
Hello BBBS Family,

So many great things are happening this month with your family in mind!

HAPPY BLACK HISTORY MONTH

There are so many great celebrations this month!

Valentine's day 2/14/24

President's Day 2/19/24

TAX SEASON

And any not mentioned here!

Parent spotlight

I would like to start a parent spotlight to highlight you all and celebrate your involvement with BBBS. For this parent spotlight, **I would like to highlight some of your favorite dishes to make or have with your family and why.** Please email me at delaney@bbbschgo.org with your response and it will be featured in our next newsletter!

Self-love is the best love!

Love is in the air this week!

Self-love that is!

Here's a great website to share with your family!

Have them write a love letter or note to themselves and date it a year from now!

[FutureMe: Write a beautiful Letter to your Future Self](#)

Got College on your mind?



COLLEGE TOUR!!! And a basketball game!

Chicago state Men's basketball vs IU Northwest!

Monday February 19th

11:30 college tour followed by 1pm game time!

ALL FAMILY MEMBERS WELCOME!

Email me to claim your family's spot!

School Supplies & Scholarships Inc. provides graduating high school students committed to attending college with scholastic needs to help them at the next level.

Their community trunk party for the applicant is AMAZING!

Trust me, you're going to need those extra comforters, pillows, and supplies!

Help your graduating senior apply here.

[SCHOLARS SUPPLIES](#)

[College Diversity Fly-In Programs: What You Need to Know | Get Schooled](#)

[LGBTQ+ Student Scholarship](#)

[Scholarship Program | Palumbo Family Foundation \(palumbofoundation.org\)](#) The program is open to high school seniors and undergraduates with a minimum GPA of 3.0

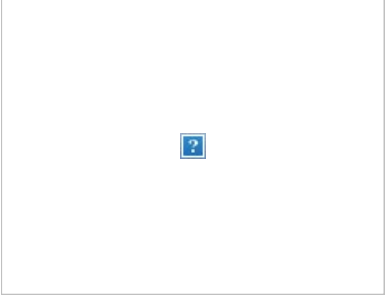
[Get Schooled | Get Schooled](#) Great Resource for planning for after High School! Juniors and Seniors should sign up! GET SCHOOLED: If your students have questions about getting into college, finding a job, or succeeding at both they can text us by sending #Hello to 33-55-77 - our FREE college and job advising text line.

Young adult jobs

They will finally have their own McDonald money!

[JOBS FOR TEENS \(PORTAL\)](#)

[Chicago Youth Service Corps](#)



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Jobs and internships 18+

[For Job Seekers - Cara Collective](#)

[Path to Pro Skilled Trades Training | The Home Depot](#)

[UHCHI General Interest Form \(google.com\)](#)

[Greater West Town Community Development Project \(gwtp.org\)](#)

[CompTIA+ Certification Career Pathway \(salsalabs.org\)](#) 8 week training – 4 weeks IT and 4 weeks Success Skills Training.

Lyft got you!

Get free rides for your job search from Lyft If you need rides to job trainings, job interviews, or a job, see if this program is available in your city

[Jobs Access | Lyft Up | Lyft](#)

TAX SEASON

Tax season is upon us

A time where our beautiful children

Become our beautiful dependents

For Tax help

Free Income Tax Preparation for Low-income Taxpayers

FEBRUARY 3, 2024 THROUGH APRIL 13, 2024

THIS SERVICE IS FREE TO QUALIFIED TAXPAYERS

Moraine Township has IRS-trained volunteers available to confidentially assist low and moderate income residents prepare their 2023 federal and Illinois income tax returns.

Taxpayers served by Moraine Township's free tax preparation program generally have basic tax returns and household income of \$64,000 or less.

INTERESTED TAXPAYERS SHOULD LEAVE A MESSAGE AT 847-780-6644, AND A VOLUNTEER WILL RETURN THEIR CALL AND GET THEM STARTED.

Preparación gratuita de impuestos para contribuyentes de bajos ingresos

DEL 3 DE FEBRERO DEL 2024 AL 13 DE ABRIL DEL 2024

ESTE SERVICIO ES GRATUITO PARA CONTRIBUYENTES CALIFICADOS

Moraine Township tiene voluntarios capacitados por el IRS disponibles para ayudar confidencialmente a los contribuyentes de ingresos bajos y moderados a preparar sus declaraciones de impuestos federales y de Illinois del 2023.

