITH YOUR CHILD



**Mme. Jack**

**Mrs. Fowler**

**Mr. Lane**

**Mrs. Harwood**

**Mr. Dave**

*Learning Resource*

*Learning Resource*

*Physical Education*

*Librarian*

*Custodian*



# Welcome to Mount Albion!





# Kindergarten at Mount Albion

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At Mount Albion there are 4 kindergarten classrooms. One class of 15 students has one educator and three classes of 29 students have 2 educators, a Registered/Designated Early Childhood Educator and an Ontario Certified Teacher. Both educators bring unique skills to the class that together play a vital role in educating your children and running a successful play-based inquiry program.



# The Kindergarten Program

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- Play Based
- Child Centred
- Developmentally Appropriate
- Inclusive
- Provides a Safe and Caring Environment

# What Does a Day in Kindergarten Look Like?

## A Typical Day Includes:

- A morning carpet routine
- Daily read-aloud stories
- Table top activities where students make a choice from a selection of activities of their interest
- Blocks of play, both indoors and outside (weather permitting)
- Building challenges
- Sensory activities (water table, play dough, etc.)
- Singing songs
- Several bathroom breaks
- Short, whole class lessons at the carpet
- 1:1 time with educators and small group instruction
- Visits to the gym and library on a weekly basis

**Every classroom will look a bit different and has their own schedule but a day in kindergarten will have a variety of engaging learning activities that the teachers and DECEs create for students, based on their students' interests and learning goals.**



- Please click the video below to check out a video tour of what happens during a typical kindergarten day at a school in HWDSB!

<https://youtu.be/mzBK0xHg9Ak>





Please click the link below for a narrated video based on the presentation we provide to elementary schools for their kindergarten orientation events.

<https://youtu.be/JLnHmK0u9Qc>







# The Four Frames of the Kindergarten Program



Children learn through play, inquiry and exploration in the classroom and outdoors. We believe that young children are curious, competent and capable of complex thinking. We are committed to providing high quality programming that will nourish each child's academic, social and emotional development and prepare them for success in school and in life.

In Kindergarten, your child will build their knowledge and experiences in four key areas of learning: **Belonging and Contributing, Demonstrating Literacy and Mathematics Behaviours, Problem Solving and Innovating and Self-Regulation and Well-Being.**

# The Four Frames of the Kindergarten Program

**Belonging and Contributing:** Children are connected to others and play an important role in contributing to various groups, the wider community and the world around them. For example, they begin to have an awareness of themselves as dramatists, actors, dancers, artists and musicians through engagement on various activities in the arts.

**Demonstrating Literacy and Mathematics Behaviours:** Children think critically about the world around them and communicate their literacy and mathematical thinking and learning in different hands-on experiences. Children will learn beginner reading skills and early numeracy skills.

# The Four Frames of the Kindergarten Program

**Problem Solving and Innovating:** Children make meaning of the world around them by observing, questioning, planning, exploring, testing theories and solving problems. Problem-solving activities provide opportunities to explore, create, communicate, and ask questions while developing small and gross motor skills. For example, building with blocks develops problem-solving and spatial-reasoning skills which are connected to science and other subjects.

**Self-Regulation and Well-Being:** Children develop a sense of self-awareness and an understanding of the importance of physical and mental health and wellness. Self-Regulation or social emotional learning involves communicating, reading and writing. For example, when children are playing in dramatic play and role-playing children build negotiation skills and empathy.

