

# Fresh start at Heroes' Memorial

By Louise Smith

The new school year began on Wednesday, August 31 for all students attending the Eastern Townships School Board. There is always a special energy that surrounds a new school year.

Liane Flynn, a grade two home room teacher, who also teaches math in the grade one and the grade one-two, had rearranged her classroom to make it more spacious and inviting. She loves the "fresh start" feeling that comes with day one of school. Mary Ann Murphy, the school secretary, has the smiling faces of children happy to be at school as her

favourite part of the return to school. Michelle Beaulne was at Waterloo Elementary last year and she is here this year in the grade one-two class. All the staff was ready to welcome the students in the school yard. Melissa Carter was there to get photos already preparing for the year end slide show!

Many parents were with their children for that first morning. Students, staff, and parents all had smiling faces. For some parents and students the summer seemed too short, but for others it was too long. Heroes' Memorial is like a second home to many. And so a new year begins!



Above: Parents and students gathered on the first day and Mrs. Murphy was there to wave at them, welcoming them back.

Right: Lianne Flynn was ready with a newly organized classroom to welcome her new and returning students.

Left: Melissa Carter, the grade three-four teacher, was ready to capture smiles the first day of school.



Mary Ann Murphy, the school secretary, and Anne Stairs, the principal, were smiling and ready to welcome everyone back.

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