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■ **THROWBACK THURSDAY**

ARNOLD FORDE WAS MISSISSAUGA'S FIRST BLACK TEACHER

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Mississaugan Arnold Forde was a university sports star and a prominent educator in the city. He was serving as a vice-principal at Applewood Secondary School by 1967, and principal of Glenforest Secondary School in the 1970s. By the 1980s, he was principal of Meadowvale Secondary School.

A student at Nova Scotia's Acadia University from 1952 to 1955, his athletic accomplishments earned him a spot in the university's hall of fame in 1989. As captain of the Acadia's rugby team, the media described him as "one of the greatest players to carry the [team's colours] onto the gridiron." Nicknamed "Bunty," Forde also helped lead the track and field and basketball teams to success.

After university, Forde was hired by Port Credit Secondary School. In 1962, he coached the school's junior football team to the Toronto athletics championship. One of his three sons, Duane, played in the CFL, earning two Grey Cup rings.

Forde has the distinction of being Mississauga's first black teacher.



PAMA photo
Arnold Forde, as he appeared in the 1967-68
Applewood Secondary School yearbook.

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