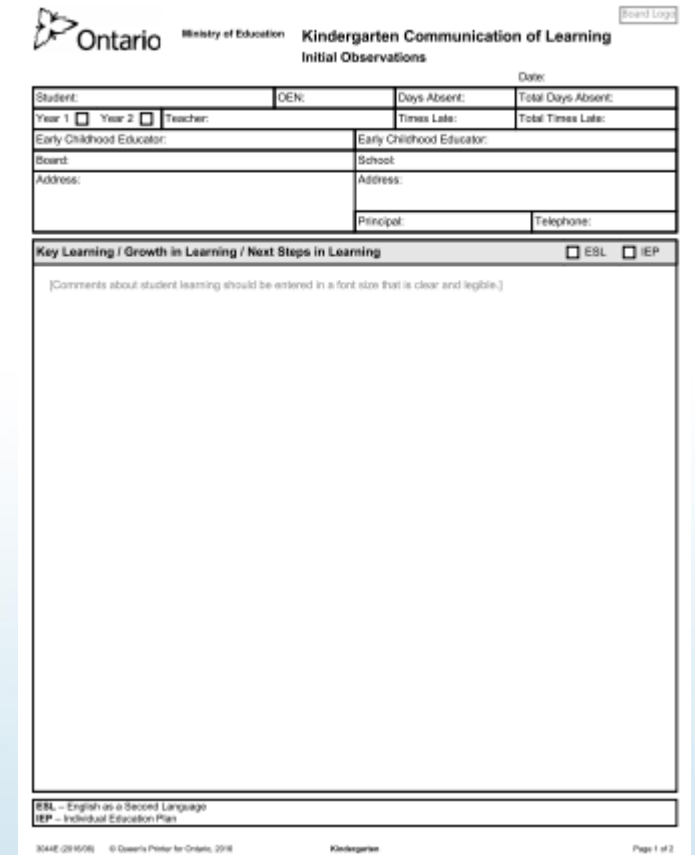
**Curriculum:** <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/curriculum/elementary/kindergarten.html>



# Communication of Learning

- Fall - Initial Observations report
- Winter and Spring - Communication of Learning reports

Full day Kindergarten: Understanding Your Child's Reports <http://bit.ly/2V7xqxC>



Ontario Ministry of Education Kindergarten Communication of Learning Initial Observations [Board Log](#)

Date:

Student:	DEN:	Days Absent:	Total Days Absent:
Year 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Year 2 <input type="checkbox"/>	Teacher:	Times Late:	Total Times Late:
Early Childhood Educator:	Early Childhood Educator:		
Board:	School:		
Address:	Address:		
	Principal:	Telephone:	

**Key Learning / Growth in Learning / Next Steps in Learning**  ESL  IEP

[Comments about student learning should be entered in a font size that is clear and legible.]

ESL - English as a Second Language  
IEP - Individual Education Plan

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## Ways to be Kindergarten Ready....

- Invite your child into conversation with you. Talk with your child early and often. ...
- Give your child time to play. All children need free time to simply play. ...
- Provide experiences away from you. ...
- Encourage independence and self-care. ...
- Encouraging both fine and gross motor skilled activities. ...
- Keep learning fun and relaxed.

# Things you will need for Kindergarten:



**Backpack**



**Velcro Shoes**



**Spill Proof Water Bottle**



**Lunch Bag**



**Spare Clothes**



# It is very important that ALL items are labelled:

We do our best to keep track of personal belongings however, it helps us a great deal if all items your child is wearing or comes to school with are labelled. It helps us ensure everything that belongs to your child comes home with them!



[https://mabelslabels.ca/en\\_CA/](https://mabelslabels.ca/en_CA/)

# Bell Times

**NEW!**

Mount Albion  
School Day:  
9:15 am - 3:35 pm

- If you walk to school, please know that school staff will be in the fenced in kindergarten play area ready to receive you and your child at 9:00 am
- Remember to please arrive on time to ensure your child gets the most out of their school day experience.



# Nutrition Breaks

At Mount Albion we run on a balanced day, meaning we have two breaks in the day for eating. The children eat in their classrooms.

**1st break: 10:55-11:35**

**2nd break: 1:15-1:55**

\*If there are any other allergies your child's teacher will be in contact.

# Transportation

Kindergarten students may be eligible for busing depending on their address. **Please contact Hamilton-Wentworth Student Transportation Services (HWSTS) for more information. 905-523-2318**





# Before and After School Care



Mount Albion has a partnership with Heritage Green Child Care Inc. Which offers a before and after school program for a fee.

## Hours of Operation:

Morning Program: 7am-9:15am

Afternoon Program: 3:35pm- 6:00pm

## Site Supervisor:

Kirsteen Cannell RECE

Email: [mountalbion@hgchildcare.com](mailto:mountalbion@hgchildcare.com)

Phone Number: (905) 531-3822



# Communication Concerns?

Children with speech and language concerns are seen at Early Words. If you would like to refer your child to Early Words visit the website to access the online referral. You do not need a doctor's note to refer.

