



# The NOODLE

Open up and say AHHHH!!!



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Welcome to the August 2016 edition of *The Noodle*, written and published by the Florida Youth Council! For this issue of *The Noodle*, members of the FYC were asked to write about International Youth day. This topic allowed members to

share their thoughts about International Youth day activities and what it means to them . We hope you will take a few minutes out of your busy schedule to learn about our experiences and enjoy our thoughts and opinions in this August 2016 edition of *The Noodle!*

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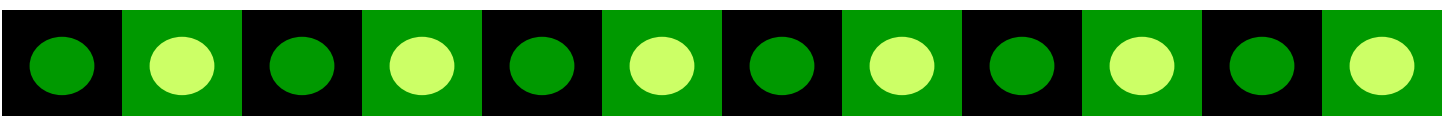




## **International Youth Day**

International Youth Day is day proclaimed by the United Nations to promote the youth of today. The theme for this years' youth day is imagining what the Earth will be in 2030. It's learning what to do to preserve the Earth for the youth of tomorrow. This year's theme hits a soft spot for me because I am a teacher. Being a teacher who is young puts me in a great position of learning from the youth while being a youth. When I was in school I was taught all about recycling and going green. We learned about separating paper, plastic and cardboard. We were shown videos on how things were transformed from our trash to someone else's treasure. In retrospect this year's theme is perfect as the world is incredibly automated. It's a perfect time to be reminded that in order to keep the earth the way it is flourishing right now we have to reuse things. We have to share with others and not waste. I think it is brave for the United Nations to come up with International Youth Day in order to possibly join the world's youth for one cause. Hopefully, on this year's Youth Day we can invite those who are adults to join us in sustaining the Earth one person at a time.

*By, Shevie Barnes*





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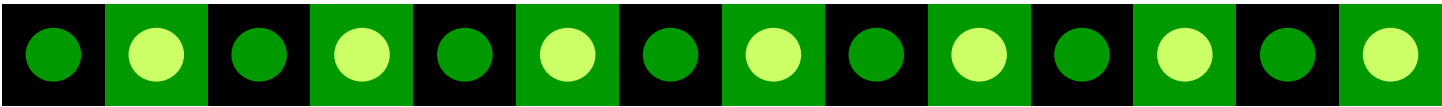
## **Why International Youth Day is Important**

International Youth Day is on August 12 every year. Its purpose is to create awareness for the United Nations “Programs of Action for Youth.” This program was intended to help the youth of the world and come up with solutions for global problems that youth are facing today. Some of these problems are the environment, social issues, education, and health issues.

International Youth Day is a day when youth come together to talk about problems we face in the world and how to find solutions. If you think about it, we all have the same goal to make the world a better place, whether it be disabilities, the environment, or social and government changes. We may have different perspectives on these ideas and how to solve them, but that is why we come together in the first place: to come up with a compromise that fits all our needs.

If we apply this specifically to what the Florida Youth Council and other organizations are trying to do, which is to make the world a better place for people with disabilities, we cannot do it alone. We aren’t going to be able to have it all our way because people have different ideas about how to do this. Wouldn’t it be nice if we could work together for one common goal, the betterment of people all over the world? I think International Youth Day is the U.N. acknowledging youth from different countries, and is a step in the right direction, but still we have a lot to do.

*By, Serena Wetmore*



  
 BE YOURSELF  
 ACCEPT YOURSELF  
 VALUE YOURSELF  
 FORGIVE YOURSELF  
 BLESS YOURSELF  
 EXPRESS YOURSELF  
 TRUST YOURSELF  
 LOVE YOURSELF  
 EMPOWER YOURSELF  
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Be the light  
 you wish  
 to see  
 on Earth.  
LIFE'S A DANCE

