

# École Amherstview Public School

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**At Amherstview, we care**

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## WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

We are delighted to welcome new and returning students to our AVPS family and to an exciting new school year. We are very fortunate to be working with such a wonderful staff and supportive school community.

### School Organization

We have had many new registrations bringing us to about 550 students. We will start the year with 8 English classes and 15 French Immersion classes. Actual enrolment numbers will be confirmed later this week and may result in class reorganization and staffing changes given the large numbers in our junior French Immersion classes. As we work through staffing, we welcome Mme Hoogsteen to Grade 1/2 French Immersion and Mme Kim, ECE in FDK to start the school year off. Thanks for your patience as we work through this transition.

### Parents as Partners

At AVPS, we believe that parents are partners in supporting student achievement and creating a positive school culture. Thank-you to those parents who have already signed up to volunteer this year! We are so grateful for the contributions of our volunteers who enrich our school in so many ways. We invite parents to engage in your child's learning and in the life of our school. Our first parent council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 19th at 6:15 pm. We invite you to join us to find out more about what is happening at our school and how to get involved.

### Building Improvements

There has been a great deal of work done inside and outside of our school building including Wi-Fi upgrades, security camera installations, roof replacement, and phase one of air conditioning installation on the second floor. Work on the roof will continue into the school year for about 6-8 weeks. We have met with facility services and roofers who have assured us that this work can safely proceed with no disruption to student learning.

At AVPS, we value the importance of working together to create a welcoming, supportive learning environment where students can take risks, make mistakes, persevere and achieve success. We invite you to become involved and welcome your input and continued support!

Sincerely,

*Anna Pacheco & Gemma Zelmanovits*

Principal

Vice-Principal

### Agenda Planners

Most of our classes in grades 1-8 are using the agenda/planner as an organization tool and a means of communication between home and school. In the agenda, you will find the parent handbook and code of conduct for our school. If you are able, we would appreciate a donation of \$5 to offset the cost of the agendas.

### School Newsletters

In order to reduce our paper consumption, we will be posting links to school newsletters and calendars on our website <http://amherstviewps.limestone.on.ca/>, on Twitter [@AmherstviewPS](https://twitter.com/AmherstviewPS) and through our upcoming school board messenger application. Our parent handbook and other notices can also be found on the school website. Please contact the school if you are unable to access these items.

### Merci!

Teaching staff have been planning and preparing the new school year. We appreciate all the work that they do! Many thanks to our custodial staff who worked hard to clean the school and prepare classrooms for our students. We also want to thank Mrs. Rolfe for organizing the office, registering new students, and preparing for the new school year.

### Get Involved at AVPS!

Please encourage your child to participate in the many opportunities beyond the classroom such as sports, clubs and student leadership. There are many ways for students to contribute to school life, discover new interests, and enrich their experience at our school.