



Viscount Montgomery Elementary School

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Principal's Message

We have had a fabulous start up this year at Viscount! Our school is looking better by the minute with all the positive renovations. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Bruins Community for their flexibility and commitment. At Viscount, we have been focusing on our Pledge and how it creates a positive learning environment. During the month of October, we will be focusing on respect.

Staffing:

We have a few new staff joining us this Fall. Included is a list of staff members and their positions.

Open House:

Open House will be on October 12th from 4:30 to 6:00. Families are welcome to visit their child's classroom to meet the teacher and see their learning environment from 4:30 to 5:00. Following the classroom visits, we will have a BBQ on the back playground from 5:00 to 6:00. We will be selling hotdogs for \$2 or a hotdog meal which includes a juice box and chips for \$3. Please keep in mind that this time is designated to meet the teachers and not for interviews. If you feel you need to conference with a teacher, please set up an appointment for a different time.

School Communication:

As you are aware, communication is key in developing success between school and home. I have attached the HWDSB protocol on how to access support. Please keep in mind the importance of discussing concerns or issues with your child's teacher first. They know them best and spend majority of the day with them.

Pizza Day:

We will continue to sell pizza and juice every Friday. This year, prices and slices have changed to meet our students needs. Slices will be half the size they were last year and will be \$1 per slice. If your child prefers the same size as last year's slice, it is recommended they purchase 2 slices. We will be selling juice boxes as well for \$0.50.

School Cash Online

Online Payment Option

With the support of School Cash Online, we're making paying for school related expenses easier. Effective immediately, you'll be able to make online payments through our school website. This is a win-win by making it safer and more efficient for everyone by reducing the amount of cash and cheques coming into our school. While parents will still have the option to send cash for school related expenses, we encourage you to get on board with our new service. Please note that Viscount Montgomery School does not accept cheques. If you



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make an online payment please be sure to include the reference or confirmation number on any forms that need to be handed in to the school (to ensure that the teacher knows the payment has been received online.) This year we will trying to put more things online for payment. We will be trying to put Milk and Pizza online in the near future. Please see the attached flyer with instructions on how to register.

School Photos

Photo day will be **Thursday, October 5th**. On this date, everyone will be getting their individual photos taken as well as their class photo. There will be a retake day later for any students who happen to be absent on October 5, however, class photos will not have retakes. The photographer is requesting that students **DO NOT WEAR GREEN** because they will be using greenscreen technology which will allow you to choose from a variety of backgrounds when ordering your photo packages.

Lockdown and Bomb Threat Drills

We will be having some drills this month to support our school in staying safe. Along with Fire Drills, we will have a Lock Down Drill on October 10th and a Bomb Threat Drill on October 12th. A Lock Down occurs when we feel that there is a serious threat in our building. Staff lock the doors and the students move to a safe designated area in their classrooms. A Bomb Threat is when we have been notified that there could be a possible threat to our school. In this case, staff and students will evacuate the building and go to St. Eugene's School. During the drill, we will just go outside and not proceed to St. Eugene's School. As always, parents/guardians will be notified if a real emergency occurs.

Cooking Club

Cooking club will be starting up again soon. Thanks to a very generous donation we are able to start up earlier and run extra sessions. There will be 4 sessions in total this year, however because our space is small; each session will be restricted to a maximum of 6 students. If you are in Grade 2 to 7 and would like to participate please fill out and return the forms as soon as possible. The 4 sessions will run on the following dates:

Session 1 – October 11 to November 22 (no class Nov. 15)

Session 2 – January 17 to February 14

Session 3 – March 28 to May 2

Session 4 – May 9 to June 13

Grade 8 Churchill Days:

It's hard to believe but many of our Grade 8 students will be getting ready for High School before you know. Our feeder school, Churchill, has some special events planned for our Grade 8 students. This gives our students the opportunity to experience and transition into high school. Below is a schedule of events. We will be sending more information home regarding each event as we get closer to the dates.

October 4th - Football Home Opener

October 11th - Flag Football Tournament (for all students)

November 1st - Grade 9 Electives Day (a full day for your Grade 8s to come to SWC)

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November 28th - Grade 7/8 Open House (an evening event for your 7s and 8s)

2017/2018 Fundraising:

This table explains the fundraising that occurs during the year and how they support our school.

Fundraising Event	Cost	Money Raised Supports
Pizza Day (Fridays)	\$1.00 each	Class Trips, Sports, Enrichment
Grilled Cheese/Pasta Day (monthly)	\$1.50 each	Nutrition Program
Sub Day (monthly)	\$4.00 each	Nutrition Program
Cookie Day (Tuesdays)	\$1.00 each	Nutrition Program
Juice Boxes on Grilled Cheese, Pasta, & Pizza Days	\$0.50 each	Nutrition Program
Kernels Popcorn (Thursdays)	\$2.00 each	Nutrition Program
Macmillan's Frozen Delights	Various	Nutrition Program
Poinsettia's (School Council)	Various	Learning Commons/Library
Spring Fling (School Council)	Various	Learning Commons/Library
Chocolate Bars (Grade 8)	Various	Kilco Trip
Elmira Chicken (Grade 8)	Various	Kilco Trip