



APRIL NEWSLETTER

Mount Albion Elementary School

Upcoming Dates:

April 1st : Passover Begins
(until April 9th)/Sikh Heritage
Month

April 2nd : World Autism Day

April 3rd : Good Friday (no
school)

April 5th : Easter Sunday

April 6th : Easter Monday (no
school)

April 8th : International Day of
Pink (Two Spirit & LGBTQIA+)

April 13th : Smoothie Day


April 15th : Grade 7
Immunizations

April 17th : Class Colour Day
(the whole class wears the
same colour)

April 21st : Samosa Day

April 22nd: Earth Day

April 30th : Parent Council
Meeting



Welcome Ms. Penney

Dear Parents & Guardians,

I am honoured to support
our students, families and
staff at Mount Albion as
temporary Principal.


Please feel free to contact
me at the school if you
have any questions or
concerns.

Sincerely,



Milk Program

At the end of April, milk orders for
the remainder of the year (May &
June) will be available for
purchase. Keep your eyes
peeled for an email update!





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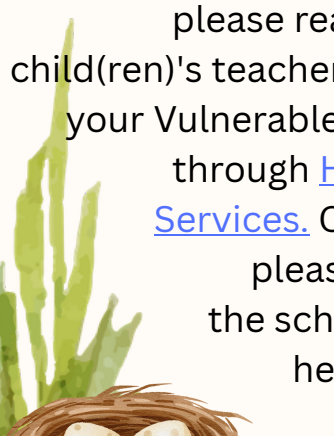


Senior Swim Team

Senior Swim Team practices will be on March 26th, April 2nd, 9th, 16th, and 23rd (located at the Laurier Pool). The Swim Meet will be at McMaster University Pool on May 1st at 1:00 PM!

Volunteers Needed!

Attention Parents! We are in need of more parent volunteers. If you would like to be more involved with the school community, please reach out to your child(ren)'s teacher and complete your Vulnerable Sector Search through [Hamilton Police Services](#). Once complete, please reach out to the school and we can help you with the next steps.




Snack Program

Mount Albion runs a daily snack program available to all students. While this healthy nutrition program is partially funded by the Tastebuds Program via the Social Planning & Research Council, keeping this vital program running has become a challenge due to the rising costs of groceries. Through School Cash Online we have opened up a donation opportunity for MA families to help support and continue providing snacks for our students. Your donation ensures it can continue to be available all school year. Funds go directly to support food purchases.

NO TAX RECEIPT WILL BE ISSUED FOR THIS DONATION

If you wish to receive a tax receipt for your donation of \$20 or more, please go to the HWDSB website to donate. Click "donate now," and it's critical that you enter "donation to Mount Albion for Nutrition Program" in the comment field to ensure the funds are received by Mount Albion and directed correctly.

Thank you for your support of our hungry students!





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Library Update

In late January, a pipe froze in the Library causing it to burst and to flood part of the Library. As a result more than 300 books (valued at over \$4,000) were ruined. We are in the midst of replacing as many as possible but are seeking assistance. If you care to donate, all donations made to the [HWDSB Foundation](#), marked Mount Albion Library, will be used to purchase books. All donations made to the Foundation receive a tax receipt. It also must be acknowledged that \$1,000 is being donated on behalf of Parent Council! Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Retirement for Ms. Rossi

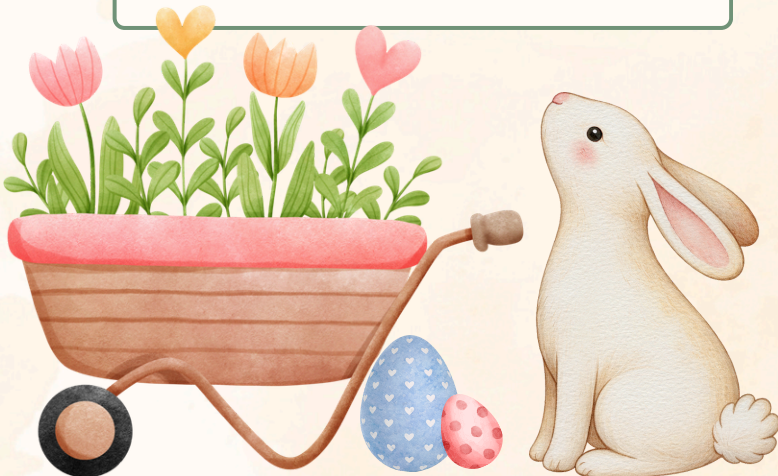
After 25+ years with HWDSB I have decided it is time to begin a new chapter. I am deeply grateful for the opportunities, experiences, and relationships I have built during my time with HWDSB. Ending my career at Mount Albion was not anticipated three years ago although has turned out to be the perfect ending. It has been a privilege to serve this community and work alongside such dedicated colleagues.

