

The Montgomery Times

Dear Families,

As we head into the final weeks of this school year, let us take this time to reflect as a community on all we have accomplished and the many people we have to thank.

Thank you to:

- Our Trustee Ray Mulholland and Superintendent Colin Pinkney for their support throughout the school year.
- The parents and caregivers of Viscount Montgomery for their ongoing support and assistance.
- Our School Council and volunteers for their dedication and commitment to our school community.
- Mrs. Hylton and Ms. Sabina for all their help and constant support.
- Our custodians Mr. How, Mr. Alves, and Mr. Wighton for keeping our school and the yard safe and clean for all of our students.
- All of our wonderful teachers, EA's, DECE's and support staff for making a difference in the lives of their students.
- All our Viscount Montgomery students who always put so much into everything they do and set out to accomplish their goals!

We hope that everyone has a safe and exciting summer and we look forward to our next school year! – Mr. Fede & Mr. Robertson



To our Grade 8 Students!

Your many accomplishments and contributions to our school will be fondly remembered. Continue to be the best that you can be and influence one another in the most positive way.

Best wishes as you leave us for Grade 9 and transition to High School where many new memories will begin!



FAREWELL

This June brings farewells to our school community as several staff and students leave us. As another year draws to a close we must say good-bye to staff members who are moving on to other school communities.

We would like to thank these staff members for the many contributions they have made to our school this school year:

- Mrs. Mathieson
- Mrs. Kapoor
- Ms. MacArthur
- Mr. Patocs

Congratulations to Mr. Robertson who will be leaving us as Vice-Principal to become the new Principal at Parkdale Elementary School in September!

Mr. Robertson's dedication and commitment to both staff and students will be missed but he will leave behind his impact on Viscount Montgomery, a legacy of safe space, positivity and generosity!



Looking Ahead...

2022-23 Classes:

JK/SK	Grade 6
JK/SK	Grade 6
JK/SK	Grade 6/7
Grade 1	Grade 7
Grade 1/2	Grade 7
Grade 2/3	Grade 7/8
Grade 2/3	Grade 8
Grade 3/4	Grade 8
Grade 4/5	ASD P/J
Grade 5	ASD J/I

Are You Moving?

To help us with our planning for the September 2022-2023 school year, it would be appreciated if you could notify the office if you will be moving from our area between now and September.



Class Placements 2022/23

With a new school year approaching, many parents wonder about who their child's teacher will be. This process for organizing classes is now underway. When creating classes, teachers meet with each other and school administration to discuss the needs of each student. Some of the issues that are discussed are:

- Balance of ability, interests, and talents
- Learning styles of students
- Teaching styles of teachers
- Resources and remedial needs, enrichment needs
- Students to be kept together or separated because of the positive/negative influence on each other's learning.



We appreciate your trust in our professional judgement in balancing the considerations mentioned above. The final decision for class placements is the responsibility of the principal. **All students will have the name of their new teacher with their June report card.**

Please note that all class placements are tentative until the end of September.

Happy Father's Day!

On behalf of the Viscount Montgomery Staff we would like to wish all the Fathers and loving caregivers out there a wonderful day on June 19th!



Report cards will be distributed on June 27th.

Classes for next year are currently being built with the best interest of all students.



Please note that no book sign-outs will be happening for the rest of the school year. Please ensure all library books are returned to the school by June 20th at the latest.

School Busses

The HWDSB Transportation service is responsible for the carriers that bring our students to and from school. At times, school busses may run late and the delay time could take up to 30-60 minutes. We strongly encourage all families to check the status of their child's bus on a daily basis. This could be done using the following link: <https://www.hamiltonschoolbus.ca/>

Here you will find a posting of all the delays.

You can also phone transportation directly at (905) 523-2318 or 1-800-691-6402 with any questions you may have, as our school office closes at 4:00 PM.

Bus Delays



Out of Catchment Requests

It is hard to believe that the end of the school year is soon approaching. For the 2022/23 school year, Viscount Montgomery is open to any families who live outside of the catchment area. However, please note that this does not mean that a space will automatically be granted.

Many factors are taken into consideration when accepting Out of Catchment requests, primarily, the number of students currently registered. In our primary classes we have a provincial cap of 20 students.

