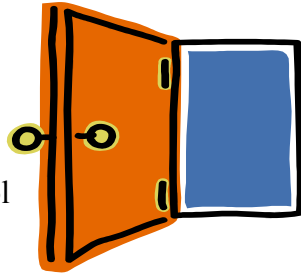


Positive Feedback

Policy Reminder 1: Keep doors open!

To provide transparency and easy supervision, all mentors must prop doors open while meeting with students. This practice demonstrates to all school staff and others that mentors and students engage in safe and fun activities.



GrandAM Reminder 2: Developmental Mentoring



Mentoring is not tutoring. It is not acting as a psychiatrist or a teacher. Instead, Mentoring is about building a stable, trusting relationship with a student. The positive interaction at school helps youth enjoy school more and develop better relationships with peers and other adults. The relationship *IS* the intervention, which means that all you have to do is cultivate a friendship! Don't worry about grades or attendance or behavior. Simply act as a role model and ally.

Parent Comments

We occasionally interview parents to find out what they think about mentoring. Parents often provide positive and interesting feedback. This year has been no exception...

"My daughter seems happier and more outgoing since she started mentoring."

–Mentee Parent

"She benefits from a positive connection with an adult in our community."

–Mentee Parent



"Yes, mentoring helps. It has given him time to calm down, focus on tasks. The one-on-one time is like having an aunt."

–Mentee Parent

"He's opening up. He's talking more. It makes him happier. He loves her."

–Mentee Parent

"He enjoys it very much. He needs it in his life. He's going through some tough issues."

–Mentee Parent

"Mentoring has helped a lot. Behavior issues are almost completely gone. His mentor is great."

–Mentee Parent

This Month in Mentoring

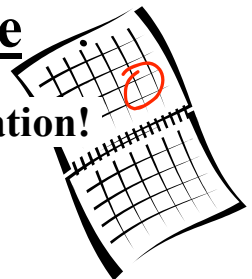
- **March 29-April 2:** Spring Break. No school; NO MENTORING!
- **April 5:** School and mentoring resumes.
- **April 21:** Volunteer Fair at the Grand Center. Join us at this fun and informative ice cream social sponsored by RSVP. (See box other side.)
- **April 22:** Earth Day
- **May 7:** Last day of mentoring for the 2009/2010 school year!
- **May 13:** End-of-Year Celebration. (See box at right.)



Save the date

for GrandAM's

End-of-Year Celebration!



When: Evening of May 13th

What time: To be announced.

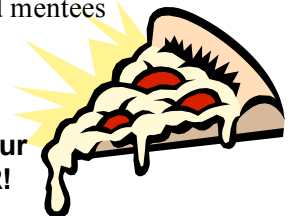
Where: To be announced.

Why: Collect a gift, eat pizza, and celebrate another great year of mentoring!

Who: GrandAM mentors and mentees

Families are invited too.

It's time to recognize your GOOD JOB THIS YEAR!



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Idea of the Month: *Do Magic!* Danette and Anthony wowed his class with a magic show. From vanishing a coin to making a number appear on a volunteer's palm, it was a true magic wonder!



Mentee Bite, Installment 6 of 6: **Be Involved.**

Are you participating in life, or are you watching a fantasy life on TV and video games? Are you involved in after school clubs, sports, and other activities that you enjoy? What do you do when things happen around you that are wrong or destructive? Do you complain or do you work to change the things you don't like?

Margaret Mead said, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

Remember, you can learn new skills, improve your attitude, and get involved in things to make your life and this community better. Whether you're good at art or music or math or sports, you have something to offer our world.

Mentors are invited to an

ICE CREAM SOCIAL



at the Grand Center on
April 21, 5-7PM.

This event is presented by Grand County RSVP (Retired Seniors Volunteer Program). It will provide time for mixing with Moab's generous volunteers (of all ages). It will also give you a chance to learn about other volunteer opportunities in Moab. The Grand Center is located at 211 South 500 West.



Here's a big **THANK YOU** to all the mentors that donated games, materials, and supplies to the mentoring rooms over the course of the year. Your generosity is noticed and appreciated by all your fellow matches that get to enjoy new activities. Thanks for supplementing our supplies. If there's anything you'd like to see in the mentoring rooms next year, contact us:

grandareamentoring@gmail.com



John & Hunter



Barb & Anthony



Delite & Daytona



Elizabeth & Roshawna