

Grand Area Mentoring / 435-260-9646

## National Mentoring Month

### January Gallery



Anthony & Jeri



Cayden & John



Jerathan (top)  
Michele, Levi, Joan,



Jeanine & Donovan

### 2008: A New Year

Mentor meetings allow each student to feel valued and supported in the academic environment, even if the activities and tasks aren't specifically aimed at grade improvement. Simply being there and showing that you care are paramount to the objectives of mentoring and can significantly bolster academic achievement, self-confidence, and social skills.

Therefore, the theme of January, National Mentoring Month, is:

## Be There. Care.



### Mentoring POLICY

You have made a generous offer to be trained and matched with a student. The student is eager to see you each week and terribly disappointed if you don't show up. You must be sure that you are a *steady presence in your mentee's life*. Ask yourself these questions and answer honestly:

- Are you showing up for meetings each week?
- Are you calling to reschedule when a meeting is missed?
- If a meeting time isn't working, have you called Megan to examine different scheduling options?

Surveys have shown that weekly meetings are essential for student academic gains and match satisfaction for participants in GrandAM.

**Starting in 2008, mentors with more than three missed meetings per trimester that have not made up the sessions or contacted Megan at 260-9645 to explain will be notified and put on probation. Individuals on this list will be subject to dismissal if a regular meeting schedule is not fulfilled.**

We recognize that more than 90% of our mentors meet with their mentees weekly and that occasionally schedules are not conducive to meeting. We understand that things such as vacations and family events come up. At the very least you must contact Megan if you are going to miss a meeting.

We're in this for the children, and as always, thanks for your dedication.

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*One person can make a difference.*

*Be that person.*



Natasha & Karen show off their artistic holiday crafts

### ***Mentor Trainings!***

Don't miss these cool training opportunities coming up in late January.

**January 29, Leadership (10-11:30AM, GCSD Board Room):** Learn about how to incorporate leadership, social, and problem solving skills into your mentoring sessions. Call Dan to sign up. 260-9646

**January 30, Activities Workshop II (4-5:30PM, GCSD Board Room):** This is your ticket to new, fun activities to do with your mentee. This is the second part of the series, but anyone can attend. Call Dan to sign up. 260-9646

**January 31, Higher Order Thinking Boards & Scrapbooking (10-11:30AM, GrandAM Office):** More activities for your meetings. Involves computer and group work.

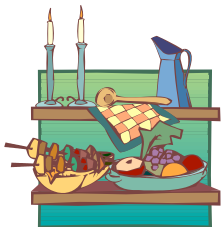
### ***This Month in Mentoring***

- o **January 7:** School starts.
- o **January 9:** Mentor Potluck! Don't miss this one. (See box lower left.)
- o **January 18:** Mentor, Mentee, & Community Activity: Chris Conrad Workshop. (See box lower right.)
- o **January 24:** National Thank Your Mentor Day. Thank *your* mentors too!
- o **January 29, 30, 31:** Mentor Trainings. (See box at left.)

**Please note: There will be no mentor lunch in January.**



### ***Mentor Potluck!***



You are invited to the Grand Area Mentoring potluck on January 9, 2008 at the MARC. Join us to enjoy great food, meet the other sixty mentors, and have fun.

Please bring one yummy dish and your family and friends. Open the New Year with a lively social event. Don't forget to put this on your calendar:

**Mentor Potluck**  
**January 9, 6PM**  
**Moab Arts & Recreation Center**

Simply come to enjoy the company of nice people and the warmth of homemade dishes.



### ***Community Activity!***

Chris Conrad is going to give a photo/electronic media workshop to mentors and students. This will also kick off the exhibit of mentor and mentee photos at the MARC.

**Date/Time: January 18, 4PM**  
**Location: MARC**

Don't miss this opportunity to learn great skills and see the GrandAM photo exhibit.

### **Idea of the Month:**

Write an adventure story together. You are the scribe and provide guidance as the story unfolds. Let your mentee choose the main character and what tasks must be completed. When finished, illustrate the tale and staple to create a book for other mentors and students to read. For more, visit:

[www.grandschools.org/mentor](http://www.grandschools.org/mentor)



**Be there.**  
**Care.**

Happy Mentoring.  
Happy New Year.  
Thank you all that you do.

Dan 260-9646