

— May Issue 2026 —

# The Big Connection

Connecting mentors, mentees, and our community each month.



**BUILDING  
CONNECTIONS. IGNITING  
POTENTIAL. CHANGING  
FUTURES.**

*Together, we make a difference.*



## A LOOK AT WHAT'S INSIDE..

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Bowl For Kids  
Sake

STEM!

Big Summer  
Jackpot 50/50

Stay Tuned for  
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Programs!

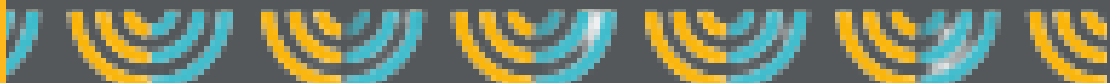
May  
Calendar

## Mentorship in Motion

May is full of momentum, connection, and exciting updates across our programs.

In this issue, we're celebrating the success of Bowl for Kids' Sake, highlighting the impact of our growing STEM programming in local schools, and sharing ways you can get involved—like our Big Summer Jackpot 50/50 and upcoming Youth Week activities. As we head toward summer, we're continuing to build meaningful opportunities for Bigs, Littles, and families to connect, learn, and grow.

Every program, event, and partnership is helping young people in our community feel more confident, connected, and supported. Thank you for being part of it.



# Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars!



## Big Brothers Big Sisters Big Summer Jackpot 50/50 Draw

**Tickets on Sale Now!!**

**Final Ticket Sale:** July 30 2026

**Draw Date:** July 31 2026

2:00pm Live on Facebook!

Big Brothers Big Sisters Williams Lake is excited to be hosting another 50/50 draw! **Tickets: \$10 each**

- **Total Tickets Available:** 2,000
- **Grand Prize:** If sold out, the winner takes home \$10,000!
- **Who Can Play:** Open to participants across BC (must be in BC to buy).

Tickets are available for purchase online, as well as by cash in our office.

Thank you for supporting BBBS WL—your contribution helps us create more life-changing mentoring matches in our community.



## Youth Week Pickleball! 🎾

We're excited to be part of Youth Week with a fun and active Pickleball Event on May 2nd! This is a great opportunity for Bigs, Littles, and youth in the community to come together, try something new, and enjoy some friendly competition.

Whether you're new to pickleball or already love the game, everyone is welcome to join in the fun.



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OF WILLIAMS LAKE



**DON'T MISS OUT!**

# **BIG** Summer Jackpot

**50/50 RAFFLE**



**2000 TICKETS**



**ONLY \$10 EACH**

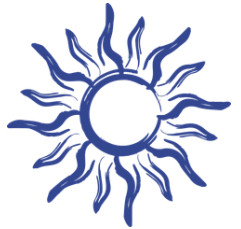


**DRAW WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY JULY 31<sup>ST</sup> AT 2:00PM**



THE POT CAN GROW TO \$20,000

**WINNER TAKES HALF**



**GET YOUR TICKETS  
NOW!**



**SCAN HERE**



**OR CALL THE OFFICE  
TO GET YOUR TICKETS  
WITH CASH!**

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Big Brothers Big Sisters

**BOWL** For Kids' Sake

Presented By:

**Taseko Gibraltar**

Thank you to our Presenting Sponsor for making this event possible!

## BOWL FOR KIDS' SAKE - THANK YOU!

**1** “ We are incredibly proud to share that this year’s Bowl for Kids’ Sake fundraiser for Big Brothers Big Sisters was our most successful event in recent years, raising

over **\$26,000.00!**



**2** This milestone is a powerful reflection of the generosity and commitment of our community. From our dedicated sponsors to the enthusiastic teams and individuals who showed up, fundraised, and bowled in support.



The communities' support directly strengthens our ability to provide mentorship programs that create life-changing connections for children and youth in Williams Lake. From this support, we can continue to match more young people with caring mentors and build brighter futures together.



**3** To our sponsors, community partners, volunteers, and participants—thank you for showing up in such a meaningful way. Your continued commitment to our organization makes all the difference.”



“ This success truly belongs to our community.



