

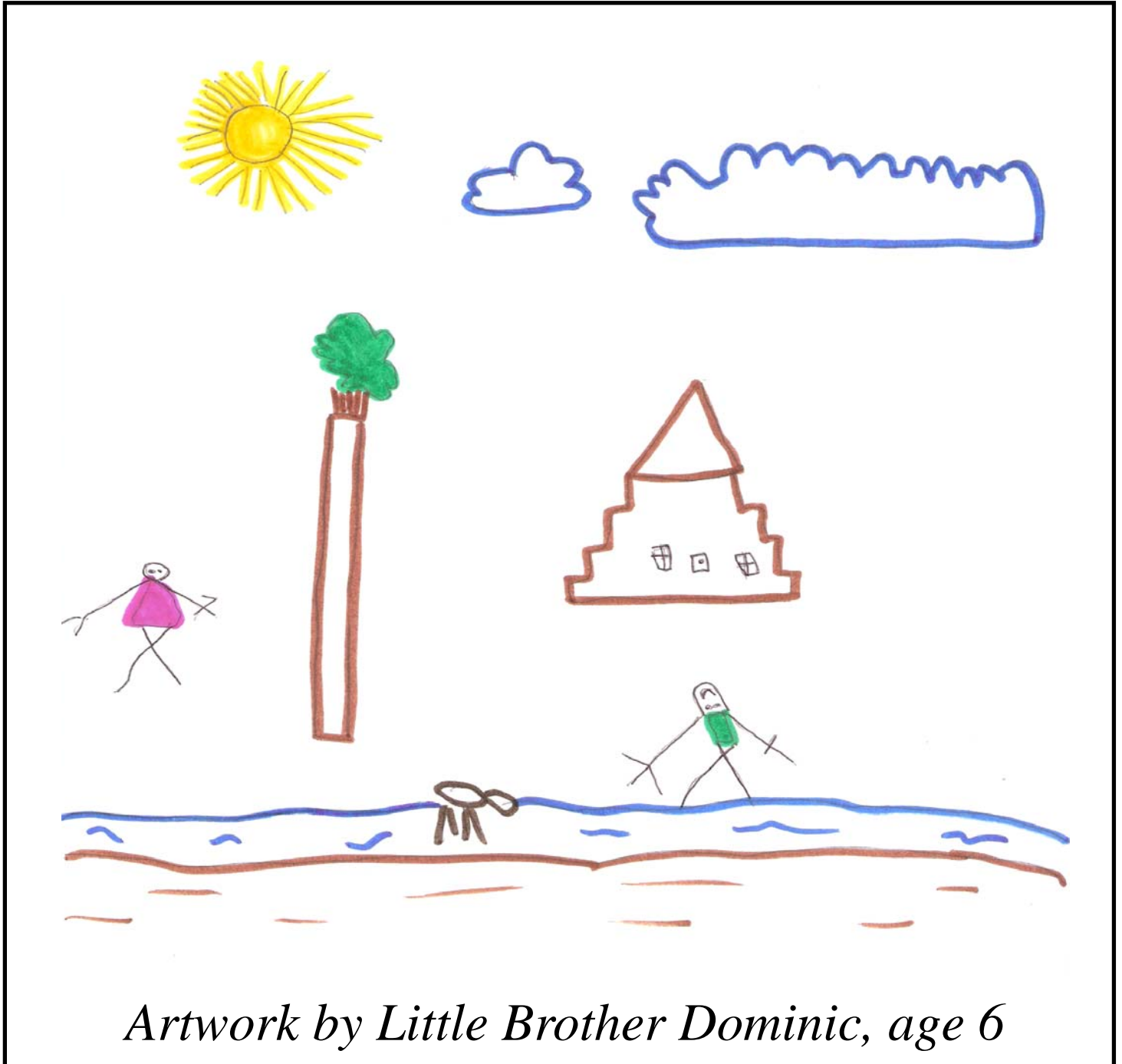
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Spring & Summer 2011

THE MATCHMAKER



Artwork by Little Brother Dominic, age 6



SKIING SENSATIONS



Little Sisters Jessica and Stephanie have enjoyed learning to ski this winter with their school, Terry Fox P.S.

Little Brother Dalton could be seen hitting the slopes as well.

We really hope none of them got frostbite on those oh-so-chilly days.



JUMPIN' JULIA!

Every Friday, Little Sister Julia spends some time in the paddock and the stables. She uses words like "giddy up" and "whoa." You guessed it, she's taking riding lessons!



