

BBBS Bugle!



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Start Something Today!

Please Help Spread the Word!!

Help create awareness by becoming a social media volunteer. It's easy and only takes seconds!

- 1. Like Big Brothers Big Sisters of St Lucie, Indian River and Okeechobee counties on Facebook.**
- 2. Click Share on our Facebook posts so your friends and family can join in the fun.**

Imagine the possibilities, what will you start? Thank you for your continued support.

Please share the BIG News by forwarding this email to your friends!

Match of the Month



Shakira has been matched with her Big Sister Ms. Donna since spring 2013. While Shakira was not having an easy year in school at the time, with her hard work and Donna's help and encouragement, Shakira is turning that around. She has blossomed into a student praised by her teacher as one of the best workers in the class. In fact, she works so hard that she does not miss class to see Donna. She spends her recess one to two times a week reading with her Big and still always has a positive attitude! Ms. Donna keeps their relationship fun with lunch, chatting and jokes. Shakira feels that Ms. Donna helps her get better and better at reading and they both have a great time in the process.

This Match of the Month was brought to you by Marsha Capellan.

Sponsor Spotlight



YOUR FT. PIERCE - WEST PALM LEXUS DEALERS

Our Ft Pierce-West Palm Lexus dealers have generously donated funds to be our title sponsor for the upcoming Taste of St Lucie event. Lexus has become a wonderful annual partner and we are so thankful to them for their continued support. Don't miss the chance to join the fun at the Taste of St Lucie, on March 25, at Veterans Memorial Park located at 600 N Indian River Drive, Ft Pierce, from 5:30 - 8:00 pm.

Thank You!



Big Brothers Big Sisters is listed as a charity on AmazonSmile. AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to your favorite charitable organization. You can choose from nearly one million organizations to support. Please consider supporting Big Brothers Big Sisters of St Lucie, Indian River and Okeechobee Counties to make a difference while you shop.

Kids Corner

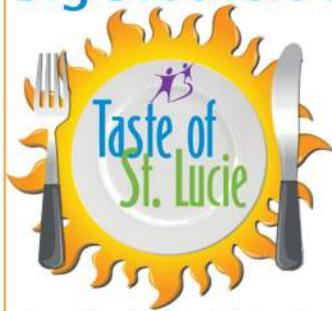
Don't Pinch

When I got on the school bus, I was in for a surprise. My friends all stared and pointed. There was mischief in their eyes. A kid who sat in front of me reached out and pinched my knee. My friends all started laughing, but the joke was lost on me. And then I got my second pinch. I felt it on my ear. And then I felt a third and fourth. You guessed it--on my rear. I asked, "Why are you pinching me? I think it's very mean!" They said, "Today's St. Patrick's Day and you're not wearing green."

By : Bruce Lansky

Events

Big Brothers Big Sisters



March 25, 2015
5:30 - 8:00 pm
New Location!
Veterans Memorial
Park, Ft. Pierce

Sample culinary delights from the best of St. Lucie County! This year enjoy tastes from your returning favorites and experience new delights from many brand new restaurants! Enjoy complimentary beer and wine with live entertainment and music!

Proudly brought to you by:



Tickets: \$40/individual \$70/couple

YOUR FT. PIERCE - WEST PALM LEXUS DEALERS 772-466-8535 or www.bbbsigs.org

2015 Vendors

2nd Street Bistro - A2Z Water Systems - The Cake Lady - Edible Arrangements - Panaderia La Perla Bakery - Little Jim Bait & Tackle - Marco's Pizza - MOS' Delightful Catering - Chef Mark Muller, Elie's Downtown Deli & Catering - Starbucks SLW - A Touch of Brooklyn - St Lucie Draft House - Pot Belli Deli - Binelli's Yellowtail Bar & Grill - Applebees - Sam's Club #4972 & #8150 - Southern Eagle Distributing - Roy's Fine Wine & Liquors - Bluewater Beach Grill - Cobb's Landing - The Tiki - Dave's Diner - Culinary Institute, Virginia College - Moe's Southwest Grill - Charlene's Coyote Grille - Florida Cracker Kettlecorn - Marc's Corner Grill - Cowboy's BBQ & Steak Co., RIL Smokehouse BBQ, Chubbies Lakewood Park, PRP Wine

Sponsored by:



Upcoming Trainings*

Mentoring Youth with Incarcerated Parents:

When: March 26th
Time: 6-7 pm

Where: 1836 14th Avenue, Vero Beach, FL 32960

Youth with incarcerated parents experience their own set of challenges. Learn how mentors can support these youth.

Mentor Mingle events will be hosted every third Thursday of the month from 5:30-6:30pm. Join the fun at the United Way of Indian River County. Find out more on IRCMentorCollaborative.org

This Mentor Collaborative report was brought to you by Jessica Karr.

AmeriCorps Moment



AmeriCorps hosted two Dr. Seuss Days in March at Northport K-8 in St. Lucie County and at Pelican Island Elementary in Indian River County. We had more than 40 readers share their favorite Dr. Seuss book with a classroom and get a chance to share a little about themselves. The Indian River State College Women's Basketball team led the fourth and fifth graders through a basketball drill. Thank you so much to every reader that came out and made a difference!

This AmeriCorps Moment was brought to you by Jenna Stinnett.



Big Spot



Learning Game:

Here is a simple activity for a Big to do with their Little to work on spelling and vocabulary. Try making simple acrostic poems with your Little, with the first letter of each line creating a word (or phrase). For example: **Mentoring Others Matters** This could be done with current vocabulary words the child is working on, or something they want to know how to spell. The possibilities are limitless!

