

Grand Area Mentoring / 435-260-9646

Forward

Dear Mentors,

Today's reality: Dropout rates are too high. Achievement is too low. Risk factors in Moab are higher than state and national levels. Families aren't able to support their children. Too many students fail where they should succeed. So many students lack confidence.

The gravity of our plight is considerable.

While fundamentalists and some politicians will portray the world using the graphic language and metaphors of war – and it is easy to use similar terms to explain our struggle against the challenges listed above – *we refuse to equate combat to the peaceful practice of mentoring.*

Instead of a war plan, we are crafting a garden of growth. Rather than waging a battle, we are undertaking a campaign to nurture self-realization. We are not talking about front lines; we are stepping into our schools. Instead of defeating our enemy, we are using the powers of positive thinking, creativity, and care to rebuild the structures of fulfillment. This is *not* about conquering. This is about understanding.

Your participation as a mentor is testament to the goodness of your hearts and also to your belief in the power of action. We have the statistics to back up your belief. Thirty percent of our mentees have improved their academic standing. Parents send back glowing reviews, and teachers explain the wonderful changes in mentored students' behavior. Mentees miss less school. Across all ages and genders, our students love meeting with you – our amazing mentors.

The value of your time is obvious.

Tomorrow's Promise: With your help, our society will become stronger. Your presence can transform our schools into community learning environments. Under your guidance, our children will succeed. Megan will call you in August to set up your mentoring schedule. Meetings begin in September.

It's great to have you back.

Daniel McNeil
Program Director

[Pool Party a Success](#) Thirty people showed up for the pool party! Over one hour was spent laughing, romping in the water, sailing off the diving board, and enjoying the Moab sun.



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Moving Forward Together

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for more information

Mentoring Idea:

It is likely that you will not start mentoring until September, but store this idea away: you and your mentee each write down what you did during the summer. Once you have the lists, each of you can choose one thing from the other person's summer to draw or write about. Do your best, then share your imagination's take on the other person's activity. He or she can review your effort, and you can do the same.

For more visit: www.grandschools.org/mentor

These Months in Mentoring

- **August 23:** School starts!
- **August 27-29:** Mentor training. SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE!
- **September 3:** Mentoring Begins!
- **September 13, 8PM:** *Robert Fulghum Fundraising Event.* You simply can't miss this! Tickets are free. Robert is amazing. And you will be supporting GrandAM with your presence. See below.

Fun Raising Funds

You are cordially invited to Moab's most anticipated fundraiser of the year. Robert Fulghum (author of "All I Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten" and six other best-sellers) has agreed to speak AND donate **DOUBLE** the value of every ticket collected at the door to Grand Area Mentoring.

Tickets (valued at \$10 each) are available for **FREE** at Arches Book Company or to mentors who stop by the GrandAM office.

The topic of the evening will be, among other things, the content of his new book entitled What On Earth Have I Done, a collection of stories and observations from Robert's travels and life, including Moab stories. The release date for the book is Sept 18, but the publisher has granted Arches Book Company permission to sell the book early at this event only!

A reception with this new book on sale (and Robert signing them) and refreshments will follow. We will be accepting donations at that time as well. We have a finite number of tickets, and only those who truly intend to be there will be given tickets. Call Dan for more information or to volunteer: 260-9646.

SPEAKING FOR ONE NIGHT ONLY

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Author
Voyager
Humorist
Philosopher
Entertainer



ROBERT FULGHUM

author of *seven* best-selling books, including:
All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten

8:00 PM

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2007
GRAND COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
(RECEPTION TO FOLLOW)

Tickets valued at \$10 but are available **FREE** only by visiting Arches Book Company.

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