

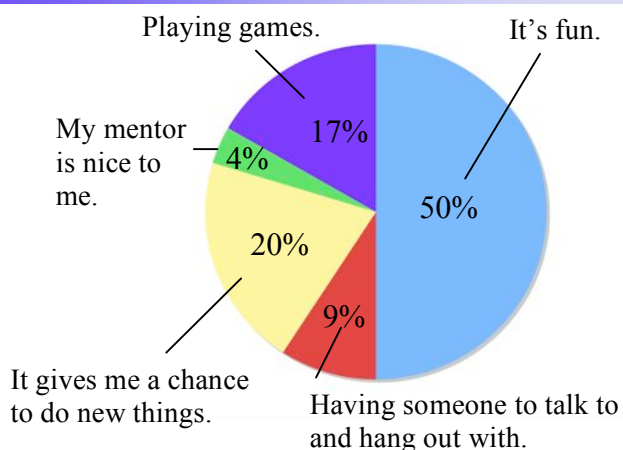
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The Measure of Success

A child's words for mentoring...

We say you're making a difference. But how do you know? It can be hard to see change in our mentees, to understand that we're important to them. Don't take our word for it. GrandAM students have spoken, and **mentoring matters to them**. Check out some of the responses mentees gave at end-of-year interviews.

Question: What do you like best about mentoring?



Question: Do you feel mentoring has changed how you feel about school?

Yes, I'm more excited about school on mentoring days. (3rd grader)

Yes. My mentor taught me learning can be fun even though it is sometimes difficult. (7th grader)

Yes, a big difference. School is a lot more fun now. (2nd grader)

I'm excited on [mentoring days]. The day always went by so fast because I knew [she] was going to be there at the end of the day. (4th grader)

I get better grades now. (5th grader)

I like to learn more now. (2nd grader)

Question: Has mentoring changed how you feel about yourself?

Yes, it makes me feel happier. (6th grader)

Yes, I used to feel bad because barely anyone used to be my friend and then I met [my mentor] and I feel good. (1st grade girl)

I've started being nicer to people. Like in kindergarten, I would be really mean to kids and then when I started mentoring in first grade, I stopped doing that. And now I'm nice to other kids. (3rd grader)

Yes, I've become more active since I started mentoring. (5th grader)

My mom moved away and I don't have any time with her and mentoring makes me feel better about that. (2nd grader)

Yes, I thought no one liked me before I started mentoring. (7th grader)

Now I can talk about what makes me uncomfortable. (7th grader)

Mentoring makes me feel good. (3rd grader)

Mentors and Students Off Campus at Kaleidoscoops!



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Pool Party!

Who: Mentors, Mentees, and their families

Where: Moab's Community Pool

When: Friday, August 7, 9:00 – 10:30 AM

This is our 4th annual pool party and the kids love it! The pool will be reserved for the mentoring program and admission will be free. Please call your student's family before the party to remind them of the day and time.

Moving Forward Together



Want to meet with your mentee over the summer break?

You can meet your mentee at the school-sponsored lunches offered at HMK's cafeteria every weekday from 11:30 – 1:00. Your mentee can eat lunch for free and you have the option to buy a lunch. Alternatively, if you don't want to eat the school lunch, you can pack a picnic for the lawn or engage in another activity on the school grounds. The free lunches run from June 8 – July 17. So go ahead and give your mentee a call, but please remember that you cannot transport your student or meet with him/her off school grounds. Stick to having fun at HMK!

Congratulations Wendy!

On June 3rd GrandAM mentor Wendy McDougald was named the Grand County School District's "Friend of Education." This award is given out annually to one school district volunteer to recognize their outstanding contributions to the students of Grand County. Wendy has mentored an average of three students a year since being trained as a mentor during GrandAM's inaugural year. Wendy also volunteers six hours a week with the "Star Program" at Red Rock Elementary, where she works one-on-one with students to improve their reading skills. Way to go Wendy and thanks for all your hard work!



Dan and Wendy, Grand County School District's 2009 "Friend of Education" award recipient.

Thank you for another great year of mentoring. Because of your efforts, GrandAM exceeded all major goals for the 2008/2009 school year. 43% of mentees improved their GPA's, 42% of mentees reduced their discipline referrals, and 58% of mentored students decreased their unexcused absences this school year. And the numbers are even more impressive for students that have been mentored for more than a year (52% improved their GPA and 87% decreased their unexcused absences)! School begins again on August 13th and we're looking forward to another great year with you!

- Dan (260-9646) and Megan (260-9645)