



Southborough Youth and Family Services

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Thank you for your interest in this year's Project Friend program. The program is a great opportunity for your child, a "little friend," to meet weekly with their own "big friend." A "big friend" will either be a high school student volunteer from Algonquin High School or a middle school student volunteer from Trottier Middle School who have been selected to participate in this program. It is a requirement that all "big friends" possess the characteristics to be a positive role model and friend to our "little friends." During the supervised meetings, big friend-little friend pairs will spend time enjoying activities, such as arts and crafts, one-on-one and group games, and some outdoor activities while developing conversation and friendship. Project Friend meetings are on Thursdays. The sessions for Project Friend that will be available this year are:

Child's Grade	Big Friend Grade	Time of Day	Time	Location	Commitment	Dates
K-1	7th-8th	Thursday Afternoon	3:15-4:15	Mary Finn School	Half Year Commitment	Second Half February 25th To May 19th (12 weeks)
2nd-5th	9th-12th	Thursday Evening	6:00-7:00	The Arts Center	Half Year Commitment	Second Half February 25 th To May 19 th (12 weeks)

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The afternoon session is for Finn students only and parents will need to pick up their children at Finn at 4:15pm. The evening session, located at the Arts Center (21 Highland St., Southborough) is for students both at Neary and Woodward and parents must provide transportation to and from the program. There is no cost for your child to participate in this program.

Currently, we are in the process of collecting applicants for both big friends and little friends. Enclosed is a little friend application should you be interested in having your child participate. Please note that there is limited space in each session, so please indicate all sessions and times you are interested in. If we have too many applicants we may not be able to offer a space to everyone though we will make every effort to offer a space to each child. All applications will be collected until Tuesday, February 23rd. To have your child considered for the program, please have the application returned by that date. You may mail it in at the address found at the bottom of the page, fax it to (508) 229-4469, or drop it off at Town Hall to the attention of Nicholas Magliozi at Southborough Youth and Family Services. Once all applications are collected, you will then be contacted about your child's participation in this year's program. Please feel free to call or email me with any further questions. I look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

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Project Friend- Little Friend Application

The information provided in this application is confidential and will help match little friends to their big friends should they participate.

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Attention: Nicholas Maglioni

17 Common St.

Southborough, MA 01772

OR Fax to (508) 229-4469

To be filled out by a parent/guardian:

Child's Name _____

Parent's/Guardian's Name(s) _____

Home Phone _____

Parent Cell Phone _____

Other Phone Number _____

Home Address _____

Child's Age _____ Child's Grade _____

Check off which session(s) you would be available for

_____ Session 2: February-May (Spring Session)

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Check off which time you would be available for (Check off all applicable):

_____ Thursday Afternoons 3:15-4:15pm at Mary Finn Elementary School (Kindergarten and 1st grade only)

_____ Thursday Evenings 6:00-7:00 at the Arts Center in Southborough (2-5th grade only)

To be filled out by child with or without help from parent/guardian:

Please check the top 5 activities that you are most interested in/enjoy most:

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| _____ Watching sports | _____ TV/Movies | _____ Dance |
| _____ Concerts | _____ Travel/Vacations | _____ Animals |
| _____ Video games | _____ Books/Reading | _____ Exercise |
| _____ Biking | _____ Computers | _____ Writing |
| _____ Fishing | _____ Playing instruments | _____ Art |
| _____ Cooking/Baking | _____ Running | _____ Gymnastics |
| _____ Playing sports | _____ Swimming | _____ School |
| _____ Sewing/Knitting | _____ Yoga/Meditation | _____ Cars |
| _____ Building things | _____ Shopping | _____ Theater/Plays |
| _____ Religion | _____ Fashion | _____ Hiking |
| _____ Planting/Gardening | _____ Singing | _____ Taking pictures |
| _____ Amusement Parks | _____ After school clubs | _____ Boating |
| _____ Arts and Crafts | _____ Horseback riding | _____ Museums |
| _____ Exploring nature | _____ Board games/puzzles | _____ Camping |
| _____ Interior design/decorating my room | | _____ Other: |
| | | _____ |

Complete the following sentences by filling in the blank.

1. When I am with other people I am _____.
2. People say I am _____.
3. Meeting new people is _____.
4. When I am _____, I feel the happiest.

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5. I feel saddest when _____.
6. _____ makes me so angry.
7. It makes me nervous when _____.
8. I am most proud of _____.
9. My family _____.
10. This year I would like to _____.
11. I want people to know I am _____.
12. The thing I look for in a friend most is _____.
13. _____, is the best word to describe me.
14. I have _____ friends.
15. _____ is the most important thing to me.

Circle the answer that best describes you.

1. People would say I am _____.
a. Full of energy b. outgoing c. a calm and easy going person
2. I would rather spend my time _____.
a. exploring the outdoors b. reading a book c. visiting people
3. I feel most comfortable _____.
a. with lots of people around me b. with smaller groups of people c. when I relax on my own

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4. If I don't have something to do I _____.

- a. get bored b. find something to do c. am okay with it

5. When I feel nervous or upset I usually _____.

- a. am quiet b. will talk about how I feel c. try to get my mind off of it

Please answer the questions below.

1. Who lives in your house (family, pets, etc.)? Tell us something about your family.

2. What would you want a big friend to know about you?

3. What question(s) would you ask a big friend?

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4. Why do you think you would like to participate in Project Friend?

5. What kinds of things do you do with your friends? What do you do in your free time?

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