Sincerely,

Parent Council

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

April 30th, 2026
May 21st, 2026





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2026-2027 Classroom Requests

Our school will be starting to build our classes for the 2026-2027 school year. If you would like to contact the school with a request or concern regarding next year's classes, please email mountalbion@hwdsb.on.ca.

Please note that we cannot guarantee the fulfillment of all requests, but we will certainly consider your suggestion.

The deadline to submit requests is April 30th.



Summer Break

Only **58** more
days of school!

March's Outstanding Students

Aanaika B. - Ms. Fair's Class (1/2A)
Presley K. - Ms. Fair's Class (1/2A)
Alida O. - Ms. Baca's Class (2A)
Jeremy R. - Ms. Baca's Class (2A)
Arnav P. - Ms. Seller's Class (2/3A)
Ariana D. - Ms. Seller's Class (2/3A)
Adelyn N. - Ms. Houle's Class (2/3B)
Ranvir H. - Ms. Houle's Class (2/3B)
Avraj S. - Mr. Quinn's Class (3B)
Hezekiah K. - Mr. Quinn's Class (3B)
Sava S. - Ms. Bujara's Class (3/4A)
Jaxon K. - Ms. Burjara's Class (3/4A)
Mikaela B. - Ms. Bujara's Class (3/4A)
Aliya S. - Ms. Bujara's Class (3/4A)
Jamal K. - Ms. Fowler's Class (3/4B)
Brielle S. - Ms. Fowler's Class (3/4B)
Naila M. - Ms. Fowler's Class (3/4B)
Aliya B. - Ms. Tracey's Class (4/5A)
Khushi B. - Ms. Tracey's Class (4/5A)
Sasha M. - Ms. Tracey's Class (4/5A)
Noah Y. - Ms. Tracey's Class (4/5A)
Lilian A. - Ms. Tracey's Class (4/5A)
Collins F. - Ms. Kauth's Class (5A)
Levi G. - Ms. Kauth's Class (5A)
Hayat K. - Ms. Machida's Class (5B)
Zoe N. - Ms. Machida's Class (5B)





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Parking Lot Procedures for Entry and Dismissal

To help keep our students safe and ensure an orderly flow of traffic, we would like to remind families of our parking and access procedures for both morning entry and afternoon dismissal.

Parking Capacity and Safety

We understand that parking on school property is very limited. Most parking spots are required for 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. Please note that the school parking lot is not designed to be a “Kiss and Ride” area, as it does not provide a safe environment for quick drop-offs or pick-ups. This concern has been raised both at Parent Council meetings and through our daily observations.

We have also noticed ongoing safety issues, including:

- Cars stopping in driving lanes
- Vehicles using hazard lights to block traffic
- Parking in accessible/handicap spots without a valid permit

These actions create unsafe conditions for students, families, and staff. To support everyone’s safety:

- Please do not use the parking lot for student drop-off or pick-up.
- Use legal street parking and walk your child to the school (Suggested streets: Kennard Street, Lyton Crescent, Nordale Crescent, Sutton Court).
- Accessible parking spots are reserved for vehicles with a valid permit only.

School staff and administration will continue to monitor the situation to ensure safety and will determine if bylaw enforcement becomes necessary.

Morning Entry

- The parking lot is closed from 9:00 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. to ensure safe student entry whether or not pylons are in place.
- Outside of this window, the lot is open for staff parking only—not for parent drop-off.
- If you are walking your child to school, please use legal street parking and designated walkways.
- Students should not walk through the parking lot unattended at any time.

Afternoon Dismissal

- The parking lot is closed daily from 3:15 p.m. to 3:45 p.m., whether or not pylons are in place.
- During this time, only the following vehicles may enter:
 - Families with a valid Accessible Parking Permit
 - Parents/guardians picking up daycare students
- Pylons must not be moved or bypassed by drivers at any time.

Staff will continue to support this process each day to maintain a safe, consistent dismissal routine. Thank you for your cooperation and for helping us keep our school community safe.

