



Horton principal Therese Narbonne chats with Grade 8 student Kim O'Leary after she completed a cross-country run at the school.

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New Horton principal enjoys rural school atmosphere

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New Horton Public School principal Therese Narbonne enjoys teaching in a rural school.

"I love it here. This is a great school," she said after a couple of weeks on the job.

"This is as close to a family as you can get in a school."

She said it didn't take long for her to realize that the close-knit Horton community "really cares about its school."

She said she would like to tap into the spirit by promoting environmental projects and themes as well and encouraging school sports.

As all the Horton classes contain double grades, it will be important to ensure all students are offered a challenging and well-rounded curriculum, she said.

Narbonne has a great deal of experience in rural schools, having taught for 16 years in the Upper Ottawa Valley at such schools as Cobden, Eganville and Barry's Bay.

Like new QE principal Margaret Maloney, Narbonne is a former vice-principal at Walter Zadow Public School in Arnprior. In fact, that was her last posting.

She was also lead teacher at PVPS in Petawawa.

Narbonne started out as a kindergarten teacher in southern Ontario and has been Kindergarten Association president.

She has also was a relational report card administrator and has been involved in curriculum and staff development committee work. She was also a Care for Kids trainer, a Kindernews editor and has been involved in several safety and discipline initiatives.

She has also participated, led and developed a variety of programs from robotics to computer use training.

Also new at Horton this school year are Larry Hayman in Grades 3-4, Karen Camelon in extended French, Paul Veigel in Kindergarten (shared with Admaston) and Christel Littau in special education.

The school also welcomes new educational assistant Barb Griese.