Way to go Julia!
It's always great to try new things.



RADIO STARS

Guess who you could hear over the local airways in February? Little Sister Emily, Little Brother Hayden (with a cameo appearance by *his* little sister Cadence!) in their awesome ad for Bowl For Kids Sake 2011.

They sound like pros, and so does Malynda — great job!



BIG THINGS FOR THIS LITTLE!

Little Brother Josh has graduated with honors from Carleton University. But he's not waiting around to use his new Bachelor of Arts (with a major in Political Science) — he is already teaching English as a second language — in Vietnam!

Very impressive, Josh!!



SUPER SKATER



Way to skate, Jamie!!

Little Sister Jamie amazed all of us at the TCS girls' program with how much her skating abilities had improved.

We could all tell she had been practicing!

LITTLES LEARNING LEADERSHIP

We are very pleased and proud that Little Brother Kris has been asked back to attend the second level of Tim Horton's Youth Leadership Program at Tim Horton Memorial Camp, Parry Sound, Ontario.

Outstanding Kris!



FANTASTIC BOWLING FUNDRAISERS!

Thanks to all of you — Jamie, Steven, Jessica, Stephanie and Vincent — for coming out to bowl with Barb. She had a great time, and we hope you did too!

And thanks also to all the matches who supported us as well...Austin and Adrian, Jen and Amber, Miriam and Anabelle, Brenda and Cassidy.

Jordan did a great job helping us promote the event with a fantastic photo in the Northumberland News. And Little Brother Jayden raised \$92, which made him the top fundraiser for Grafton Public School!!!



A change of shoes can change a life.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



Vincent & Bryce
Emily & Doris
Alison & Amy
Jaedynn & Elaine

1yr
1yr
1yr
1yr

Cory & Scott
Stephanie & Kim
Dayna & Marilyn
Justin & Dwight
Jayden & Jason

4yrs
4yrs
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Sarah & Lynda
Kelsey & Melissa
Barry & Pearson
Jacob & Andrew

8yrs
8yrs
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8yrs

Maddison & Geri
Tabitha & Sarah

2yrs
2yrs

Connor & Steve
Keiana & Jeanette

5yrs
5yrs

Kassy & Brenda
Sara & Celia

9yrs
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Michel & Jeff
Faith & Nancy
Netasha & MJ

3yrs
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Kody & Matt
Monique & Erin

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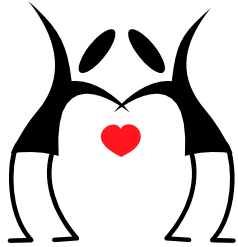
Sarah & Kathy
Azaria & Nicole
Ethan & Brian

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Tasha & Bridget 7yrs

Heather & Cathy 14yrs
Stephanie & Carol 14yrs

Ashley & Heather 17yrs



NEW MATCHES

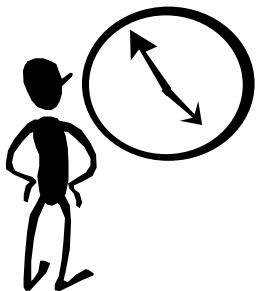
Hayden & Chuck
Jake & Mike
Amber & Jennifer

CO-OP MATCHES

Cameron

*St. Anthony's
Port Hope*

Colin
Oz
Colby
Harry
Owen
Colby
Kalum



WAITING LIST

Dominic 6
Bobby 8
Dalton 9

Savannah 10
Dalton 10
Steven 10
Brooke 10

Jessica 11
Kira 11
Riley 11
Julia 11

Dawson 12
AJ 12

Jonathon 13
Jessica 13
Isaac 13
Amber 13
James 14
Jamie 14

Dustin 15
Jen 15
Janine 17

We're changing database systems, so please let us know if we missed you!



WHISPERS.... GIGGLES....GOSSIP!

...keep poundin' those pins

What would the spring edition of this column be if it didn't have some **BFKS** bowling highlights? LS Cassidy had her entire team (and our photographer!) turn their backs and not look at her when she bowled. Do you think they peeked? Would that improve her score?



We've had about all the winter we can take this year...what with pipes a- bursting... stores a-flooding ... icicles falling... windows breaking. Not only are we looking for a break in the weather, but for a lucky break as well!

In the midst of all that **ice & snow**, Susan Dewhurst held the 12th successful My BS Closet Sale, and shoppers and volunteers alike braved the weather.

