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### One final hug

Ruth Tyner's 34-year teaching career in Hastings County came to an end Tuesday, the same day that classes concluded for the 1983-84 academic year for elementary students. Tyner has spent the last 15 years at Harmony Public School near Foxboro. Here, the teacher

receives some last-day hugs from her Grade 5 students Craig Williams, left and Tracey Reid. Tyner said she's planning on taking it "easy" this year but added she will be visiting her school throughout the 1984-85 school year.

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**'I have mixed feelings'  
says retiring teacher**

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Tuesday brought an end to the 1983-84 school year for about 15,000 elementary students in the Quinte area.

And for Ruth Tyner, Tuesday marked the end of a 34-year teaching career in Hastings County.

Tyner, whose last 15 years have been spent at Harmony School near Foxboro, officially retires Thursday at noon—when all teachers in the public and separate school system begin their summer holidays.

"Today (Tuesday) was my last day of teaching and I have mixed feelings about leaving. I am looking forward to a vacation but I have a few regrets about leaving the teaching profession. I'll miss the daily contact with the students," she said.

"I enjoyed teaching, the challenges that come along every

day. I certainly shall miss the students."

Tyner said she's planning on "taking it easy" this year.

"I certainly plan visiting the school throughout the year. I won't be too far away," Tyner said.

Students, though, may be far from their respective schools during the summer holidays. Classes are set to resume Sept. 4, a scant 76 days away.

A special celebration highlighted the last day of school for Bayview Public School.

The Dundas Street east school is closing its doors later this month, after a 111-year history in Belleville.

Shortly after 3 p.m., students, staff, friends and parents joined hands and made a circle in front of the school and sang Auld Lang Syne.

More than 150 helium-filled balloons were then released into the air, a farewell reminder of the school's historical past in the city.