*To be eligible, the referral for your JK child must be received before August 31, 2021.*

**EarlyWords**

HAMILTON PRESCHOOL SPEECH AND LANGUAGE PROGRAM

<https://ascy.ca/families/preschool-speech-language/early-words-preschool-speech-and-language-program/>





## The **COUNTDOWN** to the **first day** of school!

- Visit your family doctor – immunizations
- Get a vision test – free eyeglasses in JK year: [hwdsb.info/2PRmreS](http://hwdsb.info/2PRmreS)
- Address speech concerns – Early Words: [hwdsb.info/2Rszrlo](http://hwdsb.info/2Rszrlo)
  - *(Referrals only possible up to August 31 of a child's first year in kindergarten).*



## Resources:

- Attend a Check It Out Clinic: [hwdsb.info/2SrbfXe](http://hwdsb.info/2SrbfXe)
- Review the FREE LookSee Developmental Screen: [www.lookseechecklist.com](http://www.lookseechecklist.com)
- Summer – play groups, sleep routines, independent skills
- Find resources at [www.hwdsb.on.ca/kindergarten/](http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/kindergarten/)



**Visit HWDSB Kindergarten Orientation Website:**

<https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/kindergarten/kindergarten-orientation/>

**Here you will find:**

Videos

Social Story

First Day of School Signs

Click on your preferred language link below to print out a social story booklet about Kindergarten that you can print and explore with your child:

- [Kindergarten Activity Book – English](#)
- Translations:
- [Arabic](#); [Chinese](#);
- [Kurdish](#); [Punjabi](#); [Serbian](#); [Somali](#);
- [Spanish](#); [Urdu](#);
- [Vietnamese](#)

## Countdown to Kindergarten at **HWDSB**



### **HWDSB**

**Starting school is a big step  
in your family's life.**

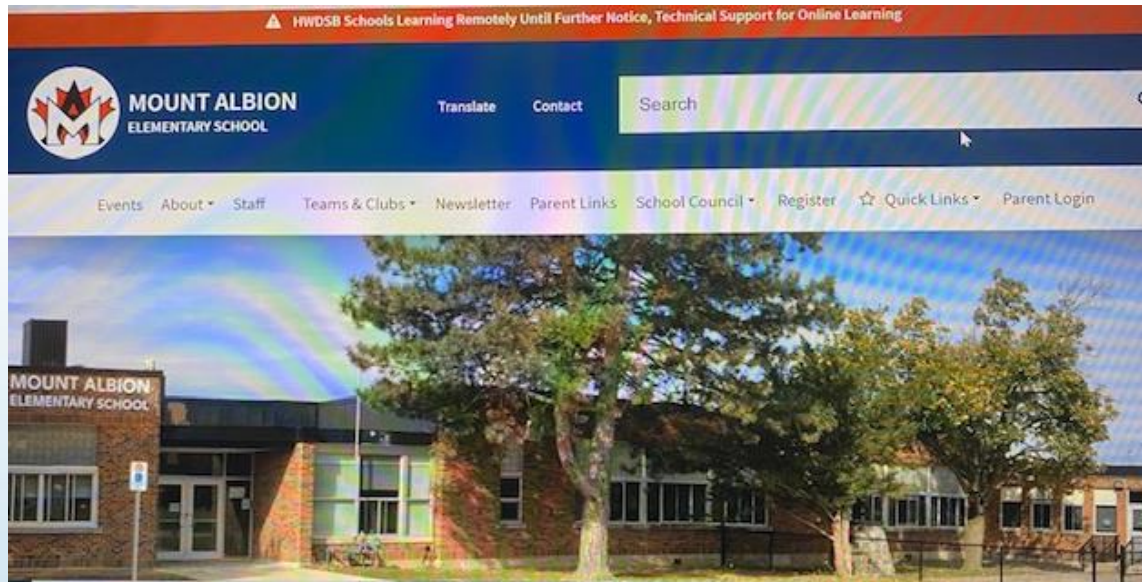
- To make this step easier, it is important that you talk with your child about the start of school.
- Exploring this book before school starts will help your child know what to expect at school.
- Reviewing it often will help them look forward to their first day at school.
- We look forward to welcoming your child at Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board!



# Communication and Updates

Stay informed and get regular updates by signing up for both the Mount Albion Twitter site [@MtAlbion\\_HWDSB](https://twitter.com/MtAlbion_HWDSB) and our website

[Mount Albion Elementary School \(hwdsb.on.ca\)](http://hwdsb.on.ca)



# Construction at Mount Albion



UNDER  
CONSTRUCTION





# Question and Answer Period

**Please raise your hand using the hand up feature, then unmute when called upon.**



**If you have any individual/personal questions, please contact the office staff for assistance.**

**We look forward to meeting you and your child in  
September!**

