

Farewell Sebby Call

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touched. Sebby has brought out the best in this community, from donations of time and money and energy and just recently The Meal Train, the setting up of live-streaming his funeral so that those living afar could feel a part of his farewell. It is too bad that it often takes an enemy like cancer to bring out the best in people.

First grandchild on both sides of the family, Sebby leaves to mourn his brother, Phil, his grandparents: Christina Langraf (late Charles Wykes), and June and Murray Call, his great grandmother, Nancy Wykes, his aunts and uncles: Adam, Daniel (Sarah), Samantha (Keith) and Nancy, his cousins, Kadie and Dylan, as well as many other relatives and a lot of good friends.

His tousled-curly locks, beautiful open smile, and twinkling chocolate eyes are trademarks of the spirited, welcoming child. According to Knowlton Academy Principal Renalee Gore, who polled his classmates, they remember Sebby for being the go-to guy with new students at school, his love for hockey and soccer, hand-crafted greeting cards he made for everyone, his sportsmanship conduct, his playful silliness, his infectious laugh, his love for animals, his friends and family, and his brother Phil. He was always the first person to console another student. Apparently Sebby also loved to hang out with a friend on a certain roof and was always asking for ex-



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Judy McKinnon-Martin, founder of The Bell Fund honoured Sebby Call by making him the first patient at the Montreal Children's Hospital to ring The Bell of celebration symbolizing luck, gratefulness, and hope on completion of chemotherapy treatment. Young Sebby soon afterward became an ambassador for Martin's Bell Fund.

tended time to be up there. She added that he loved school, not the work per se, but being with all his friends, doing art and singing in the choir. In speaking to all in attendance at Sebby's funeral, many who were his friends and classmates, Gore reminded, "The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or touched but are felt in the heart."

KA Garden project

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together," Mizener is determined that this kind of project is needed everywhere and will make a difference to sustaining a healthy community. "In general," she said, "it is about cultivating positive change, developing local sustainability while reconnecting generations and all learning in the process."

Principal Renalee Gore emphasized that this project has been met at the ETSB level with great enthusiasm and support. The board is prepared to support the project, which would serve as a model for other schools under the board's umbrella. However, for now, this is solely a Knowlton Academy adventure.

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volunteers to help us to better serve our Townshippers community. If you have a program idea, or would like to test your talents as an on-air host, drop into the station on Monday or Friday mornings, alternatively drop us a line. We are looking for volunteers to host our morning, late afternoon, and mid-day programs. We have jobs aplenty for behind the scenes' volunteers who want to

The idea is for it to become a community-inclusive, inter-generational program featuring a garden to table element that serves as a platform to integrate the basic curriculum. For example, it is a living science lab facilitating writing, reading, art, socialization, cooperation amongst many other learning skills.

To better understand the concept of the project, a 20-minute film that was produced by Jane Churchill and Potton's Gwynne Basen called, "A Crack in the Pavement: Digging In" is a must-see and can be found online.

The organizing committee strongly wants to facilitate youngsters to connect

discover the exciting world of radio broadcasting. No experience necessary; however enthusiasm and commitment to your community are definite requirements!

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Speaking from first-hand experience, Judy McKinnon-Martin delivered the eulogy. "Cancer is an unwelcome curse for most people. It often strikes when you least expect it. It's painful. It's brutally unfair, especially when it strikes a child. But, I also like to say that cancer can be a gift because of the people you meet that inspire and amaze you with their positive attitude and their resilience. Sebby was a cancer gift weaving himself into the hearts of hockey players P.K. Suban and Max Pacioretti, as well as wrestling champion Sami Zayne and all who cared for him."

Martin is eternally grateful to his parents for allowing Sebby to become an ambassador and honouring her project. The Bell Fund aims to give patients support, inspiration, and hopefully a little comfort on this journey, provide comfort kits containing a fleece blanket to keep the patient warm because chemotherapy patients often feel cold, with a foot pocket and a lap pocket to store a book or phone; a reusable water bottle to help patients swallow medication and quench their thirst; a note pad and pen to take notes during doctors' visits; mints to soothe throats and remove the metal taste that some patients have during treatment; and a magazine to help pass the time. School children from the Knowlton Academy are also assisting The Bell Fund by writing notes to patients that wish them well, and will be included in the kits.

Martin, though she hasn't known Sebby for long, grew to be close friends with him and his family over this two-year period. She spoke about how he always managed a smile no matter how heartbreaking and unfair life had been with him.

It's a harsh lesson for young children when a friend is lost. Yet somehow they were empowered to be part of the program. The children of the Knowlton Academy choir led by Lucy Hoblyn sang Cindy Lauper's "True Colors" and Rachel Patten's "Its A Better Place Since You Came Along." Allie Woodard courageously shared her own memories in the farewell.

With Sebby's brother by her side, Aunt Valerie Godue spoke about the young boy wanting to help everyone. He wanted to help the homeless and find ways to feed starving children around the world. He had intense curiosity for religion. And he faced a monster like a man, a little boy that lit a fire in the entire community. He gave so much and took so little, leaving us with memories that will last a lifetime. Sebby Call was the true meaning of a gift to all he crossed paths with.

In his memory, a donation to The Bell Fund (Cedars Cancer Foundation) would be appreciated by the family. www.cedars.ca/cedars/en/funds_and_fellowships/bell_fund

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with the natural environment while developing skills that will ensure healthy eating from local produce. According to Gore, already a volunteer in the community is offering to work with the students in the Bistro program in making preserves with their harvest in the autumn of 2017. This ties into the existing Bistro program. Of course the group is undergoing a recruitment process for volunteers to help prepare the necessary infrastructure, planting with the children, harvesting, and food preparation. Other tasks and skills needed would be building an inventory of resources, marketing, community liason, etc. The list is long. As Mizener says, "There is something for everyone in this program, if they want to get involved. Your skill is adding to our strength."

As the funds to cover the initial budget of over \$66,000.00 are being amassed the school is eager to go ahead with the project this year by building raised beds in April and planting soon thereafter. Muir says that they plan to set up a simple rainwater catchment system that will serve to maintain the gardens and not burden the local water supply. A location for composting will be determined within the next couple of weeks.



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Susan Muir is an architect technician who has designed a number of school playgrounds and is now directly involved with the development of the infrastructure needed for the Knowlton Academy Greenhouse and Garden Project.

Already several composting units have been ordered.

That many of the plants going into the raised beds could be started soon, the school is reaching out to the wide community for donations of pots and garden tools. They can be dropped off at the school at 81 Victoria St. in Knowlton during school hours.