# COMMUNITY CHAMPION SPONSOR!

Big Brothers Big Sisters

**BOWL** For Kids' Sake

**BLD PRO**  
CONSTRUCTION  
FOCUSED ON QUALITY RESULTS



## BOWL FOR KIDS' SAKE HIGHLIGHTS!



**\$26,000**  
RAISED!

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE  
WHO MADE THIS NIGHT UNFORGETTABLE!

# BIG IMPACT SPONSOR!

Big Brothers Big Sisters

**BOWL** For Kids' Sake



Church Atchison LLP  
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## MORE BOWL FOR KIDS' SAKE MOMENTS!



DOZENS OF  
**TEAMS**  
PARTICIPATED!

THANK YOU TO EVERY  
PARTICIPANT FOR MAKING  
THIS NIGHT UNFORGETTABLE!

Your support helps create  
life-changing mentorship  
connections for kids and  
youth in our community!

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CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF  
EXTRAORDINARY WINE AND  
EXPERIENCES

**KAMLOOPS  
PAINTBALL**

**Red Tomato Pies**  
Williams Lake

**THE REALM  
OF TOYS  
& DIRT NERD ROOM**

**COAST**  
prince george hotel  
by APA

**QUESNEL BAKERY**



**Williams Lake  
FIRST NATION**

**YOUR SUPPORT MAKES A REAL DIFFERENCE!**

Together we're creating life-changing mentorship connections for kids and youth in our community.



# SUMMER PROGRAMS ARE COMING!

We're excited to share that we're currently working on some **fun and engaging programs** for this summer at Big Brothers Big Sisters of Williams Lake!

Our team is busy planning activities that will bring youth together, **build confidence**, and create **meaningful connections** in a supportive and welcoming environment.

While details are still being finalized, we can't wait to share what's ahead.

Whether it's group programs, special events, or new opportunities to get involved, there's something **exciting on the way** for our Littles, Bigs, and families.



**STAY TUNED—  
FULL DETAILS  
COMING SOON!**



We're looking forward to another summer of **connection, growth, and fun** in our community.



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OF WILLIAMS LAKE



# HELP US MAKE HORSE DAY CAMP A REALITY!

We're exploring the idea of a Horse Day Camp for local youth—an exciting opportunity to build confidence, learn new skills, and connect with horses in a safe, supportive environment.



## WE NEED YOUR HELP!

To make this camp possible, we're looking for volunteers, horse owners, and facility partners who are passionate about supporting youth.



### VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME

Help lead activities, assist with horse care, or share your skills with campers.



### SHARE YOUR HORSE(S)

If you have a calm, well-trained horse that enjoys working with youth, we'd love to hear from you!



### OFFER YOUR FACILITY

Do you have space we could use for a day camp? Indoor or outdoor spaces welcome!

## WHAT CAMPERS WILL EXPERIENCE:



- ✓ Hands-on time with horses
- ✓ Learning about horse care and safety
- ✓ Confidence building and teamwork
- ✓ Fun outdoor activities and new friendships

## INTERESTED IN GETTING INVOLVED? WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!



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*Together, we can create an unforgettable experience for youth in our community—one filled with learning, connection, and the magic of horses.*

*Your support helps us build brighter futures—together.*



# STEM

## Catapult Challenge!

**BUILD. LAUNCH. LEARN. REPEAT.**

★ Mrs. Davis's class at **150 Mile School** took on the challenge of building their own catapults to explore the physics of **force, motion, and distance!**