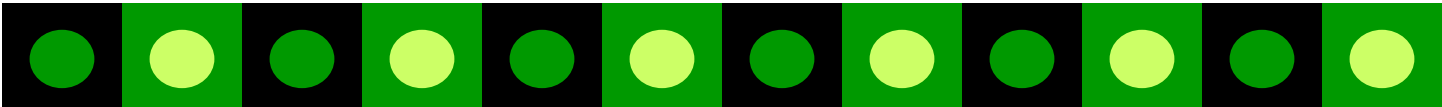
"I believe our  
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 #YouthVoice  
Cynthia Tembo (19) Zambia  
 www.teachafrika.org.uk

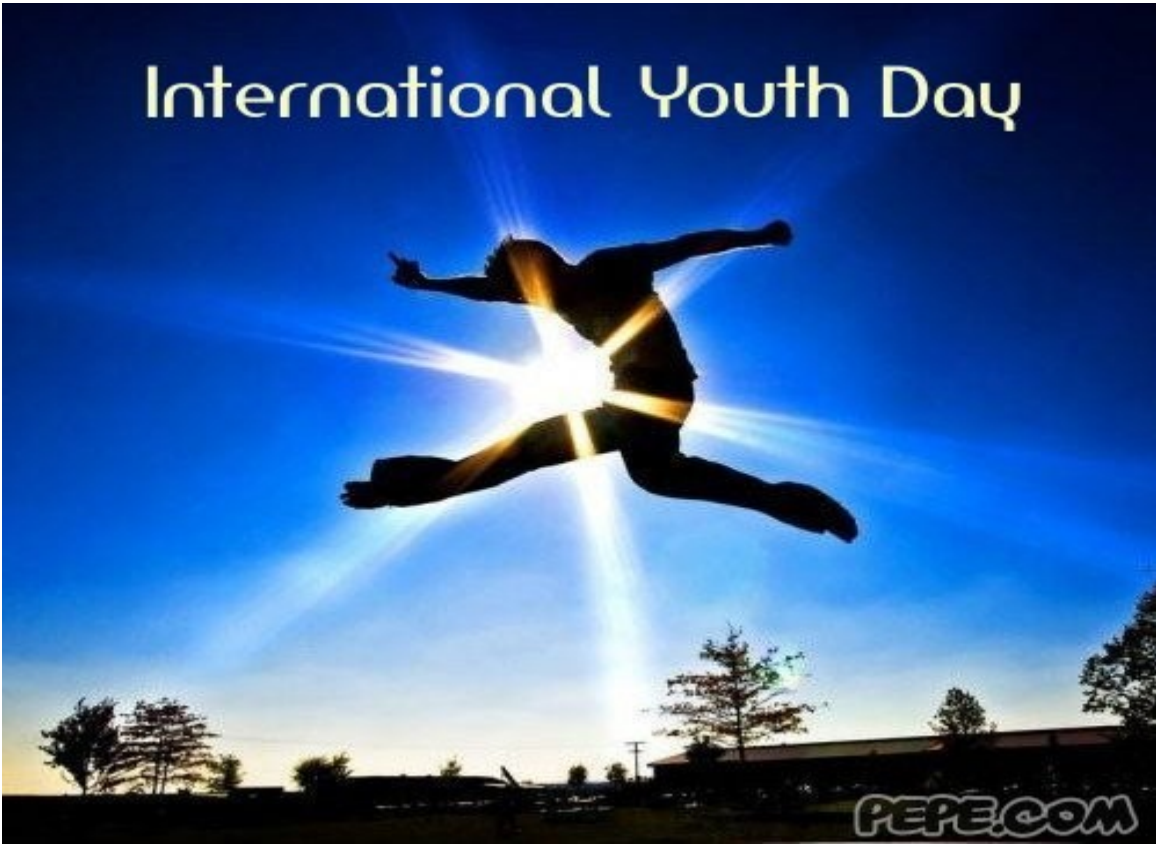
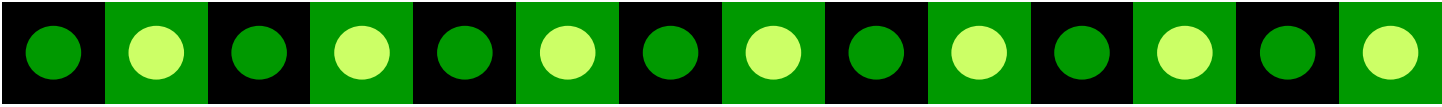
"NEVER GIVE UP ON WHAT  
 YOU REALLY WANT TO DO.  
 THE PERSON WITH BIG  
 DREAMS IS MORE POWERFUL  
 THEN THE ONE WITH ALL  
 THE FACTS."  
 ALBERT EINSTEIN  
ADDICTED2SUCCESS.COM

**CAUTION**  
**EMPOWERMENT**  
**ZONE**  
**AHEAD!**

It's easy  
 to stand with  
 the crowd.  
 It takes  
**Courage**  
 to stand alone.

