



# Viscount Montgomery Newsletter

*April 24, 2020*

Hello Bruins,

We hope that this newsletter finds our Viscount Families healthy and safe. The staff at Viscount deeply miss all of you. We miss seeing all the smiling faces each day.

Our teachers and staff have literally been working around the clock to learn new online platforms, plan instruction, and support students and their families. They have learned to not only continue to support our students from a distance but to also balance their own families and teach their own children. We are very lucky to have such a caring and dedicated staff. Please join me in thanking them for all the work they have done.

We would like to thank our parents and guardians as well. As parents ourselves, we know that working and supporting our own children with school work can be a challenge. Our goal was to get 50% of our students participating and currently we over 75% engaged in learning. We would like to thank our parents for learning new online platforms and co-teaching with our staff.

It is amazing to see our community stick together and support each other in this unprecedented time. If you need anything at all, please reach out to your child's classroom teacher or you can email or call us. Our office staff check the school messages daily and will forward them to the appropriate staff.

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## Marks and Grading

We have been asked several questions around marks the past few weeks. The ministry announced students will receive marks for this term. The marks will reflect the work completed before March 13th. In addition, student distant education can support in improving marks.

School is about learning and preparing for the next level of education or grade level. As a parent and educator, Mr. McLean and I are ensuring that our own children are keeping up with assignments and work. The online learning they are completing now will support them for the next grade level. They are learning skills to support them in progressing next year.

## Staff Communication

As mentioned above, our staff have been working around the clock to support our students. They have been asked to communicate their hours with parents so that you will know when it is best to connect with them.

Follow us on Twitter @Viscount\_HWDSB

## Spirit Days

Although we are apart, we still want to celebrate our Bruin's Spirit. We are going to have Spirit Days on Fridays for the remainder of the year. Please take picture of you and your family on Spirit Days and send them to your teacher or post them on Twitter. Make sure you tag Viscount in your Post.

April 24th: Funky Sock Day

May 1st: Jersey/Sports Day

May 8th: Summer/Beach Day

May 15th: Backwards Day

May 22nd: Funky Hair Day

May 29th: Animated Character Shirt Day

## Mental Health and Well-Being

Please make sure you are taking care of yourself and that your children are doing the same. HWDSB has listed some support resources on their website.

<https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/secondary/supports/mental-health-and-well-being/>