

# New principal, new teacher at Ross

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Ross Mineview School is settling in to the 1986-87 school year under the administration of a new principal.

Art Jamieson, 46, came to the school in September after serving as principal of Beachburg Public School for 22 years.

The Renfrew native received his elementary and high school in that community, and went on to teachers' college in Ottawa. Since then he has taken courses from Ottawa University and Queen's University.

Ross Mineview has an enrolment of 167 ranging from junior kindergarten to grade 8.

"The school organization is almost the same as that in Beachburg," says Mr. Jamieson. "Grades 2 and 5 are split grades, and there are two grade levels in every classroom."

Mr. Jamieson is enjoying the school and its surroundings.

"The physical layout of the school is probably one of the best in the county," he says. "The gym, library, and kindergarten are all in one section, the regular classrooms are in a cluster, and the offices and staff room are adjacent to the main entrance. The school setting is totally surrounded by beautiful hardwoods and evergreens, and even a small pond borders one corner of the grounds. The children are fortunate to have Mother Nature so close at hand."

Mr. Jamieson says that he's not anticipating any drastic changes in the school.

"If change is to be successful and effective, it should be positively created through a co-operative endeavour involving the students, staff, and community."

However, he does feel that discipline is important in a school, and maintaining this will be a priority

with him.

Another personal interest of his is music.

"Music can be one of the most vital, adaptable, and enjoyable subjects taught in elementary schools," he says. "It can contribute to many areas of children's growth and give them the joy of creating something uniquely their own, individually and in groups."

Mr. Jamieson will be surveying families to determine whether there is interest in busing students to the Kinsmen Pool in Pembroke as part of the school's physical education program. He is also looking at the possibility of re-activating a skating rink on the school grounds this winter. The rink had not been operating last year.

Another new teacher at the school is Jane Bulmer, 35, of Forester's Falls. Mrs. Bulmer teaches 37 students in grades 7 and 8.

"Mrs. Bulmer has one of

the heaviest class loads in the county," says Mr. Jamieson. "But to reorganize the class to even out the numbers would mean that somewhere down the line some teacher would have three grade levels in her classroom."

Mr. Jamieson says that attempts are being made to get help for Mrs. Bulmer, such as a teacher assistant, or a floating teacher that could come in part-time.

Mrs. Bulmer came to Ross Mineview from teaching Senior Elementary School classes in Renfrew. One of the advantages for her is a shorter drive to work. But she also likes the students that she teaches.

"They're good kids," she says, "and that makes life just that much more enjoyable."

Mrs. Bulmer is a native of Pembroke, and received her elementary and high school education there. She received her teachers' training at the Ottawa University, and has taught with the Renfrew County Board of Education for the past eight years.

"I like the school very much," she says. "And I am impressed with the support of the parents and the community."

She especially appreciated the turnout at a recent open house at the school.

"It was quite different from interview nights at some schools," she said. "This one was just a nice family affair."

Mr. Jamieson teaches a grade 5 and 6 class, and is relieved in the classroom by Barb Moogk when he is occupied with administrative duties. Other teachers are Anne Eady, who teaches Junior and Senior Kindergarten with the help of teacher's aide Carol Dowdall; Alice Ferguson, who teaches grades 1 and 2; Ruby Bulmer, who teaches grades 2 and 3, and Rachel Pope, who teaches grades 4 and 5.

French teacher is Guy Vaillancourt, and special education is taught by Merina Benner. Teaching the Astrolabe program for gifted students is Pat Krose.



Principal Art Jamieson and teacher Jane Bulmer are the two new staff members at Ross Mineview School. Mr. Jamieson and Mrs. Bulmer are both Renfrew County natives, and have number of years of experience teaching with the Renfrew County Board of Education.

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