School changes/closure

Dates:

SLC:

- 3/19: End of 3rd Nine weeks
- 3/20: Student Holiday, Teacher Work Day
- 3/25: Early Release
- 3/30-4/3: Bring Break
- 4/29: Early Release

IRC:

- 3/25: Early Release
- 3/26: End of 3rd Nine weeks
- 3/30-4/3: Spring Break

Okeechobee:

- 3/16-3/20: Spring Break
- 3/23: Student Holiday, Teacher Work Day
- 4/3: Good Friday, no school

Education App:

Hey Bigs, grab your tablets for some electronic fun with your Little!

Stack the States - Learn about all 50 states of America in a fun and interactive game!

- Learn about the capitals, flags, locations and more about each state.
- Hundreds of different questions and facts.
- A personalized map to keep track of each state as you progress through the game.
- Best for Grades 3-5

Special Note:

Dear Volunteers,
St. Lucie County schools are now require all VISITORS to show their ID when they visit a school. After about 5 visits, you will only need to show your BBBS badge.

Make sure you have your ID and your BBBS badge when you visit your "Little". Thank you for your cooperation.

This Big moment was brought to you by the Case Managers of BBBS.

Employee of the Month

The Fred FACTOR



Congratulations to **Kwabend Maycock**, for winning this month's Fred Award. **Kwabend** was named this month's Fred because he received several commendations from his "Bigs". Kwabend also takes time to check in with his co-workers, which helps foster camaraderie within the office.

The Fred Award is based on the book **The Fred Factor** and is our version of the Employee of the Month.

The Fred Factor is based on four principals:
Everyone makes a difference.

Everything is built on relationships.

You must continually create value for others and it doesn't have to cost a penny.

You can re-invent yourself regularly.

By following these principals you too can be a Fred!

The Fred Award was brought to you by the management team of Big Brothers Big Sisters.

BBBS Board Kudos

Big Brothers Big Sisters is fortunate enough to have a VERY engaged Board of Directors and Advisory Boards that work hard to provide advocacy, fund development, accountability and awareness for the agency, it's mission and the children we serve.

Thank you, thank you, thank you to the following Board Members for all they have done in December and February!

- Kim Morgenstern met individually with each Board Member to update goals & commitments for 2015.
- Joni Wyszowski and Shirley Paul participated in training sessions covering Board Dynamics and Major Gifts.
- Brad Lorimier, Ken Roberts and Bonnie Wilson participated in site visits from funders.
- Debbie Chastain represented Big Brothers Big Sisters at the United Way of IRC celebration of the 2014 - 2015 Campaign.
- Amber Woods and Olivia Watkins secured a title sponsorship for Taste of St. Lucie from Ft. Pierce-West Palm Lexus Dealers. Amber also facilitated an update of our Taste of St. Lucie logo.
- Beth Coke is working on the annual Board Policy updates.

Judi Miller, CEO

Hip Hip Hooray



March is Women's History Month!

Starting as a week-long celebration in 1978, it gained popularity and became a week long official national observance issued by President Jimmy Carter in 1980. Then in 1987, it officially became a month-long observance to honor the amazing efforts women have contributed over the years!

Below are some very amazing women who have made great changes in history and have given so much to make the world a better place!

[Malala Yousafzai](#) - Women's and Child's Activist

[Maya Angelou](#) - Author and Civil Rights Activist

[Valentina Tereshkova](#) - The First Woman in Space

[Clara Barton](#) - Educator, Nurse and founder of the American Red Cross

This Hip Hip Hooray was brought you by Marian Alvarado.



Join with us as we celebrate staff Birthdays!

Errin Williams
Retention Specialist

Barbara Smith
AmeriCorps Program Assistant

This Birthday Blast was brought to you by BBBS Staff.



Please join us in welcoming Jean Christiansen-Goggin to the BBBS Staff as our new Intake Specialist.

This Welcome Wagon was brought to you by the entire BBBS Staff.

Big Brothers Big Sisters
Association of Florida

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Florida has the opportunity to have their own license plate, for which revenue will be used to fund our mentoring programs. In order to make this a reality, we must pre-sell 1,000 license plate vouchers by June 1, 2015. Vouchers for the BBBS specialty license plates can now be purchased at local county tax collector's offices for \$25 plus registration service fees.

Make a difference in a child's life today! Help generate much-needed revenue to expand mentoring opportunities for children in Florida.

How can you help? Simple...

1. Print this out.
2. Take to your local county tax collector's office, (visit www.floridagov.com/offices/ to find the closest office in your area).
3. Purchase a voucher for this plate.

FLORIDA SAMPL

Big Brothers Big Sisters

About Big Brothers Big Sisters Association of Florida - The mission of BBBS of Florida is to build capacity for member agencies in Florida. Launched in 1995, our statewide campaign to build up children's help to sustain and advance the work of our member agencies to provide positive, meaningful mentoring relationships to vulnerable, high-need youth (ages 6-18) in our state. For more information, visit www.bbbsfla.org.

Welcome Wagon

Trivial Pursuit

Did you know: A **rainbow** looks different to every person who sees it!

This Trivial Pursuit fact was brought to you by Sabrina Semé.

Supported by:



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Get involved!

- Contribute towards our endowment fund.
 - Make a one time donation.
- Donate grocery store gift cards for BBBS families.
- Be a table captain for Chocolate, Champagne & Chefs.
 - Sponsor a family for the holidays.
 - Join the Volunteer Corp.
 - Volunteer as a Graphic Artist.
- Be a guest reader at an episodic reading event.
 - Help plan and execute an event.
 - Volunteer as an H.R. Specialist.
 - Be a Mentor.
 - Join a committee/board.
 - Attend a special event.
 - Purchase a BBBS license plate.
- Become a High School Big. (must be 16 years or older)

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