



Since January 2nd, when students or staff at Newark Middle School haven't felt up to par, they've been seeing someone new in the nurse's office. She's the new school nurse Annette Adams, who filled the vacancy created by Ann Allerton's retirement last year. After Allerton's June retirement, Inger Rothpearl, one of two nurses at Newark High School, began filling in at NMS until the holiday break began in December.

Welcome Aboard Annette!

NMS Principal Teresa Prinzi is thrilled Adams has joined the school staff. *"Annette is awesome," Prinzi said. "She has a wealth of experience. She fits here beautifully. She has a very nice way with kids and staff. The kids really like her. Everybody has been very welcoming to her."*

Adams is equally delighted she's the new nurse at NMS, although it's not the first time she's worked in that capacity there.

After becoming an LPN in 2103 after graduating from Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES program, she's worked as a substitute nurse both at NMS and NHS as well as in other area school districts. She also worked as school/residential nurse for Hillside Children's Center in Rochester for nearly two years. She's in the process of becoming an RN through Achieve/Excelsior

College.

"I absolutely love it here _ the kids are dynamite. It's a comfortable fit _ this is home." she said January 18th.

While Adams said she's wanted to be a nurse as long as she can remember, she initially earned a bachelor's degree in business education from Nazareth College after graduating from Our Lady of Mercy High School in Rochester. She earned her master's degree in business administration/management from Roberts Wesleyan College.

She's taught business at various high schools in the region and served as the Business Department Chair at Bishop Kearney High School for a time. She's also been an adjunct business professor at RIT, FLCC and MCC.

Adams decided to transition into a career in nursing while working at Thompson Hospital in Canandaigua as a customer service trainer.

Before being hired at NMS, she worked in the Sodus Central School District as the workplace coordinator at the high school.

Adams and her husband, Leon, an engineer, live in Farmington and have two grown sons, Ryan and Tristan.

