



Mentoring Matters

Back to School!

On September 8th all of the In-School Mentee's will be heading back to school for another fun-filled year.

Mentoring can begin anytime after I receive the permission form for your mentee back. All offense declaration forms must also be returned to me before you can begin.

There are different ways in which mentors get the year started. After checking in with the program coordinator, you may call the school to find out your mentee's teachers name and set up the first meeting that way or you may let the program coordinator know which day you would like to set up the first meeting and it will be communicated with the school.

The decision is up to you because some mentors prefer to set it up on their own and others prefer it be done through the office.

Either way there are a few rules everyone needs to remember. There is no contact between you and your mentee allowed outside of the school, you are only able to spend a maximum of one hour a

week with your mentee and if you have any concerns please contact the office to share them.

Activity boxes will be dropped off during through the month of September to each school. Please check in with the office admin at the school to find out where the activity boxes are located.

Please remember to throw out all garbage in the activity boxes and keep them neat and tidy, because in most schools there is more than one match using them.

It is each school's responsibility to ensure that there is a space at the school for you to use. If you are unable to locate a space and have asked the school please contact Big Brothers Big Sisters.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Leeds and Grenville is wishing everyone a happy mentoring year!

Big Brothers Big Sisters
of Leeds and Grenville



Issue 13

September/October 2009

September is Big Brothers Big Sisters Month! Celebrate by helping us recruit volunteers!

NOTE FOR PARENTS

Permission forms will be sent home in September from each participating school. Please return these promptly to ensure that your child is matched this year.

Big Brothers Big Sisters would like to thank Bell for donating 8 backpacks filled with school supplies to our agency.



Mentors Wanted

With a new mentoring year beginning Big Brothers Big Sisters would like to ask for your help to recruit In-School, Teen In-School and Go Girls Mentors.

There are children in all schools throughout Leeds and Grenville that would benefit from a Mentor in their life.

Anyone with one hour a week to share could be an In-School Mentor. Any high school student who could make it to an elementary school once a week for one hour can volunteer as a Teen-Mentor and

gain their community service hours. Extra hours look good on resumes and college/university applications.

Go Girls! Mentors can be any female between the ages of 18-25 who has two hours a week for 7 to 10 weeks.

Anyone interested in any of our programs should visit our website at www.mentoringmatters.ca for more detailed program info.

Accreditation

Every five years Big Brothers Big Sisters goes through an accreditation process by Big Brothers Big Sisters of Canada. This process is to ensure that we as an agency are complying with National Standards.

On September 21st and 22nd our agency will have an accreditor on site. Part of the accreditation process is for

the accreditor to speak with volunteers families and supporters that are involved with the agency.

The people who speak with the accreditor are chosen at random by the accreditor. Please be aware that you may receive a phone call from them on either of those days.

The questions they ask will be simple

questions about your experience with the agency.

If you have any question about this process please call the Big Brothers Big Sisters office at 613-345-0281.



Car Wash- Dare To Be A Kid Again!

There will be a fundraising car wash held at Wally Wash on Saturday, September 5th, from 11am to 2pm, with all proceeds going to support all of our Big Brothers Big Sisters programs in Leeds and Grenville.

Wally Wash has been generous enough to provide us with the use of

their professional facilities to make sure you receive the best possible wash possible. There will be a BBQ with cold drinks, so bring your car, truck, or scooter for a wash, while you enjoy lunch.

Wally Wash is located at 115 Broome Road, beside Wal-Mart. For more

information Wally Wash please visit their website at www.wallywash.ca.



Ontario Child Benefit Funding Received

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Leeds and Grenville would like to thank United Counties of Leeds and Grenville for awarding our agency with The Ontario Child Benefit Funding for the In-School and Teen In-School Mentoring Program.

Our agency was awarded a grant in the amount of \$7,754. This money will be used for program improvements, activity supplies and other costs associated with running this high quality mentoring program.



Help us Become the Alumni Agency of the Month

Help Big Brothers Big Sisters become the Alumni agency of the month. Please sign up for Alumni if you are a Mentor, Mentee or parent.

All Alumni members receive an Alumni card and pin in the mail and will receive a quarterly magazine all free of charge.

Being an Alumni member will help you stay connected to the agency and to your match.

To sign up for Alumni benefits please contact Big Brothers Big Sisters or visit www.bbbsalumni.ca

September/October Activity

- Start a scrapbook or journal that you can work on all year long
- Decorate a Pringles can to make a time capsule
- Research your names on the internet to find out the meaning
- Have a nature scavenger hunt
- Write a scary story then share it with each other
- Make handprint ghosts
- Write a thank you note to someone who has blessed you in some way

Sites to Visit

- | | |
|--|--|
| www.kidsites.com | www.kidsclick.org |
| www.kidscom.com | www.netsmartz.org |
| www.pbskids.org | www.bored.com |
| www.funbrain.com | www.linkasaurus.com |
| www.kaboose.com | www.kidskonnnect.com |

Production of this newsletter has been made possible through a financial contribution from the Ministry of Education.