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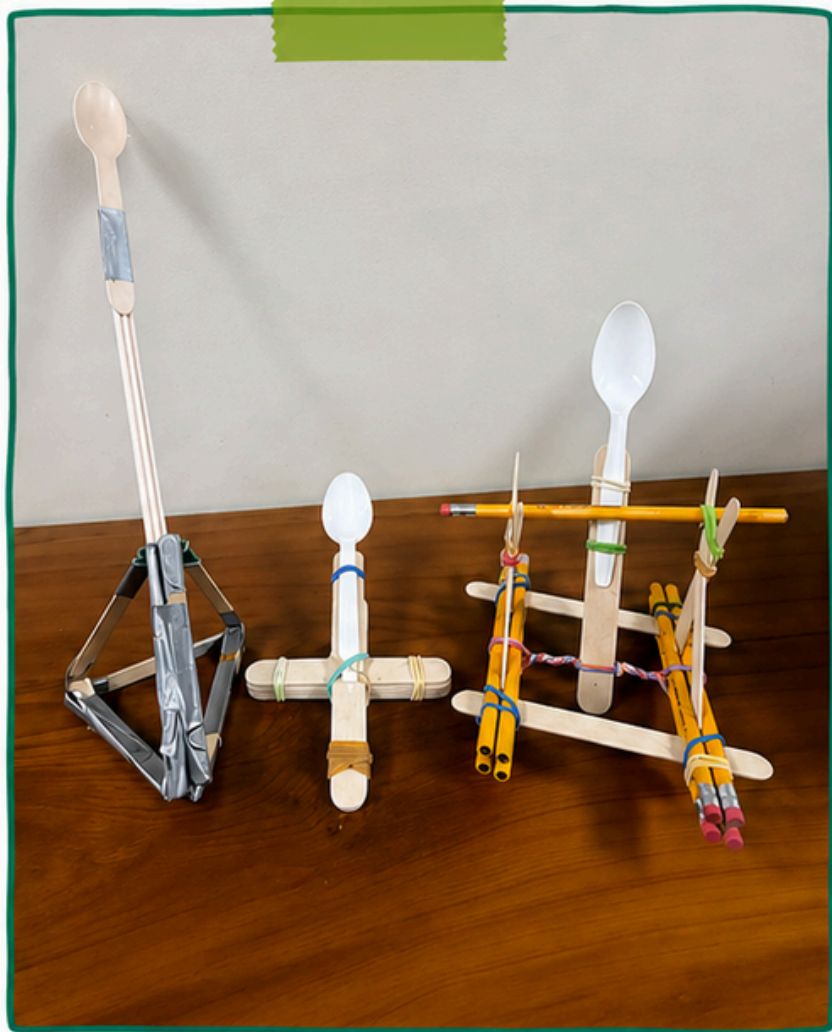
TECHNOLOGY



ENGINEERING



MATHEMATICS



### WHAT WE DID

- ✓ Designed our catapults using simple materials
- ✓ Tested different angles and launch power
- ✓ Measured distance and improved our designs
- ✓ Reflected, redesigned, and launched again!



*We learned that small changes can lead to huge results!*

### SCIENCE IN ACTION!

We explored how force and motion work together to launch an object and how changing variables can impact the distance our catapults can go.



**FORCE**

Push or pull that makes something move.



**MOTION**

The movement of an object in space.



**DISTANCE**

How far an object travels when launched.



### WHAT'S NEXT?

Many more exciting STEM experiments are on the way!

