

# FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER



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## Farewell to Mr. Forbeck

It is with great sadness that we must say goodbye to our interim Principal, Mr. Forbeck. As most of you know, Mr. Forbeck has been covering for Mrs. Urbanczyk while she has been away. He has had such a positive impact here on the students, staff, and Mount Albion community in such a short time. We will remember his time here fondly and wish him all the best!

Thank you for your dedication to Mount Albion, Mr. Forbeck!



## Hello to Mr. Hazell!

We are so excited to welcome back Mr. Hazell! Many of you might remember him as one of our interim Principals from a few years ago. He is next to cover for Ms. Urbanczyk while she is away. **Fun Fact:** Mr. Hazell actually used to teach here at Mount Albion from 1986-1991!

## Parent Council

Below you will find the Parent Council Meeting dates for the remainder of this school year. They will be hosted in the Library starting at 6:00 PM. All are welcome to attend!

**February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026

May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026

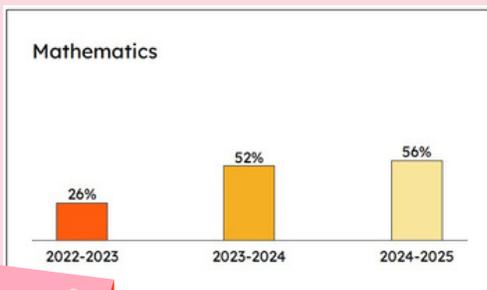
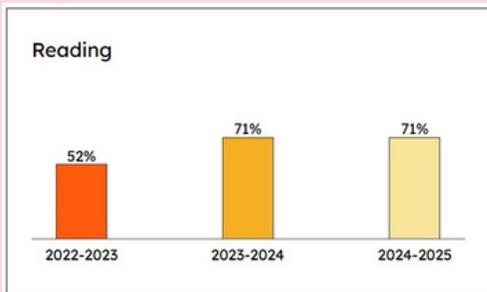
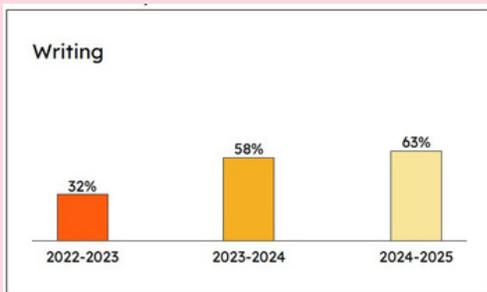
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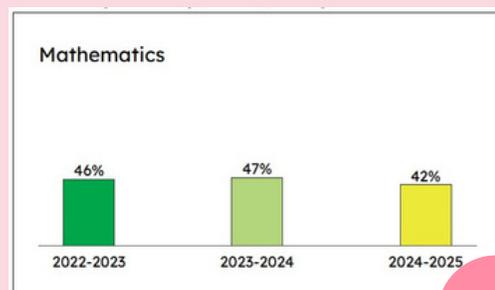
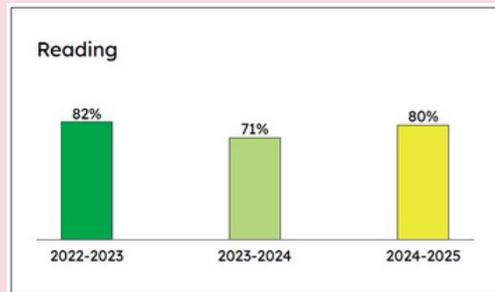
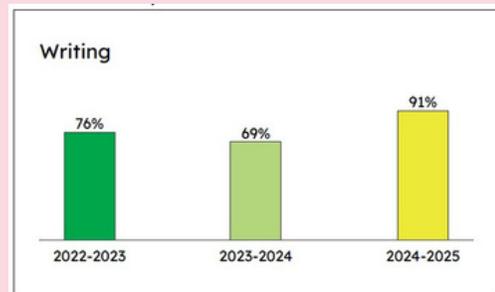
## Gr. 3 EQAO Results

Percentage of fully participating students at or above the provincial standard (Levels 3 & 4) for the 2024-2025 school year.



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## Graduation Photos & Photo Re-take Day

### Helpful Hints for Grad Photos:

- Help your child pick out a white collared shirt, if they wish.
- Small jewellery and accessories are fine, but nothing too big or distracting.
- Glasses are okay, photographers know all the tricks to reduce the glare.
- Any hair style works!

### Picture Re-Takes:

Parents must reach out to the school via the student's agenda or an email to the office to request a photo re-take. If we do not receive anything from you, your child will not be allowed to have their picture taken.



## Hershey's Kisses Sale!

On **Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup>** we will be selling Hershey's Kisses for Valentines Day! We are selling two (2) Hershey's Kisses for 50 cents. Please remember to bring your money the day of!