Requests for Out of Catchment will be reviewed in the third week of September, once we have updated information with regards to enrollment.

If you are unsure of your child's home school, please use

HWDSB's School Locator found at: www.hwdsb.on.ca/find/



Jump Rope for Heart

On Friday June 10th Viscount will be participating in Jump Rope for Heart/Play Day. The rain date is scheduled for the following week on, Friday June 17th.



Summer Send Off BBQ

On Monday June 27 we will be having a Summer Send Off BBQ, in which each student will receive a FREE Hot Dog lunch during the second nutrition break. Halal and Veggie dogs will be available for those who require a dietary accommodation. Order forms will be sent out in the coming weeks.



Heat Events

The City of Hamilton Public Health Department monitors weather forecasts closely and notifies the media and community partners of a heat event. **A heat event occurs when the forecast calls for one or more days with a 40°C or higher humidex reading.** Once HWDSB has been notified of a heat event, information will be posted on our website and the following precautionary steps will be taken for students:

- Limit physical outdoor activities
- Ensure access to water
- Close drapes and blinds
- Move students through cooler areas of the school
- Monitor students for symptoms of heat stress



Relocating the Existing School Bus Loading Zone



Parking Enforcement has noted a bottleneck effect with school buses and cars within the current loading zone on Glenhome Avenue. In order to ensure safety and alleviate congestion, a proposal has been made to relocate the existing School Bus Loading Zone from Glenholme Avenue to Lucerne Avenue.

The old location of the school bus loading zone will remain as a No Parking area. This will give an area for parents to pick-up/drop off their children.

The changes are proposed to be made over the July/August months so that this would be a fresh start for the new 2022-2023 school year.





Volunteers at Viscount Montgomery

With the new school year approaching and updated changes in Public Health measures, we are preparing for the gradual return of volunteers. Volunteers play an important role in contributing to student's educational experiences and opportunities here at Viscount Montgomery and we are excited to resume our partnership in alignment with current guidelines, policies, and procedures. Student safety is our priority.

Please note that to volunteer with HWDSB the following documentation is required.

Volunteer Information Sheet [Appendix A](#)
Agreement Form [Appendix B](#)
Vulnerable Sector Screening (must be dated/issued within the last 6 months)

Thank you for making a difference and ensuring the safety of all our students!




Little Caesar's Update

Thank you to, Steve and Dan McGregor, the owners of Little Caesar's on Parkdale for helping to raise \$489.00 towards the Grade 8 Commencement Dinner and Dance. Your support is greatly appreciated.

June 29th, 2022





Parent Involvement Committee Presents...

COOKIES & CANVAS

You're Invited to Paint with Us!
& Enjoy some cookies (all nut free)

Wednesday June 8th 2022 6:00-8:00pm
Viscount Montgomery Gym
FREE EVENT

Please let us know how many guests we should expect.
RSVP TO: Ginny Hoage, viscountmontgomerysc@hwdsb.on.ca
or viscountmontgomery@hwdsb.on.ca
Limited Space Available.



SCHOOL STORE

THE GRAND OPENING OF THE
VISCOUNT SCHOOL STORE IS ON
TUESDAY MAY 3.

Items	Listed Price
Chocolate Milk	\$1.25
Safe School Cakes	\$0.75
Welch Gummies	2 for \$0.75
Chips	\$0.75
Nut and Tree Nut Free Cookies - Chocolate Chip Triple Chocolate Chip Fun Confetti White Chocolate Fudge	\$1.25

STORE HOURS: TUESDAYS TO
THURSDAYS AT SECOND NUTRITION
BREAK.



**This years proceeds will be
put towards the Grade 8
Commencement.**

June

2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Pride Month National Indigenous History Month	Kindergarten Orientation Sub Day		PA Day	
5	6	Gr. 8 Little Mermaid Presentation Senior Track & Field	Cookies & Canvas 6-8 PM	9	Jump Rope / Play Day Pizza Day	11
12	13	Junior Track & Field		16	Pizza Day	18
19	20	Grade 6A&B Trip to Montgomery Park		23	Pizza Day	25
26	27	BBQ Day Report Cards sent home	Last Day of School for students!	30		