

Grand Area Mentoring / 435-260-9646

## Three Reminders & Thanks

### **Reminder #1: Confidentiality**



Mentors must follow the confidentiality guidelines set forth in federal and state law. As a mentor, you are not allowed to talk with any non-school district individuals about your mentee, their family, or any personally identifiable information. According to the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (often referred to as FERPA), **you cannot share:**

- the student's name
- name of the student's parent or other family members
- address of the student or student's family
- a personal identifier, such as a social security number or student number
- a list of personal characteristics that would make the student's identity easily traceable

However, you may speak to your friends and family in generalities about your mentoring experience. In fact, you are encouraged to share what you find rewarding about mentoring. Choice, anonymous anecdotes might help a potential mentor choose to participate in this dynamic, effective program.

*Remember, anything related to a health or safety emergency must be passed on to program staff immediately. The reporting procedure is as follows:*

1. Report incident to School Principal
2. Fill out Incident Report
3. Call GrandAM Director Daniel McNeil (260-9646). When in doubt, call Dan!

Thanks for your sensitivity in keeping our students safe and their information secure.

### **Reminder #2: Activity Types**



Educational



Pro-Social



Cultural

On the green Activity Log form in your mentor log, you will find three types of activities to check: Educational, Pro-Social, and Cultural.

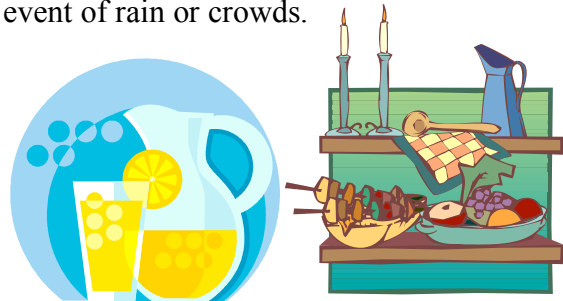
**We aim to expose all mentees to ALL THREE types of activities over the course of the year.**

Please look over your log and include at least one activity from each column in your mentoring sessions. This is an important component of our grant reporting information, and your help is greatly appreciated.

### **Reminder #3: Mentor Potluck**



Instead of a mentor brown bag lunch, we will hold a mentor potluck on April 17, at 6PM. The potluck will be held at Rotary Park, and Red Rock Elementary will be the standby location in the event of rain or crowds.



**This is for mentors only!**

Mark your calendars!

**Mentor Potluck  
April 17  
6PM  
Rotary Park**

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Kevin & Dalton

## *This Month in Mentoring*

- **April 17/18:** Mid Term Conferences – No school. **NO MENTORING.**
- **April 17:** 6PM, Rotary Park – Potluck dinner with other mentors. See page 1.

### GrandAM Canyonlands Half Marathon Aid Station A Success

Two years of aid station practice has honed GrandAM's efficiency and technique. Cardboard is key. Thanks to Danette, Robin, Ron, Matt, Dale, Melinda, Jim, and Sue for your critical help!

**To the race organizers:** thank you for your generous donation of \$400 to Grand Area Mentoring. Sorry we forgot the aid station sign on course. Next time we'll do better! We look forward to working with you again.



Water, anyone? Gatorade?



Our great station crew



Lots of cups!

## April Mentoring Gallery



Sue &  
Zander



Carol & Alex



Janie & Leander



Shelly & Michael

### Idea of the Month:



Make a family tree of your mentee's relatives. This can help you understand the people that he or she talks about, or it may help to open up a conversation about your mentee's life. For more ideas, visit:

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



Amy &  
Isaiah

### Full Steam Ahead

With only two more months of school left, we are coming down the home stretch. Please take care to make your meetings regular, keep giving your mentee the support they need, and have fun. If you need any ideas or help, don't hesitate to contact one of us. Program staff is here as a resource for you. Can't wait to see you at the potluck!

Dan (260-9646) & Megan (260-9646)