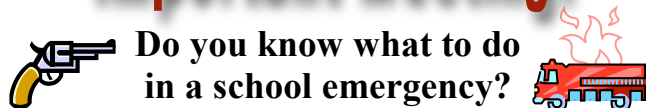




Doing Good... Again

Important Meeting!



**Do you know what to do
in a school emergency?**

Please attend our back-to-mentoring meeting on Thursday 8/20 to find out the answer to this important question. We'll meet at the GrandAM office from 5-6 pm. Taryn Kay from the Office of Student Services will inform us about what to do if an emergency occurs during a mentoring session. Please come – it's our responsibility to keep our mentees safe!

We will also give you a brief overview about what we learned from tracking our student's progress last year. The off campus policy will be reviewed to ensure we all understand the school district's requirements and can continue with the fun field trips. Please contact us if you are unable to attend the back-to-mentoring meeting and we will arrange to meet with you another time.

This Month in Mentoring

- **August 7:** Pool Party, 9:00-10:30AM, at the community pool.
- **August 13:** School begins! Megan will be in touch during the first couple of weeks of school to set up mentoring schedules.
- **August 20:** Back-to-mentoring meeting about emergency procedures, last year's report, and off-campus policy. 5-6PM at GrandAM office.
- **August 27:** New Mentor Orientation. If you have a friend that could be a successful mentor, please let them know about the orientation.

Welcome Back to Mentoring!



THANK YOU



Our gratitude to all of you that filled out the end-of-year surveys last May. We appreciate the feedback; your suggestions for improving the newsletters were very helpful. This year we hope to include even more activity ideas. We will also try to give updates about what other mentors and mentees are up to. Your creativity and various skills are one of our greatest assets.

If you have any mentoring session activities you would like to share with other mentors, please let us know and we'll do our best to include them in the newsletter. It was great to observe you in action last school year and we got several "ideas of the month" from you (i.e. no-bake cookies, scavenger hunts, sewing). We can't wait to see the ways in which you enrich your mentees lives this year.

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Moving Forward Together

Four Steps for Success

As you start the 2009/2010 school year, keep these four tips in mind to help you and your mentee embark on a mutually enjoyable journey...

1

Smile and be positive.

A positive mental attitude is a recipe for success, no matter your age. Since our program is about sharing what we know, start the year off by modeling a positive mind-set; but remember to set boundaries as well. Students have a keen radar for mentor enthusiasm and they like knowing what is expected of them.

Find excitement.

Talk with your mentee about what he or she is excited to do during mentoring sessions. Share your own hopes for the year as well. Make a list together. You might pursue:

- tennis, tee ball, or badminton
- plant and tree identification
- rocket building
- Off-Campus trips (library or humane society)

2

Stay on top.

Grand Area Mentoring tracks mentor hours & activities so that we can know what's working, gauge how well students are doing, and report to our funders on project execution. ***Stay on top of your paperwork by filling out your mentor log at the end of each session.***


3

Share sunny stories.

Or funny ones. Bring in a photo, souvenir, or story about your summer break. Of course, ask about what your mentee did too, and try to dig deeper than the topical stuff. Point out how these experiences have prepared him or her for this school year.

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BRIGHT IDEAS!

Bocce Ball...

Bring in a bocce ball kit and see who's got the finesse! Good for larger groups too.



Submit Something...

This is ***your*** newsletter. Want to see your own pictures and writing featured in an upcoming newsletter? With your mentee write a haiku poem, explain your favorite mentoring activity, or simply send in pictures to the address above.



Thanks for joining us for another year of mentoring in Grand County. We know that this is going to be a fun and powerful year of positive change in Moab. You are already making it happen. In gratitude,

– Dan & Megan