

# The Flower Gift

*The park bench was deserted as I sat down to read  
Beneath the long, straggly branches of an old willow tree.  
Disillusioned by life with good reason to frown  
For the world was intent on dragging me down.*

*And if that weren't enough to ruin my day  
A young boy out of breath approached me, all tired from play.  
He stood right before me with his head tilted down  
And said with great excitement, "Look what I found!"*

*In his hand was a flower, and what a pitiful sight  
With its petals all worn - not enough rain, or too little light.  
Wanting him to take his dead flower and go off to play  
I faked a small smile and then shifted away.*

*But instead of retreating he sat next to my side  
And placed the flower to his nose and declared with surprise.  
"It sure smells pretty and it's beautiful, too  
That's why I picked it; here, it's for you."*

*The weed before me was dying or dead  
Not vibrant of colors, orange, yellow or red.  
But I knew I must take it, or he might never leave  
So I reached for the flower, and replied, "Just what I need."*

*But instead of him placing the flower in my hand  
He held it mid-air without reason or plan.  
It was then that I noticed for the very first time  
That weed-toting boy could not see: he was blind.*


*I heard my voice quiver, tears shone like the sun  
As I thanked him for picking the very best one.  
"You're welcome," he smiled, and then ran off to play  
Unaware of the impact he'd had on my day.*

*I sat there and wondered how he managed to see  
A self-pitying woman beneath an old willow tree.  
How did he know of my self-indulged plight?  
Perhaps from his heart, he'd been blessed with true sight.*

*Through the eyes of a blind child, at last I could see  
The problem was not with the world; the problem was me.  
And for all of those times I myself had been blind  
I vowed to see beauty, and appreciate every second that's mine.*

*And then I held that wilted flower up to my nose  
And breathed in the fragrance of a beautiful rose.  
And smiled as that young boy, another weed in his hand  
About to change the life of an unsuspecting old man.*

*-Author unknown*

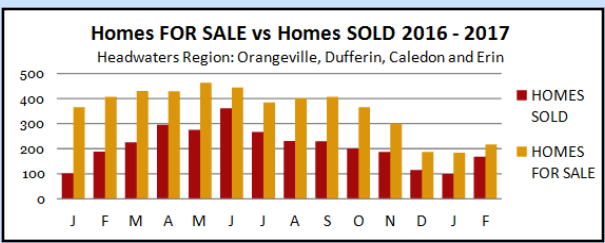
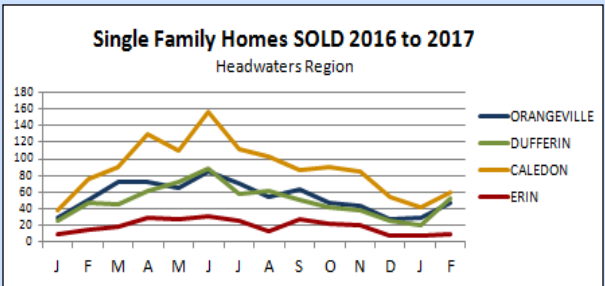

**Headwaters Real Estate Recap: FEBRUARY 2017**

“It seems like the spring market is here! We saw much more activity in February compared to January in the headwaters region of Dufferin, Erin, Caledon and Orangeville. 168 sales occurred in the month of February in the Headwaters, while only 217 available listings remained at the end of the month. Supply is not keeping up with demand.

February was even more challenging in Orangeville, with 48 homes sold, and a mere 26 listings available as of March 2nd. This is less than half a months supply of inventory! Again, this is the reason for rising sale prices. Out of Orangeville’s 71 sales to date this year, average list price to sale price is 104%.

It has been quite a year for sellers so if you’re thinking of selling, call the Grime Team; it is the right time!”


*Dave*




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**5 Things To Do On March Break**

**Create Your Own Mini-Olympics**  
 The activities you choose will depend on if you're poolside or if you're at home but either way, you can have a lot of fun. If you're at the pool, have a daily holding your breath under water competition. If you're at home, set up a paper toss or a jumping jacks competition. It doesn't matter what the activity, as long as everyone has a chance to be active and participate.


**Go on a Treasure Hunt**  
 Not only is this fun, it will help teach the kids about trust, teamwork and problem solving. Take them to a local park and set an expedition course on a map, circling various checkpoints. Take turns navigating to each point on the map and leading with team to each destination. Stay together and explore the park, study the clues on the map and look for the 'secret treasure'.

**Dance!**  
 Take 20 minutes and let the kids pick their favourite songs, or show them one of your favourite artists, and dance, dance, dance! It's a great way for you to engage your young ones in some physical activity. The whole family can let themselves go and dance energetically until no one is left standing!



**Organize an "Animal" Race**  
 If you have young children aged three to eight, organize an animal race in the backyard or in an open space at home, if it's still too cold outside. Let everyone in the family pick an animal, such as a snake, monkey or crab. Then race across the room as you imitate how that animal might move. For example, if you choose a monkey, race using your hands and feet, but not your knees or torso. If you are imitating a snake, slither across the room. Add some animal noises for real fun.

**Have an Indoor Picnic**  
 If it's too cold outside for a picnic, have one inside! Set up everything you'll need, take out the picnic blanket and set up on the living room floor. Let the kids pick the menu; this type of "grazing" dinner is fun, easy and a great way to switch up the regular routine.

*5-minute Health Boosters*


**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS**  
 Don't forget to set your clocks ahead 1 hour!  
**MARCH 12th, 2017**  
 Change the batteries in your smoke detectors too!

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