

# The Montgomery Times

Dear Families:

As the new school year began, our students arrived with excitement in their eyes, expectations for new challenges and the hope for new adventures. We would like to thank all our parents, students, and school staff for making the first school month a productive and successful beginning.

The busy month of September has come to an end, and October is now underway. As part of our School Learning Plan, we will continue to focus on Student Learning and Achievement in the areas of Reading and Positive Culture and Well-Being.

With the 2022-2023 school year under way, we hope you will continue to be involved in your child's learning at Viscount Montgomery. Together we can make a difference in the learning and growth of your child.

On behalf of the Viscount staff, we wish you all a happy Thanksgiving!

Mr. D. Fede

## October Happenings

### Dates to Remember:

- October 2 - National Custodial Workers' Day
- October 5 - World Teachers' Day
- October 7 - Swag Day (Wear Purple and Yellow)
- October 7 - Pizza Day
- October 10 - Thanksgiving (No School)
- October 13 - Cross Country
- October 20 - Open House / Meet the Staff
- October 24 - PA Day



**October 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Meet the Staff**

**5:00 PM-6:30 PM**



## Halloween at Viscount!

On October 31<sup>st</sup>, Viscount students are welcome to participate in our Halloween Parade!

Parents are also welcome to join us in the back playground. More information regarding time will be sent out closer to the date.

The afternoon will be set aside for our Junior / Intermediate dance!



## Terry Fox Run

On Friday September 23<sup>rd</sup>, our students did an amazing job by showing their support for Terry Fox. They showed up in red and white and ran/walked around our school and field numerous times. Thank you to everyone who came to support our students and donated for such a great cause! Together we raised \$2700!

Thank you to Mr. Dodds and his team for organizing this amazing event!



## Smoke and Vape-Free Schools

Smoking cannabis or tobacco and vaping any substance is prohibited anywhere on school property and in public areas within 20 metres of the perimeter of the school grounds. If you are caught smoking or vaping in school or on school property, you may be ticketed and fined. Fines start at \$305.

## MEDICAL ALERT

Just a reminder that Viscount Montgomery is a NUT FREE School. We have both staff and students with severe life-threatening allergies to peanuts and tree nuts. Do not send any nut products to school with your child. Thank you!





### **Attention Parents: Dismissal Policy**

Instructional time at Viscount occurs between 9:15-3:35. At times there will be classes outside on the back playground prior to dismissal for a variety of reasons (Phys. Ed, DPA).

Please note that for security and safety reasons, parents are not permitted to be on the back playground before 3:35 as the playground is considered an outside classroom.

Once the 3:35 bell rings for dismissal, we ask that parents only then enter the playground.

Thank you for your understanding so that we can continue to keep your children safe at school.

### **ATTENTION!! Parent Parking / Drop Off / Pick Up**

Just a friendly reminder that when you are dropping off or picking up your child at dismissal, **please do not block the bus loading zone or enter the parking lot.** We want to ensure the safety of all our students as they are being transported to and from Viscount.

In addition, when dropping off or picking up your child, parents please be aware of children opening car doors to the street access. There have been numerous occasions where students were almost hit by on coming cars. **As a safety reminder, students should enter and exit cars from the sidewalk and never from the street.** We strongly encourage parents to have these safety discussions at home with their children so that we can ensure that all our students remain safe.

We understand the congestion that can occur during morning entry and dismissal and we encourage you to please find an alternative spot rather than on Glenholme Ave.

Alternative bus loading zones are also being re-assessed by the City of Hamilton.

## Bus Information

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 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.



## Secure School Information

Every year, school communities are required to engage in a number of Secure Schools drills to ensure all students and staff understand how to participate in the case of an emergency situation. These drills include: 6 fire drills (3 in the fall, 3 in the spring), 1 hold and secure drill, 1 shelter in place drill, 2 lockdown drills and 1 bomb threat drill.

The dates of future drills will be posted on the school website at least one day prior to our scheduled drill. If weather conditions do not allow for a safe drill, the drill would be pushed to the next available school day.

Please do not be alarmed if your child tells you that the alarm went off at school. This is all part of our Emergency Plan of Action.

