

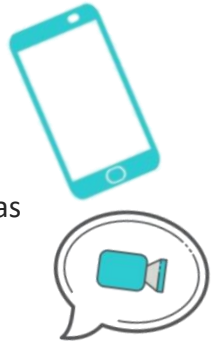


BIG IDEAS WEEKLY

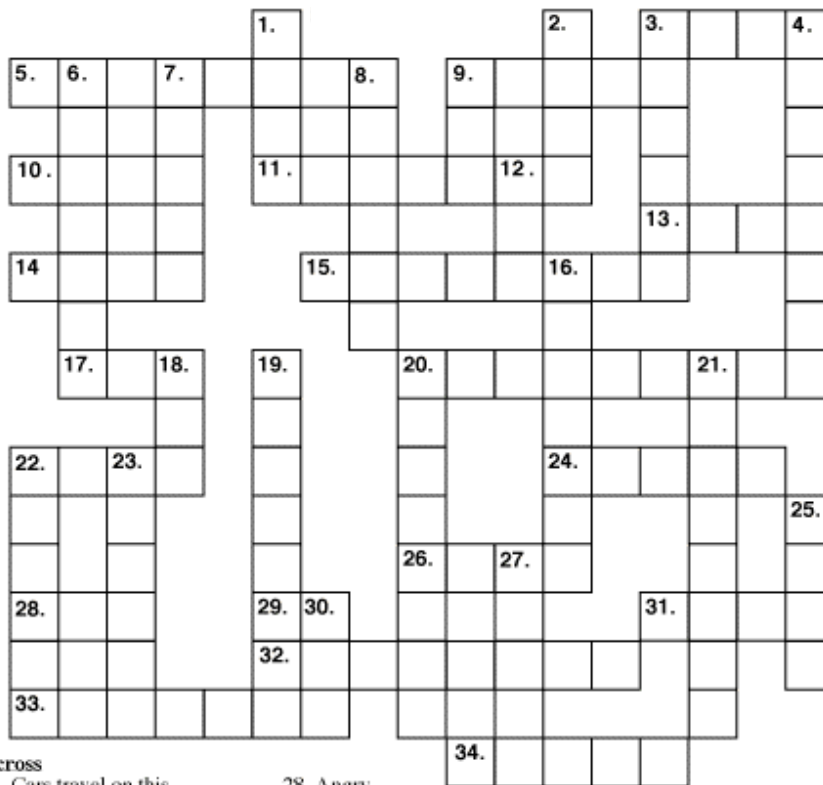
Our Littles or Mentees need you now, more than ever.

We encourage you to continue to connect weekly with your Little Brother or Little Sister and to continue to explore new ways to have fun despite social distancing. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Halton and Hamilton, we will send you a newsletter, weekly, promoting some ideas that may help to keep you connected.

We would encourage all friendships to submit their own ideas and stories of their attempts at virtual fun, so that other friendships may benefit from them...



AUTUMN CROSSWORD FUN



Across

- 3. Cars travel on this
- 5. Woollen garments
- 9. Plural of goose
- 10. An angel has this
- 11. To make smooth
- 13. Things aren't always as they

- 14. Who, what, where, ___?
- 15. Vegetables with many eyes?
- 17. Maple leaves often turn this colour
- 20. The first month of Autumn
- 22. Cautious
- 24. A tree with white, papery bark
- 26. To raise children

- 28. Angry
- 29. Opposite of out
- 31. Another name for Autumn
- 32. Autumn month
- 33. Gather a crop
- 34. Ripe fruit or vegetables

Down

- 1. Grows on a tree
- 2. ___ager
- 3. Playtime in school
- 4. Last month of Autumn
- 6. Sunny, cold, rain, eg.
- 7. The nut from an Oak tree
- 8. Spring, summer, fall, winter eg.

- 9. Fetch
- 12. " ___ your supper."
- 16. Autumn month
- 18. Opposite of night
- 19. Large orange fruits which grow on a vine
- 20. Nut hoarding animal
- 21. Used to carry school books
- 22. What you get from a fireplace
- 23. One who reads
- 25. Opposite of hot
- 27. Brownish yellow colour
- 30. " He is ___ here right now."

WELCOME, SEPTEMBER

September is National Happy Cat Month. These are just some of the celebrations that happen during the month of September. Choose one to celebrate together ...

- **September 5:** International Cheese Pizza Day
- **September 6:** Read a Book Day
- **September 8:** National Hug Your Hound Day
- **September 13:** Kids Take Over the Kitchen Day
- **September 19:** International Talk Like a Pirate Day
- **September 24:** National Punctuation Day

FUN IN THE KITCHEN

Organize an online baking day. Decide on a recipe, drop off ingredients at your mentee's home and connect using an online video platform, like Zoom. Here are a couple of recipes to consider...

PHILADELPHIA NO-BAKE PUMPKIN CHEESECAKE

WHAT YOU NEED

- 1 pkg. (8 oz.) PHILADELPHIA Cream Cheese, softened
- 1 cup canned pumpkin
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 tsp. pumpkin pie spice
- 1 tub (8 oz.) COOL WHIP Whipped Topping, thawed, divided
- 1 ready-to-use graham cracker crumb crust (6 oz.)

LET'S MAKE IT

1. Beat cream cheese, pumpkin, sugar and pumpkin pie spice with mixer until blended. Gently stir in 2-1/2 cups COOL WHIP.
2. Spoon into crust.
3. Refrigerate 3 hours or until firm.
4. Serve topped with remaining COOL WHIP.

KITCHEN TIP

How to Soften the Cream Cheese: Place completely unwrapped package of cream cheese in microwaveable bowl. Microwave on HIGH 10 to 15 sec. or just until slightly softened.



FUN IN THE KITCHEN CONTINUED ...

HAYSTACK COOKIES

Haystack cookies are a deliciously chewy no bake cookie with oatmeal and coconut. They're made from simple pantry ingredients, super easy, and loved by kids and adults alike.

WHAT YOU NEED

- 3 cups oats (old fashioned or quick oats, NOT steel cut oats)
- 1 cup shredded coconut (sweetened or unsweetened)
- 1/2 cup unsalted butter
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1/2 cup cocoa powder
- 2 cups sugar

INSTRUCTIONS

1. In a medium bowl stir together the oats and coconut.
2. Add the butter, milk, cocoa and sugar to a medium saucepan over medium heat
3. Whisk gently as everything melts together, then bring the mixture to a boil for 5 minutes while gently whisking.
4. Pour the chocolate mixture into the bowl with the oats and coconut and stir together.
5. Drop tablespoon sized spoonfuls onto a baking sheet lined with wax paper and place in the fridge for 30 minutes to harden.

SCAVENGER HUNT

Use the list below and have some scavenger hunt fun. Set a timer, then race to search for and photograph list items below. Conduct your search virtually or in-person while social distancing.

1. Sunflower
2. Canada flag
3. NFL logo
4. Blue Jay
5. Footprint
6. Silly hairdo
7. Cloud
8. School supplies
9. Red brick
10. Sock puppet
11. Stop sign
12. Stamp
13. Pine tree
14. Green vehicle
15. Moon



FUN WITH HIDDEN PICTURES

Compete to see who can find all 12 objects in this picture first.



Can you find these hidden pictures in the image above?

