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Momentum!

This Month...

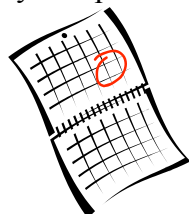
This school year will begin on Thursday, August 21. We are so happy to welcome you back as a volunteer for Grand Area Mentoring. This newsletter is our first communication since we began our summer break in June.

In late August/early September, you will be contacted for a check-in. At this time we will ask if you have any special requests regarding scheduling.



Expect a call late Aug/early Sept!

Also, please note that your presence is requested at one of the *Back-to-School Mentor Meetings* in late August. These meetings will cover an exciting new off-campus policy and procedure.



Remember these dates!

In order to utilize these new privileges, **YOU MUST ATTEND ONE OF THE TRAINING SESSIONS LISTED BELOW.**

This Month in Mentoring

- **August 21:** First day of school.

Please attend ONE of these!

- **August 25:** Back-to-School Mentors' Meeting (5-5:45PM, GrandAM Office).
- **August 28:** Back-to-School Mentors' Meeting (5-5:45PM, GrandAM Office).



Back to School Q&A

Question: What is Double-Buddy Mentoring?

Answer: Double-Buddy Mentoring is a new policy that will allow mentors and students to leave campus as *a group of at least four people (2 mentors + 2 students = 4 amazing people).*

There are special requirements pertaining to this new policy that will be explained at the *Back-to-School Mentors' Meetings* on August 25 and 28. As a GrandAM mentor, you are invited to attend one of these sessions. Only mentors that have been trained in the new policy can take advantage of this great opportunity to leave campus.

Question: When do we start mentoring again?

Answer: You will begin mentoring as soon as a new mentoring time has been set up. If you normally meet after school, you can speed the process by getting in touch with your student's parents and making arrangements for pickup on a particular day after school. Then call us so we know when you'll be meeting!

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Tell your friends...

Mentoring makes a big difference in our students' lives. Your friends might want to be a piece of this great movement. They can join up in September. We will have our next training on September 8.



Mentor Orientation and Training September 8, 5-7PM Grand County School District Office

(This training will be presented by Dan & Megan.)

Fun, fun, fun!

Reminder: GrandAM Staff

Team Mentor

“When spider webs unite,
they can tie up a lion.”

—Ethiopian Proverb



Idea(s) of the Month:

1. Talk about your summer. Bring in pictures. Ask about your mentee's vacation.
2. Find out about your mentee's new classroom or school.
3. Send a letter to your mentee explaining how excited you are to meet with him or her this year. This will get them excited!

Megan McGee, Mentor Coordinator

Should you have questions, Megan can help. She will: provide new ideas for your mentoring sessions, aid you in scheduling meeting times, answer your questions about mentoring practice, and share information about upcoming events. Friendly and conscientious, Megan can help make your volunteer experience fun and ensure that you get the most out of mentoring. *For information on the following topics, call her at: 435-260-9645.*



Scheduling • Fun Mentoring Activities • Mentor Calendar Events • Trouble-shooting • Site Material Needs • School Concerns • Kids' Behavior • Training Registration • Parent Contact • Resources

Daniel McNeil, Program Director

Dan works on mentor recruitment, developing community support, fundraising & sustainability, mentor training, community-based activities, and program implementation district-wide. Dan can answer questions about mentoring practice and concerning program policies and procedures. *To contact Dan about the following topics, please dial: 435-260-9646.*



Policy & Procedures • Teacher Involvement • Training Opportunities • Safety Concerns & Incident Reports • Referrals for Potential Mentors • Community-Based Activities & Field Trips

We are so happy to have you back for another meaningful year of mentoring. You are so generous, the pillars of our Moab community.

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Dan & Megan