"IF YOUR DREAMS DON'T  
 SCARE YOU THEY'RE NOT  
**BIG ENOUGH!**"  
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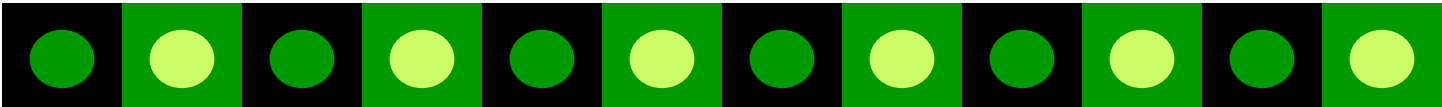




## International Youth Day

International Youth Day is an awareness day designated by the United Nations. The purpose of the day is to draw attention to a given set of cultural and legal issues surrounding youth. The first international youth day was observed on August 12th, 2000. International Youth Day is meant as an opportunity for governments and others to draw attention to youth issues worldwide. Concerts, workshops cultural events, and meetings involving national and local government officials and youth organizations to take place around the world.

*By, Christina Waldron*





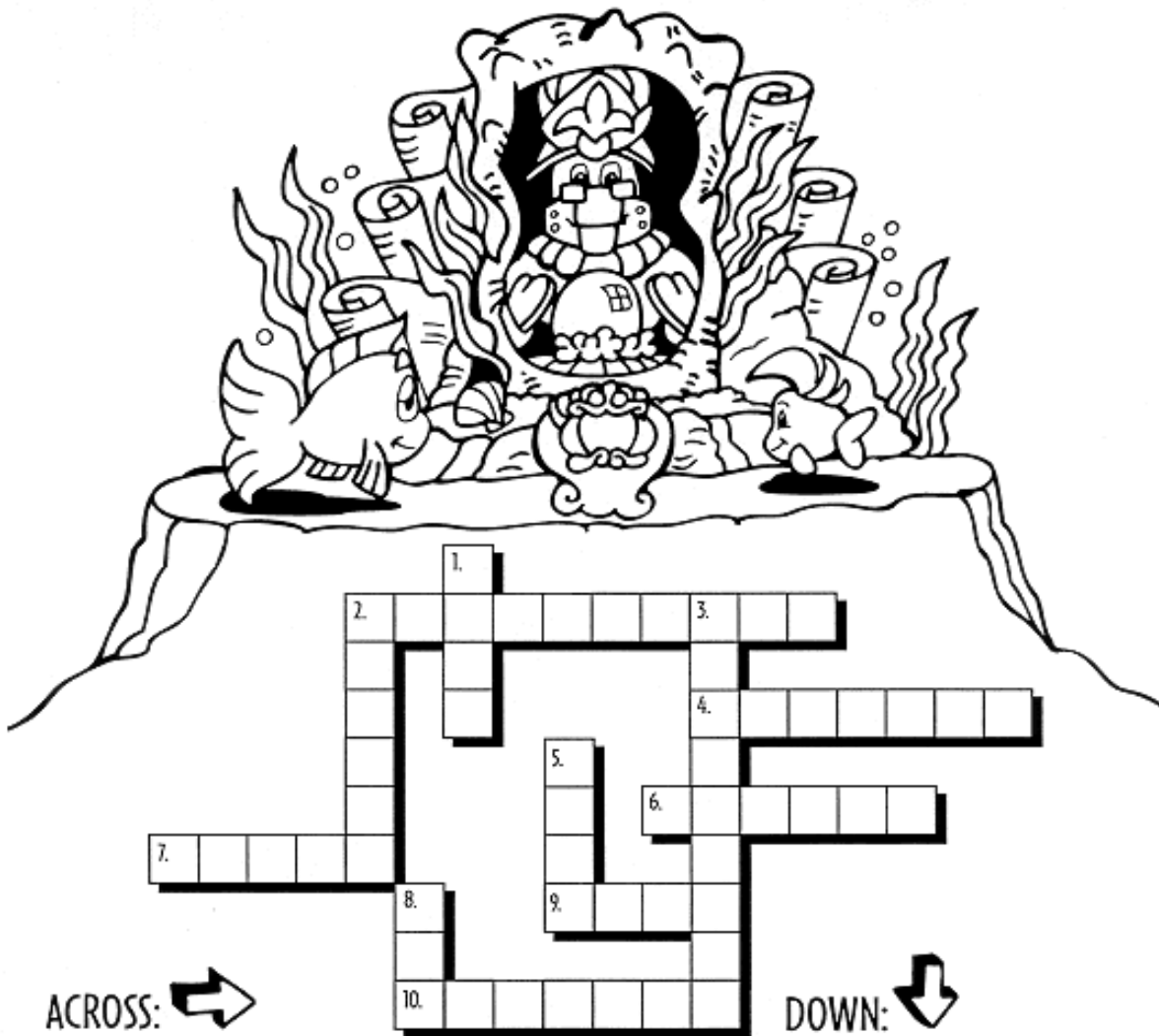
## Youth on the Move

Across the world youth shape the future. It is not enough to hope for a better tomorrow. Unfortunately most youth only have hope in the dire times. Today most young people live in least developed countries, and shoulder the heaviest burden of conflicts and poverty. For example, some youth in Mexico must now beg for food to keep their families alive. We have a responsibility as the United States of America to help the world end hunger and poverty. We can help as a world power but we don't why?

It breaks my heart watching youth and kids go through this on T.V and hear stories of it from missionaries. If we are truly sensitive to helping nations we should help them restore their lives, but some of the people in the United States are controlled by fear. A little help is just what kids and teens need to survive to teach the next generation. Will you be the difference?

*By, Dakota Smoot*

# GRANDMA GROUPER'S FUNHOUSE



ACROSS: →

