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Coach's Corner – Grandparents & Special Friends Day!

Good afternoon friends and families of MCS,

If you are following along in our school calendar, tomorrow was scheduled to be Grandparents and Special Friends Day. This was always such a joyful time of the year when we could welcome our students' grandparents and share our students' work! Sadly, the pandemic has halted this yearly tradition for a second year. We look forward to hosting this tradition as soon as we are able.

This week I found myself reflecting on the wonderful gift that grandparents and senior friends are in our lives. I'm very lucky to still have both my grandmothers in my life and think back fondly to the memories made in years past. I remember visiting my paternal grandmother almost daily as a child as my Dad and my Grandpa owned a small business called *Meadowville Carriage and Woodworks*. (I come from a long line of blacksmiths!). While my Dad and Grandpa worked outside in the shop, my Granny would always make me two ham and mustard sandwiches while we watched our after-school shows together.

My maternal grandparents lived farther away in a small cottage in Bobcaygeon, Ontario which made an annual summer trip very special. I can remember my Grandad prepping his boat to take us tubing!

Our grandparents are so special in our lives and we look forward to the day that we can welcome them back to our building. Until then, I encourage each of us to continue to reach out and stay connected with our grandparents and special friends!

A fun write up was completed several years ago on my paternal Great Grandfather and my Grandfather as they were the Meadowvale blacksmiths. Pictures and information are below!

(Please [click here](#) to join me tomorrow at 1:30pm for a time of conversation and prayer.)

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▲ Ernie and Howard Martin, 1985
(Region of Peel Archives)

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(Region of Peel Archives)

The Village Smitty - 1932

In 1932, Ernie Martin (b.1906, d. 1990) came to Meadowvale and became the Village Blacksmith. He bought the Francis Sibbald residence on Pond Street, one of the workers' homes built by Francis Silverthorn. He and his wife, Ethel (1910-1992), had one son, Howard, born on June 22, 1932.

In the days of the horse and buggy, a blacksmith was a vital part of a community and Meadowvale had had a blacksmith in the village for nearly 100 years. In the 1840s, the local blacksmith shop was located on Lot 10 on the south side of the dusty trail that became Main Street (Derry Road) in 1856. George Bell was the first blacksmith in the village. He worked his trade along with his hotel business, and others followed. In 1867, Michael Clipsum did the work required in this capacity.



▲ Martin Residence (Region of Peel Archives)



◀ Martin's Blacksmith Shop, 2002
(James Holmes)

Blessings,

Mr. Martin

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Virtual Chapel

This Week: Pastor Randy Harris



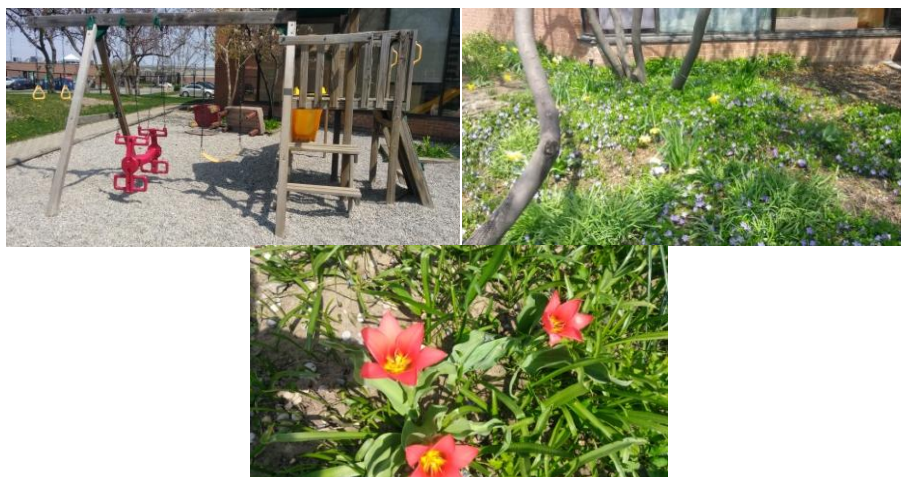
*Next week: Monday & Friday - Mr. Danielson
Wednesday - Mr. Harold Peasley*

Upcoming Events

Mother's Day
May 9

Online Auction
May 9-16

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