

The Montgomery Times

Dear Families,

As we head into the final week 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 Simon Goodacre 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 Mrs. Mills 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



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:

- Miss Leyzer
- Miss Profetto
- Ms Gizarelli
- Miss Vella
- Miss Ecet
- Mr. Patocs
- Ms. Hobbers

Happy Retirement!

Congratulations to Mrs. Lipsett and Mrs. Enns on their retirement! Their dedication and commitment to both staff and students will be missed but they will leave behind their impact on Viscount Montgomery, a legacy of safe space, positivity and generosity!



Looking Ahead...

2023-24 Classes:

JK/SK	Grade 5/6
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 J/I
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Are You Moving?

To help us with our planning for the September 2023-2024 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 2023/24

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.

Families will be able to view their child's classroom teachers beginning on August 28th via the Parent Portal.

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



Report cards will be distributed on June 27th.

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

Biking or Scootering to School

Just a reminder to please ensure that helmets are worn by all students when they are riding their bike or scooter to and from school.



Out of Catchment Requests

As you are aware, Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board has created attendance boundaries for each of its schools. In some cases, families want their child to attend a school that is not within their catchment boundary.

Unfortunately, Viscount Montgomery is staffed based solely on the projected enrollment of students in our catchment area. **This means that there will not be space available for out-of-catchment students.** We regret the impact this will have for families, especially those with siblings who are currently attending our school.

Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board uses this protocol to make the most effective use of space and staff in all schools. All parents are urged to register their children at the school for their designated catchment area.

You can learn more on the HWDSB website's page detailing Out-of-Catchment school attendance at <https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/find/>



Jump Rope for Heart

On Friday June 16th Viscount participated in our annual Jump Rope for Heart/Play Day.

We were able to raise \$2100 which surpassed our goal of \$2000 because of your wonderful support!

Thank you to Mr. Dodds and all of our helpers for a great day!



Summer Send Off BBQ

On June 16th we had our Summer Send Off BBQ, in which each student received a FREE Hot Dog lunch during the second nutrition break. It was great to have all of our students outside sharing a lunch together!



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



Be sure to subscribe to our website so that you receive all the latest news.

<https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/vi/scountmontgomery/>

Also follow us on Twitter

@Viscount_HWDSB

Cell Phone Use

In order to keep all students safe, all student cell phones must be kept in their school bag or locker at all times unless instructed to be used by the teacher during instructional time. **Absolutely no cell phones are permitted in the washrooms.**





Volunteers at Viscount Montgomery

With the new school year approaching, we are preparing for the return of our 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!

EQAO

Primary (Gr. 3) and Junior (Gr. 6) EQAO assessments took place in the month of May. We are very proud of all the hard work our students put in to prepare for this assessment! Results will be available in the fall of 2023.



School Parking Lot / Pick up- Drop off

Just a friendly reminder that when dropping off or picking up your child (entry and dismissal times) to please not block the bus loading zone or driveways, and please do not enter the parking lot. The parking lot is extremely busy at these times and we want to ensure the safety of all of our students.





IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Our school office will be closed for the summer. It will reopen on Monday, August 28. We apologize that we will be unable to respond to any messages until we return to school. We are committed to sharing information with you and look forward to our return in September.

On Monday, August 28, a School Messenger notification will be emailed to families to inform you that the Parent Portal is officially open for the start of the new school year.

At that time, parents, guardians and caregivers can view their child's classroom teacher.

Kindergarten parents/guardians/caregivers will receive information about when their child will attend their first day of Kindergarten.

Learn more about the Parent Portal: <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/parent/>

If you are looking to register your child, please email register@hwdsb.on.ca or visit www.hwdsb.on.ca/register

If you have any questions over the summer, please call the HWDSB Education Centre at 905-527-5092 or email info@hwdsb.on.ca

We hope you have a great summer and we look forward to seeing you in the new school year!

June 28th, 2023