Board member Helen, along with a handful of volunteers, managed to pull off another spectacular Garden Speakers' Series and it made all those gardeners feel hopeful & bright with thoughts that spring will surely come. Not only was it interesting and inspiring, but the series grew some much needed funds for our mentoring programs!



What a ride!

Every year Trinity College School holds a "Week Without Walls" as one of the ways for their students to give back to the community. Well, this year seven enthusiastic students and their teacher Robert took six of our Little Brothers to the coolest place: Joy Ride 150 Indoor Bike Park near Toronto. There were ramps and jumps to challenge the boys. Caseworkers, Sandra & Cindy held their breath, covered their eyes and sometimes said a little prayer.



By the third and final day, everyone's skills had improved sufficiently to be able to jump their bikes into the foam pit. Little Brothers Johnny, James, Dalton, Jayden, Jordon & Jake had a blast!

baby...baby...baby: Congratulations to Jenni B on the birth of her son Miles! And BB Dwight and former board member Amy now have Jace, a baby sister for Layne.

Congratulations to BB Bryce and Colleen who just became proud owners of their first home. LB Vincent will be eager to check it out.

Our "What's Cooking" workshop has been a big hit. Together with Pat from the Health Unit, our Bigs & Littles have been stirring up a storm. The menu consisted of the Antojitos (what the heck are those you ask?) soft tortillas, fruit smoothies, broccoli & chicken quiche and for dessert, home-made granola bars . Pretty fancy chefs!



Our United Way did it again they exceeded their goal of \$900,000 (we can barely count that high) But just think of all the families, kids, seniors that can be helped with that much money. What a fabulous team they have, and what a generous community we live in.



Here's some juicy gossip... someone at the NBSBB office is retiring... it was going to be a **BIG** surprise but someone already let the cat out of the bag! So here it is: Executive Director Barb Keenan is saying "so long, ciao, bye-bye, auf wiedersehen, catch ya later alligator," at the end of the year. She must have figured that 32+ years+ was just about enough!

Apparently, she's been going around the office saying things like "ha...ha, this is the last time I have to fill out an allocation request," and "no more national accreditation for me folks!" Better not crow too loudly yet missy, it's still quite a while until Dec. 31!



PORT HOPE STORE



News from behind the counter...

We are all looking forward to spring after our long winter of ice and snow, snow and more snow...and really BIG, window-breaking-sized icicles!

Co-op student Jessie (whom our volunteers loved) finished her placement. Now we have Robert, who recently started doing his placement with us. It's really helpful to have that extra strength and reach around, especially when there was ice to be cleared, and barricades to be moved.

Frankie took a well-deserved break from winter this year, travelling to Aruba this time. And I got some extra winter by enjoying a holiday with my grandchildren in the Rockies. I had to go to Florida to thaw out before coming home again!

Jan has a new puppy named Alice, who has been in to visit us. Now Alice is taking Jan to Doggy Training. Best of luck at school, girls!

From the shop floor...

Welcome to volunteers Linda and Pat, who are excellent additions to our crew of dedicated helpers.

The **My Big Sister's Closet Sale** had another successful year as a result of the efforts of Susan Dewhurst and her wonderful staff. A really big thanks to all the volunteers who helped with this event, and to everyone who donated clothing. And an equally big thanks to Frankie and the other store volunteers who quickly stocked our racks with all the gorgeous "glad rags" that came back from Susan's to be sold at Second Helpings here and in Colborne.



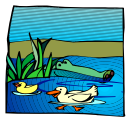
We are busy putting out spring and summer clothing because we know it is going to warm up soon?!. Please come in a check out all the great items we have for sale.



Ethel, Store Manager



COLBORNE STORE



News from behind the counter...

It has been almost a year since our fearless leader, Janet, had to retire from the Colborne Second Helpings store due to financial restraints. The volunteer committee who has been trying to fill her shoes is working hard. Some of our faithful volunteers, Shauna, Helen, Audrey and Rosemary have retired from their positions. We are sorry to lose them, but we wish them well in their new endeavours.



We have been fortunate to have several enthusiastic new volunteers, Debbie, Ingelore and Wendy to help us out. We also welcome aboard two new committee members, Linda and Ingelore. We are all enjoying our time at the store: it gives us a chance to give something to the boys and girls in our community.

From the shop floor...

Recent window displays have received great comments - thanks to Wendy, Linda, Wivan and Joyce for their creative flair!

