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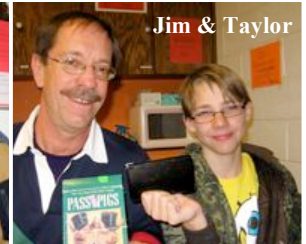
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To thank you, our dedicated volunteers, Back of Beyond will offer an exclusive 20% discount to GrandAM mentors in December. At the register, you can say, "I'm a volunteer for Grand Area Mentoring. Our newsletter shows we get a 20% discount this month. Thanks." Or just bring this newsletter to flash as a coupon.

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Youth Development: Social Character

Kids typically follow a standard arc in social development. Knowing more about your mentee's changing brain can prep you to help him or her navigate the world... and explain some of their odd obsessions!

Outside Social Influences

8-10 years:

- Team games become popular
- Can be very competitive
- Worshipping heroes, TV stars, and sports figures is common

11-13 years:

- Interested in earning their own money

Personal Issues

8-10 years:

- Are very concerned about what others say and think of them

11-13 years:

- Have a tendency to manipulate others

Friendship

8-10 years:

- Are choosy about their friends
- Being accepted by friends is very important

11-13 years:

- Cliques start to develop inside and outside of school
- Crushes on members of the opposite sex are common (girls first)
- Feel a real need to conform; to dress and behave like others to fit in

This Month in Mentoring

- **December 19: Holiday vacation begins.** No school. No mentoring.
- **January 2: School and mentoring resumes.**



Janet & Jay

January is National Mentoring Month!

Look for next month's newsletter for special announcements, or find up-to-date information by **LIKING** Grand Area Mentoring's Facebook page.

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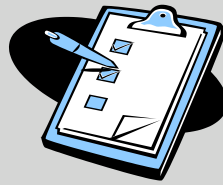
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HMK Reminder:



When going to Swanny park with your mentee, remember to sign him or her out at the front office. This allows the school to account for students in case of emergencies. Thanks!

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Mental Traits

8-10 years:

- The idea of fairness becomes a big issue
- Are eager to answer questions
- Are very curious and are collectors of everything
- Wide discrepancies in reading ability
- Interest may jump to other objects quickly
- Want more independence but know they need guidance/support

11-13 years:

- Tend to be perfectionists
- May try too much and feel frustrated or guilty
- Want more independence, but know they need guidance/support
- Can have a longer attention span

Idea of the month #1: Get Crafty!

The holiday season brings tons of crafts to the mentoring program. And what fun they are! Check out the cool selection of projects and materials in the mentoring room:



“My life can be my art. Whether I’m taking a photograph, raising a family, volunteering in my community – every act has the potential to transform the ordinary into the extraordinary.”

–Dewitt Jones, National Geographic photographer



Idea of the month: Learn Spanish!

Fire up the PowerBook G4 laptop in the HMK mentor room (sorry, Middle School mentors) to use Rosetta Stone. Check out the headset from the mentor office for the speaking segment. Find the icon in the doc that looks like the logo in this box. Click on it, follow the instructions, and learn Spanish! (Might be best when the mentoring room is quiet.) Very fun!

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