

## Listen to Me Carefully



As you enter the classroom, you hear a crisp laugh, and see a happy smiling face. You are surrounded by a splash of patriotic colors. You are in the classroom of our beloved 8<sup>th</sup> grade Social Studies teacher — Mrs. Mutarelli. Mrs. Mutarelli has been teaching at AMS for 29 years!

Teaching, however, was not her first choice for a career. She wanted to work for the government, but she knew that if she needed a back-up plan she would teach. Once she began student teaching, she loved it so much; she decided to teach for good. Mrs. Mutarelli has taught everything from kindergarten to eighth grade. She teaches what she loves: history and ancient civilizations. She is fascinated by them and still learns more each day.

If she loves teaching so much, why is she retiring? Mrs. Mutarelli told us that she is retiring after all these years because after learning so much about the world, she really looks forward to traveling to all the places she hasn't been to yet. She also plans to spend A LOT of time with her grandchildren.

Worrying about whether we will never see our teacher again? As Mrs. Mutarelli says, "That is not the case! Listen to me carefully!" She plans to come back and substitute, "causing trouble" amongst her former colleagues. That's fantastic, because we will all miss Mrs. Mutarelli!

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