

January is National Mentoring Month

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Guiding By Example

Our students are watching adults to learn how to face the challenges of life. Mentors guide students by exhibiting positive attitudes and using their unique skills to solve problems.

Each student really is “looking for a hero,” and you – GrandAM’s team of enthusiastic mentors – are filling that role. You might not feel like a hero of superhuman stature, but you are each a superman or superwoman in one child’s life.

By showing up each week, providing new opportunities, and demonstrating personal interest, mentors guide students toward lives of open minds and caring hearts.



Data and Progress

GrandAM has achieved promising results and faces a daunting challenge. Mentors have surpassed the aims for the program’s objectives. However, to maintain grant funding, we must recruit *twenty-seven* more mentors by the end of March.

June, 2005 – June, 2006:

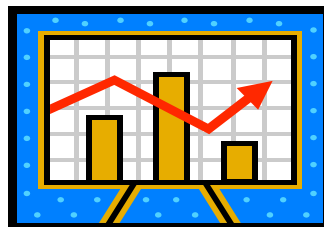
- 17.6% of mentees increased GPAs. Our goal was 5%.
- 36% of mentees decreased discipline referrals. Our goal was 5%.

Currently we have:

- 38 Mentors
- 51 Mentees

By April we need:

- At least 65 Mentors
- At least 70 Mentees



You can help by recruiting your friends to mentor for GrandAM! Call 260-9646 with referrals. GrandAM and the support you are providing to your mentee are at risk. **Act NOW!**

This Month in Mentoring

- **January 2:** Back to School. Mentoring resumes.
- **January 17, 4-5:00PM:** Board Game Jamboree. Checkers, Monopoly, and Trouble, oh my! Come to compete with mentors and mentees, and don’t forget to bring your favorite game. Light snacks provided.
- **January 18, Noon:** Brown Bag Lunch. Come to the District Office at noon to meet other mentors and learn about new mentoring ideas.
- **January 28, 29, 30:** Mentor Training. For titles, times, and locations, visit our website. (See “Training” box on the next page.)

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3: The Magic Number

GrandAM strives to provide 1) Educational, 2) Cultural, and 3) Pro-Social activities to all mentored students. Currently, only 67% of our mentees have experienced all three types. Please make a determined effort to incorporate *all* areas during the month of January.

- **Cultural:** Newspaper, Internet research, geography, traditions, history
- **Educational:** Homework, studying, reading, Internet research, all academic subjects, careers
- **Pro-Social:** Teamwork, discussions, games, leadership, confidence building, problem solving strategies

Training

At these January trainings, you will have the opportunity to meet other mentors, learn helpful skills, and develop your ability to guide your mentee to a valuable life.

- January 28: **Leadership**, 4-5:30PM, GrandAM Office
- January 29: **School Culture**, 11AM-12:30PM, GrandAM Office

— Tell your friends about these too —

- January 29: **Mentor Orientation**, 5-7:30PM, GrandAM Office
- January 30: **Mentor Orientation**, 11AM-1:30PM, GrandAM Office

For more information about or to sign up for these trainings, please call 260-9645 or visit our website:

<http://www.grand.k12.ut.us/Mentor/january.html>

Idea of the Month:

Bring in construction paper, scissors, glue, and magazines with lots of pictures. Ask your mentee to create a collage about him or herself, and you can do the same. Talk about the pictures, words, and symbols you have each included and how/why they represent you. Either stick the images on the piece of construction paper or draw the shape of a person, fit things into the silhouette, and cut it out.

For more ideas, visit: www.grandschools.org/mentor/toolbox.html

January Gallery:



Lori and Tyler



Trevor & Wendy



Anthony and Paula



Zhanna and Carol

Our New Year

It is our new year to make a difference. It's our year to be grateful for the opportunity to work with students who need care and can grow with our investment. It is our year to not only make our community stronger and lives richer through volunteering, but also to spread the word about mentoring to those we love.

Pass this newsletter off to a family member or friend who will be a great mentor. Help GrandAM find role models for our children. After all, you know what good mentors look like; they look like you.

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