We are thrilled to have been asked to participate in a fashion show fundraiser for our local Curling Club. This will give us the opportunity to show off some of the great clothes we have in our Colborne store and as a bonus, some of us will get to be models -- certainly something most of us would never have thought would happen! We are looking forward to May 1, when we will be "on the catwalk." Tickets are sold out... and we hope that business at Second Helpings Colborne will increase by leaps and bounds! Come and check out all the new arrivals for spring!





And the Big Idea is . . . an on-line auction!

You might recall that in the 2010 fall edition of the newsletter, we challenged all readers to come up with a **BIG IDEA** (“NO IDEA IS TOO BIG” or “notion too small”) to help develop new fundraisers for the agency, as we said goodbye to some of our older events. We think we have a contender... an online auction. So if you have a really coveted prize like, say, a weekend on your yacht; a day’s worth of yard work; or a dinner for two at one of our great local restaurants, call the office and they will be happy to accept your donation and put it on the auction block! Let your imagination go wild... what would you love to buy at an auction that’s a little off the beaten path?



Other exciting news is that you can now find us on both Twitter and facebook, thanks to our social media guru, volunteer Alexis. So now you will be able to follow us, “friend” us and “like” us in oh-so-many ways!



As the Board year draws to a close, we’ve said our farewells to three valued members of the Board of Directors. We wish Wilf Quigley, Marguerite McCarron and Anne Downing all the best and thank them for their varied and much-appreciated contributions (everything from slinging straw bales to writing donation receipts). If a volunteer position on the Board of Directors appeals to you, please contact our Executive Director at barbbsbb@eagle.ca and she will put you in touch with a fellow board member to give you a brief orientation.

Celebrating our fabulous, incredible and generous volunteers!

Did you know that practically every facet of our organization is volunteer based?

Our volunteer Board of Directors govern and oversee the operations of the agency and ensure that we remain viable, current and true to our mission. Volunteer Big Sisters, Big Brothers, In School Mentors and Co-op In School Mentors and Go Girls Facilitators deliver mentoring services by becoming a friend to our children & youth. Committee members are the arms and legs of the agency and help fulfill our various goals, be they financial management, fundraising, thrift shop management, garden tour or recruitment. Our two second hand stores are staffed by volunteers who sort, tidy and sell donated merchandise. We have community volunteers like Susan Dewhurst, her staff and many of her clientele who host My Big Sister’s Closet sale or the many helping hands we have in Colborne who make our Harvest Stew United Way event, such a terrific affair. Students across the county bowl for us, staff our gift wrap booth, and TCS hosts and provides mentors for our after-school programs. Many local business people volunteer goods, sponsorships and often their time to make sure that our events are successful. Bingo and Nevada ticket sales are a much-needed source of steady income that is, of course, made possible by many volunteers. And let’s not forget our friends and families who get “volunteered” time and time again. Thanks to each and everyone - we would not be the agency we are without your contribution!



Thank you ... Thank you ... Thank you ... Thank you...

"Banding" together to help out... is something Doug Bates and Matt Williams have done a lot recently. Following up on a successful fundraiser for Haiti, they put together a band night at The Great Farini in support of NBSBB and Milk for Moms. The upstairs room was packed, and \$400 was raised for the two charities! DJ Doug is planning a second event for this fall, and he has big ideas for other ways to help local organizations. We really appreciate your help, Doug and Matt!

11TH ANNUAL HARVEST STEW... was a hit for 100 diners who came to the Colborne Legion in late October to have lunch with us, raising \$1,000 for the United Way. Thanks to the many cooks who donated 31 steamin' stews and desserts, as well as our seven judges, many volunteers and Legion staff for another great "Stew Off"! It has now brought in more than \$13,000 over its 11-year history!

Hockey anyone?... When Port Hope's Police and Fire departments get together for a friendly game, great things happen for local charities! We were the charity of choice for the 2010 Chief's Challenge, and the annual grudge match netted a best-ever \$3,200 for NBSBB! All we had to do was volunteer at the prize table. Thanks to Wayne Mahaffy and PHFD for choosing us, and to Ganaraska Financial for their fundraising and organizing efforts.

Wrap on! With a great gang of high school wrappers, our talented veterans who come to help year after year...and lots of generous shoppers, this year's Gift Wrap Booth finished strong in spite of a slow start. Thanks also to **B&D Liquidation** for the beautiful ribbon and wrap, and to **Northumberland Mall** for the perfect place to use it!

