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Mentoring Matters

You are an asset.

There are 40 Developmental Assets that help kids become more successful. These are “positive skills, experiences, and opportunities that help young people grow into caring, confident adults.”¹

Mentoring creates opportunities for the development of each student’s assets. Spending quality time and sharing trust with your mentee is just one asset provided by mentoring.

In addition to supporting your mentee’s personal identity, you are buttressing many of his or her prospective assets. To the right is a short list of assets that YOU are helping to develop. 



Kevin and Tyler at the Middle School



Tim and HMK Biology Mentoring Club



The Arches National Park October hike was a hit. The weather was beautiful and learning plentiful.

This Month in Mentoring

- **November 15**, 4-5PM: Learning for Life Curriculum Training
- **November 16**, Noon: Brown Bag Lunch. Come to the District Office at noon to meet other mentors and discuss mentoring ideas.
- **November 18**: Holiday Card Making Workshop. (See box below.)
- **November 23 & 24**: Thanksgiving Holiday. **NO MENTORING.**

External Assets

- Positive Adult Relationships
- Caring School Climate
- Community Values Children
- Children Feel Safe
- Adult Role Models
- High Expectations
- Creative Activities
- Cocurricular Activities

Internal Assets

- Achievement Motivation
- Learning Engagement
- Homework
- Bonding to Adults at School
- Reading for Pleasure
- Integrity
- Responsibility
- Planning and Decision Making
- Interpersonal Competence
- Cultural Competence
- Conflict Resolution
- Personal Power
- Self-Esteem
- Sense of Purpose
- Positive View of Personal Future

November Activity

Holiday Card Making Workshop



Join us for a few hours of constructive fun. Learn new card making techniques and talk with your mentee.

When? **November 18, Time to be decided**
Where? **Middle School Cafeteria**
Why? **FUN! FUN! FUN!**

Plus you can take home and give away the beautiful cards you make!

1. Probst, Kristie. *Mentoring for Meaningful Results*, Search Institute, Minneapolis, 2006.

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Moving Forward Together



Learning for Life Training

Representatives of GrandAM's partner, Learning for Life (LFL), are going to be in town on November 15 to train mentors in how to use their curriculum. Each mentoring room has LFL materials that you can adapt and use in a one-on-one setting. We will meet at the District office at 4PM. The training will take less than one hour.



Ron and Joe in Arches National Park

Don't forget the brown bag!

We hold a brown bag lunch the 3rd Thursday of every month. At noon, mentors and staff meet at the District Office Board room to talk about mentoring, exchange ideas, and find out what works well and frustrations to avoid. This is a chance to meet new people, talk with like-minded folks about helping our kids, and discover creative mentoring ideas. The lunch usually lasts less than one hour.



Gina and Connor: All smiles.

New Mentoring Ideas

Grand Area Mentoring is building a Mentor Library filled with books, articles, and resources to help you make the most of your valuable mentoring time. Soon we will have a catalogue of resources available on our website. Until then, feel free to come in to our office and browse the small but informative selection of books for checking out.

Here is a short list of titles.



GrandAM Library Titles:

- Mentoring for Meaningful Results
- Words Are Not For Hurting
- Shredderman: Secret Identity
- Shredderman: Attack of the Tagger
- Hands Are Not For Hitting
- Flat Stanley
- The Boy Crisis
- No Such Thing As a Bad Kid

And more to come...

Idea of the Month:

Be careful, this idea is delicate!

Tactfully discuss the elections of November. Check out the candidate webpages, articles in the newspaper and online, and ads wherever they can be found. **Don't** present this as your version of politics. **Do** help your mentee understand how democracy works, why elections are important, and the significance of citizen participation.

For more ideas, visit:

www.grandschools.org/mentor/toolbox.html

Have Fun

Don't forget to check the website about the card making workshop. We will post the time it will be held once we have it nailed down.

I am so impressed by the commitment and energy of every one of our mentors. If someone were to ask me for a list of wonderful people, I'd find it difficult to produce a better group of caring citizens than our roll of mentors. You are making a difference in these kids' lives through your time and sheer dedication.

I cannot thank you enough.

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