



BIG NEWS

March 2010



Spring Fling Rummage Sale!

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Start your spring cleaning early to help Big Brothers Big Sisters! On **April 10 from 7:15am to 2pm** we are having our annual Spring Fling Rummage Sale at the Ag Arena to benefit our program.



Your trash can be another's treasure and vice versa, for a great price and for a great cause. So if you have items we can sell at the sale, please drop them off between 8am-8pm, Thursday, April 8 or 8am-noon, Friday, April 9. Then come on down to shop for yourself!



The Spring Fling Rummage Sale is a very important event for us since the proceeds go toward BBBS and helps us serve kids in the community.



be a friend. be a mentor. just be there.

Big Brothers Big Sisters Activities

Board Game Fun!

Monday March 15th 4-5pm

The Village at Penn State

361 President's Drive, State College, PA 16803



3 on 3 Basketball Tournament!

Sunday March 28th 12-4pm

State College YMCA

Sign Up Now!

5 people to a team, \$30/team

Help support BBBS!

(814) 237-2224 ext. 129 or email bbbsnews@ccysb.com



March 2010 BBBS Ambassador Erica Keller

"I know she can succeed in anything she would like"



Thank you Erica for your significant contributions to our program!

1) How long have you been matched with your Little? Did you get off to an easy start?

It's been a little over a year now since my Little and I were first matched. I can't believe how quickly the time has passed! Yes, fortunately we did get off to a very easy start.

2) What are some of the qualities that you admire most in your Little?

Although my Little is only 13 years old, she is undoubtedly one of the most motivated individuals I know. Her aspirations for her future are so genuine and if she keeps up her hard work, I know she can succeed in anything she would like to!

3) Have there been any rocky moments? If so, how did you handle them?

As for rocky moments, we haven't really experienced any. The only thing I would say has been an issue, is thinking of cheap activities to do in the wintertime. We solved this by brainstorming together, and our case-worker Vernel also gave us some good ideas.

4) What is a typical activity like with your Little? Where do you go, what do you do together? Any favorites?

We usually do different things each week. We like to take advantage of the extra free activities BBBS offers. We've been to Penn State sporting events, Cirque du Soleil, and School House Rock at the State Theatre. We also like the creamery during nice weather, and often do activities that are holiday themed like making Easter eggs, or carving pumpkins. We tie-dye, go to the movies, play board games, go to Color Me Mine, take my Little's dog Amos for walks, go swimming in the summer, and the list goes on.

5) Why would you recommend BBBS to a friend?

I would recommend BBBS to others because it is such a great program that you can see almost immediate results from. Knowing that just simply being a friend to this young girl can make such an impact is incredible. But with that being said, my Little certainly brings happiness to me just as I do to her!



Thank you

Penn State University's Phi Gamma Nu sorority for hosting a Valentine's Party!

PSU Eisenhower Auditorium and Laura Sullivan for the Groovealoo tickets!

Bryce Jordan Center for Harlem Globetrotters tickets!

Centre Daily Times for wonderful publicity of our program!



Anniversaries

5 YEARS

Sarah Foreman & Charmaine

1 YEAR

Bob Caverly & Brandon

Jennifer Hinkle & Ellen

Jessica Zehel & Nastazia

Lindsay Halverson & Donna

Timothy Beekley & Donovan

New Volunteers

Christina Russo

Sarah Dillon-Fast

Hayley Krichels

Kelly Newburg

BIRTHDAYS

Nicole Vella

Angelica Perez

Carol Turano

Andrea Boyles

Sarah Dillon-Fast

Erica Friel



St. Patrick's Day Activities



Rainbow Mobile

Recipe and picture from: <http://crafts.kaboose.com/mobile.html>

What you'll need:

- 1 paper plate
- Paper streamers or wide ribbon in rainbow colors (red, orange, yellow, green, blue and purple) OR Craft paint in rainbow colors (red, orange, yellow, green, blue and purple)
- Scissors
- White craft glue
- Piece of ribbon for hanging

How to make it:

1. Cut the paper plate in half.
2. Cut a 40-inch length of streamer in each color.
3. Cut each length up the middle to create two long strips of each color.
4. Reserve one set of rainbow color strips for another project or for a second Rainbow Mobile.
5. Use one strip of each color. Glue the red streamer strip around the top curve of the paper plate. Make sure to center the streamer so you have equal lengths hanging off each side.
6. Repeat with each color, moving your way down from red to orange, then yellow, green, blue and lastly purple.



Rainbow Cookies

Ingredients:

- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup butter, softened
- 2 cups flour
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1 egg
- Food coloring-at least 6 colors (make sure one of them is Red!)

Remember - with red, blue and yellow you can make all the other colors.

Directions:

1. Mix sugar, butter, egg and vanilla. Add flour and mix well.
 2. Divide dough into six balls.
 3. Add a different food coloring to each ball.
 4. Roll each ball in a snake shape onto a floured surface.
- This is fun for the kids -- just like playdough!*
5. Arch snake shape and press onto cookie sheet.
 6. Add other snake shapes until the rainbow is formed.
 7. Bake at 350 degrees for 8-15 minutes.
 8. When cooled let each child taste a piece of the rainbow.



Recipe from <http://www.dltk-kids.com/recipesdb/view.asp?rid=98> and picture:<http://www.goonswithspoons.com/w/images/1/12/RainbowCookies6.jpg>

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Safety First!

Children have the right to be safe at all times. The safety of the children in our program is our #1 priority. We expect everyone associated with the Centre County Youth Service Bureau to support children's safety and well-being.

EVENTS CALENDAR

Hey BIGS, check for new events in town at:

www.statecollege.com

and

www.happyvalley.com

There's always fun ways to spend time with your little!

PSU Bigs—Looking for some campus connections?

Get involved with the Penn State BBBS club!

Next meeting is March 15

in 103 Willard @ 6pm

Join us!



Remember to turn your clocks ahead one hour on Sunday March 14th!



Got any great pictures??

Send them our way for a chance to be in the next newsletter!

Email photos to bbbsnews@ccysb.com

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