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Six new teachers at Cobden school

There are no fewer than six new staff members at Cobden and District Elementary School this year, including a new librarian, French teacher and special education teacher.

Diane Greer, who is the new librarian, is actually

returning to CDES after spending the past four years at Ross-Mineview Public School. In fact, Mrs. Greer has spent 10 years teaching in Cobden already—fully half of her 20-year teaching career.

Mrs. Greer will also be

teaching library skills to public school students in Eganville this year. She explains that her time will be split between the two schools.

Mrs. Greer and her husband Brent live at R.R. 1, Cobden. Their two

children, Rebecca and BJ are both students at CDES.

Betty Leach is working part-time as the vice-principal's relief. Mrs. Leach and her husband Kevin live in Micksburg. They have two children, Todd and Jodi.

Mrs. Leach will be teaching Grade 8 history and Grade 6 science on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons. In all, she has been teaching for about six years, starting off as a supply teacher.

Mrs. Leach is returning to her teaching career after taking several years off to raise her family. During that time, the Leachs lived in Kingston.

Susan Buske is the new special education teacher at Cobden and District Elementary School. Miss Buske comes to Cobden from Pembroke where she was a teacher at Champlain High School for the past two years. In all, Miss Buske says she has been teaching for three years.

Naomi Yates is enjoying her first full-time teaching position at CDES. Miss Yates teaches both Grades 2 and 3.

Though she is a Pembroke resident, Miss Yates lived in Ottawa for the past five years while studying at Ottawa University. At the same time, she worked part-time with autistic children as a teacher's aide for the Ottawa Board of Education.

Anne Guest comes to CDES after eight years as a primary school teacher in Scarborough. She is teaching Junior Kindergarten in the afternoon.

Mrs. Guest and her husband Allan live at R.R. 1, Cobden. They have two children, Michael and Morah.

Finally, Brian Hobbs is the new French teacher for Grades 4, 5 and 6. Mr. Hobbs is also the French teacher at Westmeath Public School where he teaches all grades. He will be dividing his time between the two schools.



Here are five of the six new teachers at CDES. From left are: Diane Greer, Anne Guest, Susan Buske, Naomi Yates and Betty Leach. Missing from the photo is Brian Hobbs.