Christmas cheer... in the form of heaping hampers made our families' holidays brighter. A heartfelt thanks to friends, families and workplaces for their thoughtful gifts. And again this year, the generosity of the Giving Tree volunteers and donors, and OPG staff, knew no bounds. A really BIG thanks to all of them, and to the enthusiastic elves at Helping Hands, for their contributions of clothing and toys!

Turkey galore... and lots of trimmings for our annual Christmas party, thanks to Bigs, Littles, parents, volunteers and board members. And of course, we thank Santa for stopping in with a little something for Littles big and small!

Just warming up... with our newest fundraiser, Warm Up for Christmas. A small but appreciative audience enjoyed seasonal readings from four of Canada's top "young adult" authors at Furby House Books. Throw in hot cider and cookies, and what's not to like? Plan to join us next December!

Out of the closet... and into the shopping bag! Stay tuned, because after its 12th successful year, the "My Big Sister's Closet Sale" may be moving out to the sidewalk by switching seasons! Many thanks to Susan Dewhurst, her staff and volunteers for gathering, pricing and selling during the worst weeks of winter, and to the donors and shoppers for their wardrobe rejuvenation efforts.

A BIG Bear hug to... the enthusiastic staff — Karen and Michelle — and students at Trinity College School for making our Little Bear programs successful and fun for our kids.

Still knockin' em down... until May for our 30th annual Bowl For Kids Sake campaign, but our supporters have been on board since January! A long, loud thanks to our Presenting Partner **eagle.ca**, our Gold Partner **OnSite Computer Services & Sales**, 70 teams of bowlers, our generous sponsors, prize donors, our multitude of student bowlers, and the many service clubs that support us in so many ways. Special thanks to all the teachers who organized school events and a *big* thanks to Bob at Northshore Lanes, and to the two Garys at Presqu'île Lanes and Trent Valley Lanes, and to the team of receipt writers and photographers for those wild school events.

B-I-N-G-O!... happiness is yelling THANK YOU! to our brilliant bingo volunteers, who are now stepping up to do back-to-back events; and to our Nevada ticket outlets, **B&D Liquidation**, **A+ Convenience** and now **Eagle Gas Bar** too, who make fundraising easy. We are always appreciative of your constant support.

Thanks a Million! Dankeschön! Graças! Merci!

Stuff to do around the county

Brighton

Presqu'ile Provincial Park

Open all year round!

Brighton Speedway — Saturday night stock car racing & special events

May — September

Bewdley

Fish Fry — bring your appetite!

June 11 — 4 to 7 pm at the arena



Campbellford

Kite Day — come out to watch or fly your own kite

May — typically 3rd Sunday in May

Chrome on the Canal — Indian Motorcycle Day and great antique cars too.

July — typically first Saturday in July

Cobourg

Downtown Cobourg Busker & Street Festival

June 11

6th Annual Sand Castle Festival — Victoria Park

July 30 & 31

Movies in the Park — 8:30 pm, Victoria Park

Saturday evenings throughout July & August

Colborne

Apple Blossom Tyme Festival

May 27 & 29



Port Hope

Living Green Fair — 10 am to 4 pm at the

Fair Grounds

May 7

Classic Car Show — Memorial Park Band Shell

June 19

Roseneath

Roseneath Carousel — Roseneath Fair Grounds

Sundays 1 to 3 pm

Victoria Day weekend to Thanksgiving

Roseneath Show & Shine — antique car and tractor show

July 24

Warkworth

Rodeo Days — Warkworth Fair Grounds

July 1 to 3

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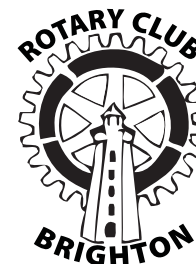


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Forgetful Franky has forgotten where he has set up his beach blanket. Can you help him find his way through this crowded beach to his blanket?



CANADA ANAGRAM

Unscramble the letters to find the words!