*The adventure is just getting started!*



# STEM

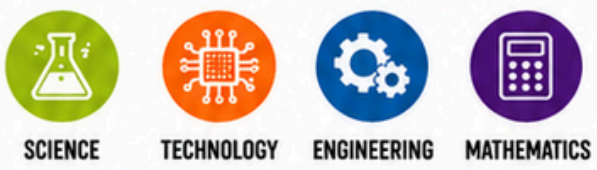
## STOMP ROCKET

### BLAST OFF!

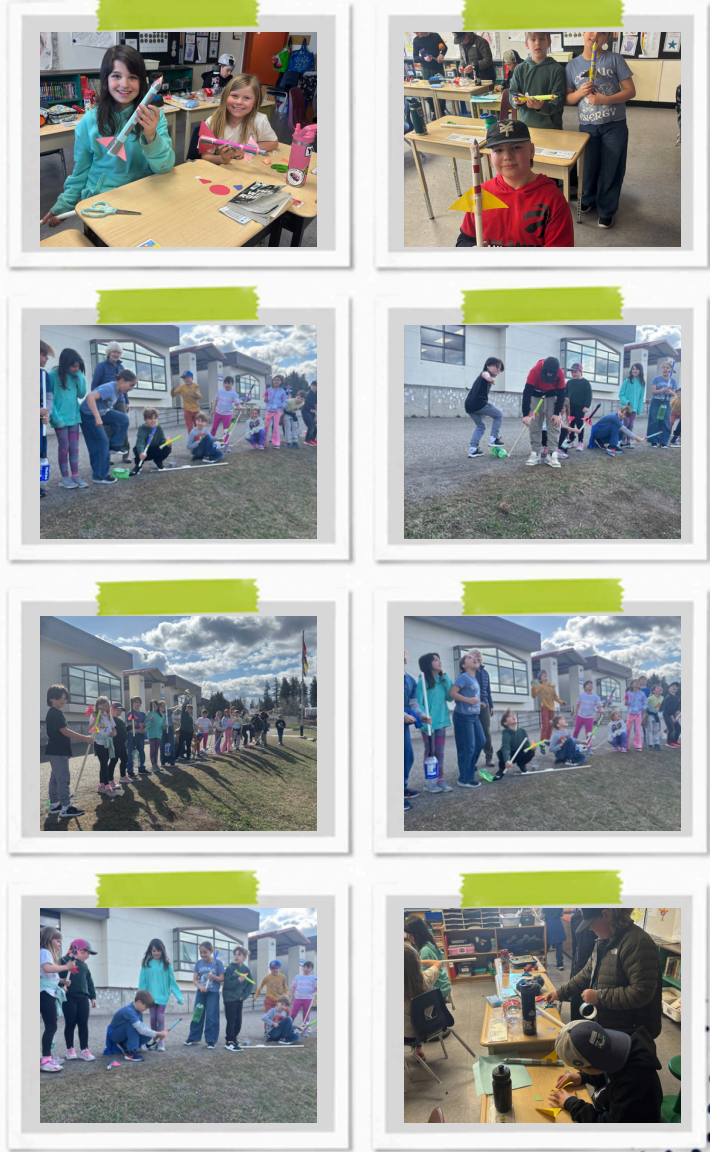


**BUILD. LAUNCH. LEARN. REPEAT.**

Mrs. Davis's class at **150 Mile School** explored the science of air pressure by designing, building, and launching their very own stomp rockets!



## IN ACTION!

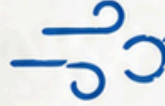




### WHAT WE DID

- ✓ Designed our rockets using simple materials
- ✓ Launched them using the power of air
- ✓ Tested different variables to see what worked best
- ✓ Made changes and launched again!

*We learned that small changes can lead to big results!*

### WHAT WE EXPLORED

 <p><b>AIR PRESSURE</b></p> <p>How air builds up and creates the power to launch.</p>	 <p><b>TRAJECTORY</b></p> <p>How angle and design affect how high and far rockets travel.</p>	 <p><b>MEASUREMENT</b></p> <p>How measuring data helps us improve our designs.</p>
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**THE ADVENTURE IS JUST GETTING STARTED!**

# EXCITING NEWS!

HANDS-ON LEARNING. REAL-WORLD DISCOVERY. BIG FUTURES.

## UPCOMING STEM CLASSES



### 150 MILE ELEMENTARY

- ★ Mrs. MacDonald's Class
- ★ Mrs. Donaldson's Class

We're excited to bring STEM learning to these classrooms!



### CATALINE ELEMENTARY

- ★ Grade 3/4 Class

Students will explore, create, and problem-solve through exciting STEM activities!



### INTERESTED IN STEM AT YOUR SCHOOL?

If your school would like to bring STEM classes to your students, we'd love to hear from you!



### INTERESTED OR HAVE QUESTIONS? REACH OUT!

Let's work together to inspire the next generation of problem-solvers and innovators.

# EXCITING NEWS!

WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN A

# SUMMER STEM DAY CAMP?

Imagine a day full of fun, discovery, and creativity!

### OUR STEM DAY CAMP COULD INCLUDE:



Exciting hands-on STEM experiments



Team challenges and games



Real-world problem solving



Fun, friends, and creativity!

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!



TOGETHER, LET'S BUILD CURIOUS MINDS AND BRIGHT FUTURES!



EXPLORE



DESIGN



CREATE



INNOVATE

# We Need Big Brothers!

Right now, many boys in our community are waiting for a Big Brother—someone who can show up, listen, and spend time doing everyday activities like playing sports, going for walks, fishing, or just hanging out. These simple moments can have a life-changing impact.

While we have many caring volunteers stepping forward, there continues to be a greater need for male mentors, which means some Littles are waiting longer than we'd like to be matched. Becoming a Big Brother doesn't require special skills—just a willingness to be consistent, supportive, and present in a child's life.