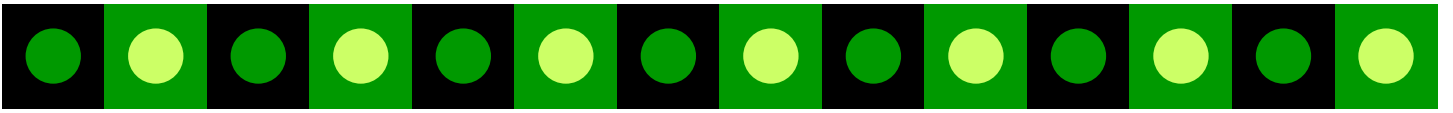
2. Freddi Fish and Luther have a lifelong \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_ means no flaws.
6. He who has friends has \_\_\_\_\_ indeed!
7. If you find a four leaf clover you are \_\_\_\_\_
9. Wilbert says, "Mommy, I \_\_\_\_\_ you!"
10. Magenta's favorite food is \_\_\_\_\_

DOWN: ↓

1. Grandma Grouper has had a long \_\_\_\_\_
2. Your relatives make up your \_\_\_\_\_
3. The opposite of sadness is \_\_\_\_\_
5. If you are not sick you are \_\_\_\_\_
8. When you have a \_\_\_\_\_ you go to work.



The Florida Youth Council is a program of  
The Family Café



## How Do I Become Part of The Florida Youth Council?

The Florida Youth Council is a group of youth (between the ages of 15 and 17) and emerging leaders (between the ages of 18 and 30) with disabilities or special health care needs that live in Florida.

The Florida Youth Council is all about getting youth and emerging leaders involved in self advocacy, peer mentoring and other activities that will improve the quality of life for youth and emerging leaders with disabilities in Florida. The program empowers youth and emerging leaders to decide what issues are important to their generation, to discuss those issues in their state and local communities, and to develop strategies to address them.

We are seeking a group of enthusiastic, motivated youth and emerging leaders to participate. If you would like to take a leadership role in advocating for youth and emerging leaders in Florida, please visit The Florida Youth Council website at [www.floridayouthcouncil.com](http://www.floridayouthcouncil.com). The program is open to application year round. We hope to hear from you soon!



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