

Return of the “Jedi” (you know, mentors)

Welcome back!



Sorry for geeking out on you, but mentors are like Jedi from the Star Wars movies.

- *Jedi are the guardians of peace.*

...So too are mentors.

- *Jedi use their powers to defend and to protect.*

...Mentors use their powers for the same.

- *Jedi serve others rather than ruling over them, for the good of the galaxy.*

...This is a mentor’s specialty.

- *Jedi seek to improve themselves through knowledge and training.*

...Same for mentors!



Welcome back to another year of helping children grow. **Welcome to another year in the way of the Jedi!**

Please join us for the...

(new) **HMK Tour**

and kickoff informational event. Check out the new HMK facility on September 9th, at 6PM. You will see all the wings, from Kindergarten to sixth grade, the cafeteria, gym, library, and (drum roll, please) the new classroom space dedicated solely to mentoring! We will also provide key information for the upcoming year.

When: September 9, 6:00PM

Where: HMK, Mivida Drive

Who: Mentors and spouses

Why: See the new facility and mingle with mentors and program staff

This event will provide a starting point for using our new facility with pride.

Regarding the new school, a few reminders:

- Remember *after your session, lock the mentor log filing cabinet, which is located in the mentoring room.* This is even more important this year, when the cabinet will not be located in an office or hallway area.
- *Clean up any messes that you make.* Instill pride and a sense of responsibility into your mentee. Let’s keep mentoring and school-wide areas spotless.

(See reverse for more on the new facilities.)

This Month in Mentoring

- **September 6:** Labor Day
- **September 7:** School starts!
- **September 9, 6PM:** HMK facility tour and informational meeting for mentors (and spouses, if interested). Meet in front of the building on the side facing Mivida Drive.
- **September 8-30:** Expect a call from Megan to schedule your new mentoring time.
- **October 7, 5-6:30PM:** New Mentor Training. This training will be held at the new HMK school. Let Dan know if you have any friends or family that would like to attend.

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Star the year off right.

Most mentor and mentee meetings will take place at the new HMK facility this year, so you won't want to miss this tour and kickoff event. Below please find a draft schedule for the evening and a map of the meeting location.

Idea of the month: Review GrandAM policy. This seems like a good time for a few refreshers...



1. Mentors record mentoring sessions on the green pages in their logs and make sure the mentoring filing cabinet is secure.
2. Mentoring can happen only on school grounds, unless on an approved off-campus activity with additional adults.
3. Mentors are not allowed to drive students unless they are district employees who have been approved by the district office.
4. Off-campus policy can be found in mentor logs. Off-campus plans must be approved by parents and Megan (260-9646). The yellow off-campus form must be completed after a field trip.
5. Mentors are not allowed to meet with mentees outside of the established guidelines and program expectations.
6. Aside from a small birthday present, gifts are not allowed.
7. Always leave the door open to whatever room you are using with your mentee.
8. Follow all playground rules. (Posted in the mentor room.)
9. Report any alarming incidents to Dan (260-9646) or Megan (260-9645), *or report to school personnel if danger is imminent.*
10. Keep information about your mentee confidential. Share only generic anecdotes with your friends and family. Never mention any identifiable characteristics about your mentee.
11. Read program newsletters and stay up to date on district happenings like holidays and special schedules.



Agenda for HMK tour and back-to-school kickoff event on September 9, 6:00PM:

- New facility tour
- Procedure discussion
- Refreshments in the cafeteria, with important information about the upcoming year.

We can't wait to see you there.