Los contribuyentes atendidos por el programa gratuito de preparación de impuestos de Moraine Township generalmente tienen declaraciones de impuestos básicas e ingresos menores de \$64,000.

LOS CONTRIBUYENTES INTERESADOS DEBEN DEJAR UN MENSAJE AL 847-780-6644, Y UN VOLUNTARIO DEVOLVERÁ SU LLAMADA Y LOS AYUDARÁ A COMENZAR EL PROCESO.



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If you like filing your own taxes:

[FreeTaxUSA® - FOR THOSE FILERS THAT LIKE TO DO IT ON THEIR OWN](#)

[File your return | Internal Revenue Service \(irs.gov\)](#)

Learning how to file for the first time this year? Keep an eye on your steps!

[How to File Your Own Taxes: 6 Steps for Beginners \(bankofamerica.com\)](#)

Rental Assistance

There are a host of programs that will help with any financial hardship that is hindering you from paying for housing. Please go through the list and hopefully you can find the assistance you need (if needed).

https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/depts/fss/provdrs/serv/svcs/how_to_find_rentalassistanceinchicago.html

<https://www.illinoishousinghelp.org/cbrap>

<https://allchicago.org/how-we-are-ending-homelessness/emergency-financial-assistance/>

<https://www.heartlandalliance.org/program/homeless-prevention/>

<https://farsouthcdc.org/residential-support>

<https://www.chicagohousinginitiative.org/vouchers-for-housing>

Genesis Housing Dev Corporation

Address: 7735 S Vernon Ave, Chicago, IL 60619

Phone: (773) 994-6670

News from T-Mobile



How's your Wi-Fi? T-Mobile wants to provide your child with a FREE Hot Spot (good for 5 years!). For details & qualifications – email your MSS, or reply to this email!

EXTRA FREE

CAUSE IF IT'S NOT FREE. IT'S NOT FOR ME (LOL)

Things around the city that you can look into with your Little and at your own leisure!

YES! Free Museums visits!

[Free Museum Days in Chicago CLICK HERE](#)

[FREE THINGS TO DO IN CHICAGO!!](#)

What's happening at our public Library

[Chicago Public Library \(chipublib.org\)](http://chipublib.org)

Let's see what's new in nature!

[WE LOVE NATURE!](#)

UIC has great activities for children! It's never too early to explore higher learning!

[UIC FLAMES](#)

Free Books!



Free Library of eBooks to borrow and read on the Open eBooks app. The app is available for download on both iOS and Android platforms. The app requires a minimum of iOS 10 or Android 6. Open eBooks on Web (www.openebooks.org) can be accessed via Chromebooks, laptops, or desktop computers, and on other devices where you can't download a mobile app. Download the app and email me for your account and pin! SET A READING GOAL for your children! Reply to this email for your code!

[Click here for your reading needs!](#)

[Open Books- Pilsen](#)

Additional resource

[Camp Sheilah - Kids Above All](#) Helping kids heal from homicide-related trauma

Something to keep in mind!



Keep this flyer in your back pocket. Our annual Live Big event to celebrate and inspire young women and their mentors!

Ask your young person this question today: What inspires you??

HELP LINES:

- Text HOME to 741741 to connect with a volunteer Crisis Counselor: Crisis Text Line is here for any crisis. A live, trained Crisis Counselor receives the text and responds, all from our secure online platform. The volunteer Crisis Counselor will help you move from a hot moment to a cool moment.
- 988 Helpline offers 24/7 access to trained crisis counselors who can help people experiencing mental health-related distress. That could be: Thoughts of suicide, Mental health or substance use crisis, or any other kind of emotion distress
- 211 connects you to expert, caring help. Every call is completely confidential. 211 is available on a 24-hour basis to connect residents to a wide variety of human services or social services.
- NAMI (National Alliance for Mental Illness) helpline is staffed Mon-Fri (9:00 am – 9:00 pm). Call 1-800-950-NAMI(6264) or text 62640
- SAMHSA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration) National Helpline: 24/7 365 days a year treatment referral and information service. 1-800-662-HELP (4357)

Watch of the Month

Because sometimes binging a good show is the answer

Abbot Elementary on HULU



- “Nothing can dim the light which shines from within.” -Maya Angelou

**If you made it this far...
THANK YOU!!!**

Let's Live Well!
Gigi

IT TAKES **LITTLE TO BE BIG**



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