To learn more about HWDSB's approach to secure schools, please go to: <https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/secondary/supports/secure-schools/>



## School Reorganization

Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board reviews its student enrolment numbers in each school at this time of year. The enrolment numbers are compared to the projected enrolment numbers determined at the end of the previous school year. Due to current enrolment, several students were moved to new classes. New classes begin on October 7th. Notes have been sent home with all students who have been affected by this. Teachers have worked together on deciding which students would be moved, taking into consideration all student needs and balancing classes as best as possible. The new organization will be as follows:

### 2022-23 Classes:

Mrs. Stubbing/ Ms. Babin	JK/SK	Mrs. Kellner	Grade 6
Mrs. Enns/Ms. Vanfleet	JK/SK	Mrs. Walker	Grade 6
Mrs. Lipsett/ Ms. French	JK/SK	Mr. Patocs	Grade 7
Mrs. Pacifici	Grade 1	Ms. Dolanjski/TBD	Grade 7
Mrs. Hazzard	Grade 2	Mr. Fenton	Grade 7/8
Mrs. Campello	Grade 2/3	Mr. Henry	Grade 8
Mr. Eaton	Grade 2/3	Ms. Jong	Grade 8
Mrs. Sotra	Grade 3/4	Ms. Ecet	Grade 7/8 Remote
Mrs. Kozic	Grade 4/5	Mrs. Vaillancourt	ASD P/J
Ms. O'Neill	Grade 5/6	Miss Wildfang	ASD J/I

### Subject Specific Teachers:

Mr. Dodds	Grades 1-8 Gym
Mrs. Dolanjski	Grades 7-8 Music
Mr. Kellner	LRT
Miss Greene	LRT/Library/Prep Coverage
Mme Terzis	Grades 7-8 French
Mme Iantomasi	Grades 4-6 French
TBD	Prep Coverage
Mrs. Hewitt	Student Success Teacher
Miss Leyzer	Reading Specialist

### Educational Assistants:

Ms. Anderson  
Mrs. Antler  
Ms. Iasci  
Mr. Kenny  
Miss Godschalk  
Mr. Stuparyk  
Miss Campanella  
Ms. Owl  
Miss Costie  
Mr. Lupal  
Ms. Spittles (AIM)

### Office Staff:

Mrs. Mills	Office Assistant (.5 PM).
Mrs. Hylton	Office Administrator
Mr. Fede	Principal

### Caretaking Staff:

Mr. How	Head Caretaker
Mr. Alves	Caretaker (PM)
Mr. Wighton	Caretaker (PM)



## The Difference between Bullying, Aggression and Teasing



-----  
Bullying always involves aggression. Aggression becomes bullying when it is repeated over time between the same individuals and there is a power imbalance.  
-----

-----  
Conflict can be positive or negative. Bullying is a form of negative conflict. Conflict becomes bullying when it is repeated over time and involves a power differential.  
-----

-----  
Teasing becomes hostile when it implies interpersonal rejection and social exclusion, rather than camaraderie and social inclusion.  
-----

### Bullying

Bullying is behavior that includes the use of any physical, verbal, electronic, written or other means. Bullying is intentional aggressive behaviour. If aggressive behaviour is physical, it may include hitting, pushing, slapping, and tripping. If it is verbal, it may include name calling, mocking, insults, threats, and sexist, racist, homophobic, or transphobic comments. If it is social or relational aggression, it is more subtle and may involve such behaviours as gossiping, shunning, ignoring, spreading rumours, excluding others from a group, or humiliating others with public gestures or graffiti. Social aggression may also occur through the use of technology (e.g., spreading rumours, images, or hurtful comments through the use of e-mail, cell phones, text messaging, Internet websites, social networking, or other technology).

### Aggression

Aggressive behaviour is conflict that may be intentional or unintentional, direct or indirect. It can take many forms, including physical, verbal, and social. It can be experienced in a number of ways including physical, mental, emotional, and psychological harm.

### Teasing

Teasing can be positive or negative.

#### Positive Teasing:

- illustrates closeness, affection, and familiarity with another person
- person being teased is not distressed
- takes place within a strong relationship
- strengthens the relationship

#### Negative Teasing:

- alienates, criticizes, and embarrasses the other person
- the person being teased is distressed
- takes place within a weak relationship
- undermines the relationship