Word List: mountie, fishing, rcmp, canoe, snow, hockey, beaver, loonie, zamboni, moose, ottawa, maple

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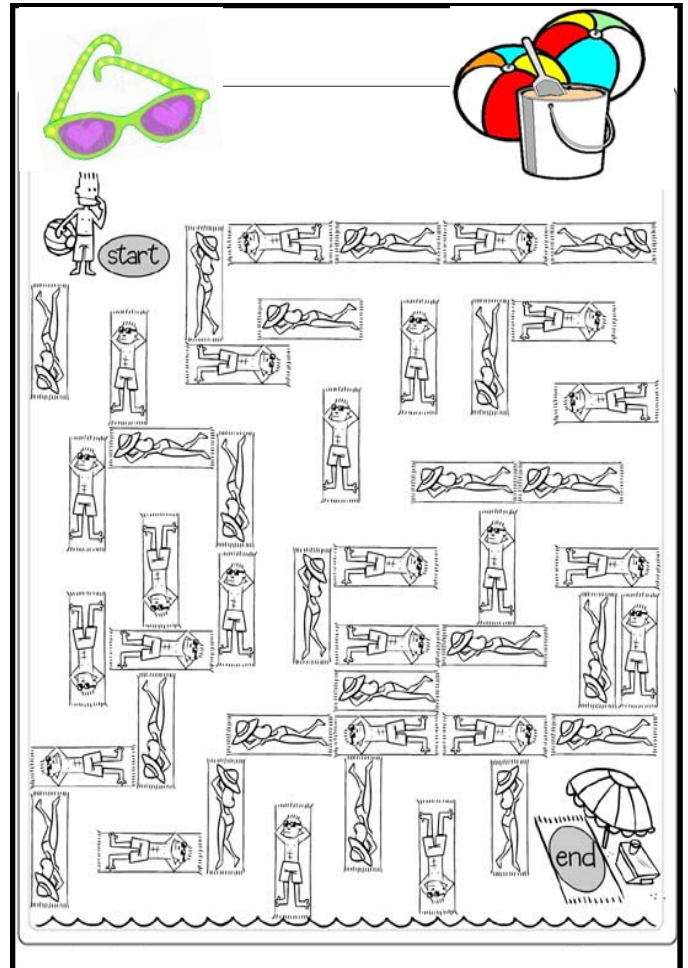
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Big & Little Group Events

May 13, 6:30 p.m.

Glow in the dark mini-putt — Matthews Sports and Entertainment (Hwy 2 between Brighton and Trenton) has offered a free round of mini-putt, a hot dog and a drink for any Bigs and Littles who want to come out. We have booked the date — now we just need some golfers! Call the office by **May 10** to sign up.

August 5, 6 & 7

Campout Weekend — After two successful joint boys and girls campouts, it's official — girls and boys camp on the same weekend at Emily Park! Hiking, *eating*, swimming, *BBQs*, campfire songs *and marshmallows*, paddle-boating, *eating some more...*it's all part of this great weekend. Be sure to let us know if you can come — and we'll let you know where and when as soon as we can book the campsite!

NBSBB Annual Meeting

Annual General Meeting — Mark the date and please join us at a location to be decided for our annual meeting at 7 p.m.. Light refreshments will be served.

June 14

Fundraisers

June TBA
9 a.m. shotgun
start!



Golf For Kids Sake — Casey's Bar & Grill and Investors Group are teaming up again with a \$100/player all-inclusive golf tournament you won't want to miss! All proceeds go towards our summer youth programs. Put together a two or foursome and register right away!

Saturday, June 18

Cameco "Pitch In" Softball Tournament — Our 2nd annual 3-pitch softball tournament is once again sponsored by **Cameco** at Grafton Park. Last year's event was lots of fun, and we're using more diamonds this year so we can have more teams *and* a shorter day! With a \$150 entry fee per team, registration goodies and raffles, we're hoping to have another great day of recreational ball. To register your team (10-player minimum), call 905-885-6422; toll free 888-278-2482; or e-mail sophiebsbb@eagle.ca

Sunday, June 26
10 am - 4 pm



The Heart of Northumberland Garden Tour — Hillside Havens & Lakeside Retreats. Visit seven idyllic rural properties in the Cobourg area. **Tickets \$25, available after May 1, 2011.** Ticket Agents: BSBB Second Helpings stores, Port Hope & Colborne; **Cobourg:** Pine Ridge Nursery and Cobourg Paint and Wallpaper; **Port Hope:** Holton Flowers; **Baltimore:** Baltimore Valley Garden Centre; **Gore's Landing:** Viking Nursery. Visit www.heartofnorthumberland.ca for more information.

Kick-off July
Wrap up in August

"What's the Big Idea" Online Auction — Help make our first ever online auction a roaring success! First, find us a better name...then donate a unique item or service; go online and bid on something cool or just plain useful; or help us round up contributions from local businesses and individuals.

Just a reminder to Bigs to keep your e-mails and facebook sites kid friendly if you're communicating with your Little via electronic/social media!