*Make a difference in a child's life today!!*



By spending just a few hours a month, Big Brothers help build confidence, resilience, and positive relationships that can last a lifetime. If you—or someone you know—have ever considered becoming a Big Brother, now is the perfect time to reach out and learn more. Big Brothers must be 18 years of age or older and able to pass a criminal record check as part of our commitment to creating safe and supportive mentoring relationships.

👉 Interested in making a BIG difference? Contact us today to find out how you can become a Big Brother and help a local child feel supported, encouraged, and valued.

## BIG G Mentoring- Mentoring Across Generations!

Celebrating the Power of **Big G's**

At Big Brothers Big Sisters Williams Lake, we know that individuals 55 and older—our Big Gs—bring a lifetime of wisdom, skills, and experience that make them incredible mentors. They offer patience, perspective, and encouragement that younger volunteers simply can't replicate, and that makes a world of difference for the Littles in our programs.

One of the most meaningful ways Big Gs' can get involved is through our In-School Mentoring Program. This program is a perfect fit for seniors and early retirees who have daytime availability and want to give back in a fun, flexible way. For just one hour a week, Big Gs spend time with a Little enjoying activities chosen together—whether it's baking, crafts, reading, board games, or even light sports.

These simple activities might seem small, but the impact is powerful. Littles often come into the program struggling with self-confidence or challenges making friends. The steady presence of a Big G helps them feel supported, capable, and valued. The one-to-one attention builds trust, sparks new interests, and helps young people see their own potential in a whole new light.

**Become a Big G!**  
1 Hour a Week Mentor  
a Little

Daytime volunteers can be hard to find, which makes **Big Gs** especially important in keeping this program thriving. Their wisdom and availability fill a vital gap and ensure that mentoring is accessible to kids who need it most during the school day. And just as Littles gain encouragement and new skills, Big Gs themselves often find fresh joy, purpose, and connection through the relationships they build.

It's proof that mentoring is truly a two-way street—transforming lives for both Bigs and Littles. At any age, it's never too late to inspire potential and create connections that matter.



# BIG Support – Thank You, Sponsors!

At BBBS Williams Lake, we know that we couldn't do what we do without the unwavering support of our community. Every donation, every act of kindness, and every gesture of support helps us create opportunities for our Littles that they might not otherwise have.

To all of our sponsors, partners, and community members who continue to invest in our programs: thank you. Your support helps us keep offering events, resources, and opportunities that make a tangible difference in the lives of young people. Together, you're helping us create a stronger, more connected Williams Lake where every child feels seen, supported, and valued.



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# BIG DEALS Program – Community Helping Community ✨

## Become a BIG DEAL today!

One of the ways we're working to make mentoring even more fun and accessible is through our Big Deals Program. This initiative connects Littles and their Bigs with local businesses that offer discounts on meals, activities, and entertainment. For many of our Littles, going out for a meal or enjoying a local activity isn't always financially possible. The Big Deals Program helps level that playing field, giving every match the chance to enjoy those special "little extras" that make outings so memorable.

When you think about it, a discount on a pizza night, a round of mini golf, or admission to a fun community event isn't just a small saving—it's a chance for a Little to try something new, share laughs with their Big, and feel included in experiences that build confidence and joy. For our Bigs, it's a way to make their time together go even further without financial stress.

We'd love to see this page grow! If you're a business owner or community member who would like to give back in a simple but powerful way, consider joining the Big Deals Page. Offering even a small discount can go a long way in supporting our youth. You'll not only be helping Littles and Bigs share more experiences together, but you'll also be showing our young people that the whole community is behind them.


If you'd like more information or to get involved, reach out—we'd love to add your name or business to this page and celebrate your generosity.



To find out more about the BIG DEALS program  
scan the QR code.



# MAY 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 Chilcotin Road Vendors Market 4:30-8:30	2 BBBS Pickleball Event 10am-1pm Kwanis Park
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<p><b>Youth Week May 1-7 Presented By BGC</b></p> <p>Golden Buckle Hunt May 4-Jun 7</p>						
10 Eagleview Gymkhana	11	12	13	14	15	16
						
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 WLTRA Gymkhana	25	26	27 Bird Identification Session WLFN	28	29	30 Horsin Around in the Cariboo May 30 & 31
31						

