

Gratitude and Growth



Hunter & Joel

NOTICE: May 10, 6PM Mentor, Student, Family Night

The final event of the school year! Call your mentee to remind him or her and their family. You'll get an end-of-year gift, an ice cream/dessert buffet, and the kudos you deserve. If you come to only one event this year, let this be the one.

**Location: HMK Gymnasium
Time: 6-7PM**



Cathy & Courtney

What You Get

Volunteers benefit from being part of GrandAM. Mentors:

- learn firsthand about our schools, today's kids, our complex world
- better understand the culture in which our children are growing up
- develop and practice their leadership, listening, and communication skills
- gain important experience in dealing with people
- understand the needs of our community
- are seen as leaders
- have the opportunity to use their skills in a remarkably powerful way.

Mentoring: Making amazing people even better.

MENTORING TIP #15: Recognize Small Changes

Mentors need to recognize small changes in their mentees. These little transformations can show you that a mentee is benefiting from your presence. Whether he or she lets you have the first turn playing *Sorry*, becomes more talkative, looks to you for help with some small problem, seems more confident, or simply says "See you next week" for the first time, *they are showing gratitude and growth.*

Over time, these changes will blossom into healthy behaviors that you model. Don't expect a revolution, just look for the *little* signs of a healthy, developing relationship and student outlook.

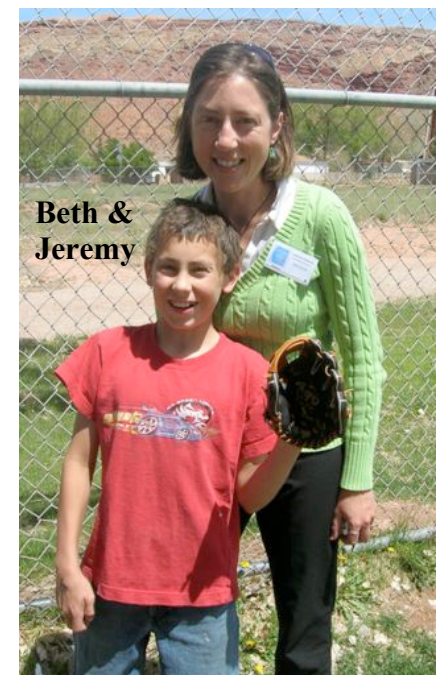


Jim & Mason

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for more information



Danette & Tygis

HELP!

We need deserts for the May 10 event at HMK. If you can bring a desert, please call Beth at 260-8396. Your assistance is truly appreciated.

This Month in Mentoring

- **May 10:** Mentor/Mentee/Family Recognition Night. 6PM, HMK.
- **May 11:** Mentor surveys due. Please place surveys in the appropriate hanging file at your school site. Thank you for helping us improve.
- **May 18, Noon:** Brown Bag Lunch at the District Office. Come to meet cool people, talk about mentoring, and get new ideas for mentoring activities.
- **May 21-25:** LAST WEEK OF MENTORING.
- **May 28-June 1:** Last week of school: NO MENTORING.



< Alexis & Nicole

Carlos & Cathy >

Wendy & Carsen



Idea of the Month:

Check out this website:

<http://www.bam.gov>

There are heaps of fun, educational games and activities to do with your mentee. To work in some media literacy, try the "Ad Decoder." You might want to view the site before your mentoring session, so you can guide your mentee to some cool activities.

Still, for more ideas, visit:

www.grandschools.org/mentor/toolbox.html

What about the summer?

Summer is a time to take a break from mentoring so our volunteers and mentees can return fresh in the fall. Still, you do have the opportunity to keep in touch with your mentee over the summer months. *Check out our next newsletter for more info...*

Closing

Thanks to you, this has been an incredible year of growth for our program and children. We are looking forward to seeing you at the May 10 event. Check out our website to see some of the latest info on what you have accomplished!

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