## Upcoming Events

**February 1st-28<sup>th</sup>:** Black History Month

**February 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Kindergarten Registration

**February 6<sup>th</sup>- 22<sup>nd</sup>:** 2026 Olympic Winter Games

**February 9<sup>th</sup>:** 100 Days of School/Smoothie Day

**February 13<sup>th</sup>:** Red, Pink & White Day/Hershey's Kisses Sale

**February 16<sup>th</sup>:** PA Day

**February 18<sup>th</sup>:** Graduation Photos/Photo Re-take Day

**February 26<sup>th</sup>:** Parent Council Meeting/Samosa Day



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## Talent Show Auditions

We are preparing to host a Junior/Intermediate Talent Show this year, so if you are in grades 4-8 and have a special talent you would like to show off, this is your time to shine!

Your act should be well prepared and can include things like a musical act, dance or other movement routine, comedic skit, magic show, etc.

Sign up will be from January 20th-30th. Please see Ms. Honeyford in the Music Room to sign up. Auditions will take place in February, practices will be throughout March, and the show will be in April. (this may change to late March...will update after auditions are complete).

We are looking forward to seeing your special talents!

XOXO

## Smoothie Day

Mount Albion is proud to offer healthy and delicious Smoothie Days provided by Raw Roots! Our second Smoothie Day will be on **Monday, February 9th**. Orders will be placed through School Cash Online (until Friday, January 30th) and the cost is \$5 per 10oz/300ml smoothie.

There will be four flavours to choose from:

### Liquid Gold

Banana, mango, pineapple, alkaline water

### Coco-Banana

Banana, cacao, cacao nibs, dates, hemp seeds, alkaline water

### Strawberry Banana

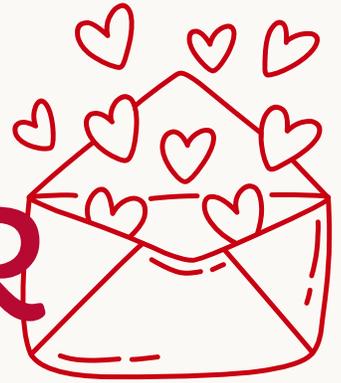
Strawberries, banana, alkaline water

### Purple Berry

Spinach, banana, blueberries, strawberries, cherries, blackberries, raspberries, alkaline water



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## School Parking

We understand that parking is very limited on school property. Most of our parking spots are used by school staff during the day, which means there are not enough available spaces for parent drop-off or pick-up. As a result, families may need to park on the street and walk their children to the school.

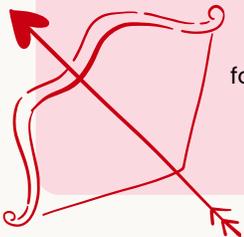
The school parking lot is not designed to be a "Kiss and Ride" area, as it does not provide a safe environment for student drop-off. This concern has been raised both during Parent Council meetings and through our daily observations.

We have noticed ongoing safety issues in the shared lot, including cars stopping in driving lanes, using hazard lights to block traffic, and parking in handicap spaces without a permit. These actions create unsafe conditions for students, parents, and staff who are walking through the area.

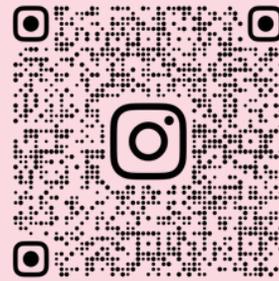
To help keep everyone safe:

- Please **do not use the parking lot for drop-off or pick-up.**
- **Park only in legal street parking areas** and walk your child to the school entrance. (Street Parking Options: Kennard Street, Lyton Crescent, Nordale Crescent, Sutton Court)
- **Handicap spots** are for vehicles with a valid permit only.
- The **Principal and Vice-Principal** will continue to monitor the situation to ensure safety and will determine if it becomes necessary to involve bylaw enforcement.

Thank you for your cooperation and for helping keep our community safe!



## Follow us on Social Media!



@MOUNTALBIONPARENTCOUNCIL

## January's Outstanding Students

Award of Recognition for:

**Amazing Effort** - Lacie H. (1/2A)

**Amazing Effort** - Charlee F. (1/2A)

**Academics** - Ishan B. (2A)

**Positive Attitude** - Atena K. (2A)

**Positive Attitude** - Tommy D. (3B)

**Amazing Effort** - Luke D. (3B)

**Amazing Effort** - Dawson H. (5A)

**Positive Attitude** - Saad H. (5A)

**Amazing Effort** - Jasmine K. (5B)

**Amazing Effort** - Maximus A. (5B)