

Grand Area Mentoring / 435-260-9646

Better Together

Books for Mentees Is Back!

Grand Area Mentoring is pleased to announce that Back of Beyond Books will host the Books for Mentees program in 2019/2020! This will spread the love of reading and the benefits of literacy to our community's promising youngsters by providing free books.



1) To participate in the Books for Mentees program, mentors and students plan an off-campus outing to the bookstore with another match. Tell Megan when your plan is complete. Call or text her at: 435-260-9645.

2) Mentors claim a book voucher at the Grand Area Mentoring office. These vouchers are good for book(s) at Back of Beyond, valued up to \$18, *including tax*.

3) During your off-campus outing, carefully venture down to Back of Beyond and browse their awesome selection.

Please see the reverse for more on this exciting program!

ADVANCED TRAINING POLICY

Grand AM volunteers are required to attend one advanced mentor training or workshop per year. Community-based mentors are expected to attend two. Join us at these events to learn about mentoring and how you can help your young friend in profound ways.



Trauma-Informed Mentoring (Part 1) VIDEO PRESENTATION w/ Kelly Vagts

When: November 20th, 4:30-5:30pm
Where: HMK Elementary, Room 141

In this presentation, mentors will learn what trauma is, how it affects children developmentally, and why it is important for mentors to use a trauma lens, plus skills to help mentees overcome hurdles. Grand Area Mentoring asks that all mentors attend this training at least once.

Kelly, Miso, and WabiSabi – thank you for making this video possible! Look for Part 2 in December.



Mentor Roundtable!

November 6, 5-6pm

Grand Co Public Library Large Meeting Room

You're not alone.

Join us to talk about the mentoring experience, discuss your hurdles & successes, learn from others about how they have handled tough situations, and reflect with staff on best practices. This is an opportunity to talk about mentoring with people who have been there.



This Month in Mentoring

- **Nov 1: GCSD Prof. Devo.** No school.
- **Nov 5, 7-9, Woody's Tavern: WabiSabi Fundraiser.** Support Wabi and its many deserving nonprofit partners. See email.
- **Nov 6, 5-6pm, Grand County Public Library: Mentor Roundtable Discussion.** Have a great convo! See box above for more.
- **Nov 8: GCSD Prof. Devo.** No school.
- **Nov 20, 4:30-5:30, HMK Room 141: Trauma-Informed Mentoring Part 1 DVD Presentation.** See box at left for more.
- **Nov 25-29: Thanksgiving break.** No School.
- **Dec 17, 4:30-5:30, HMK Room 141: Sexual Abuse Awareness Training.** Seekhaven will present this workshop for mentors and youth-serving professionals. Save the date!

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Don't forget to bring the voucher, which must be turned in for redemption. Help your mentee look at the various sections of the store. Explain the difference between fiction and non-fiction. Ask about her favorite things to read. Help her spend the \$18 wisely. Remember that tax must be factored in.

Whatever books you help your mentee choose will be his to take home, to own – no catches, no obligations. He can re-read and treasure it as a reminder of the fun to be had in the world of books. Let's help our kids have fun with books!

The cooler months will be a perfect time to spread the gift of literacy.

Idea of the month #1: Slinky & Lawn "Darts" at HMK & Charter School!

Don't miss these two new activities! The Slinky is a classic diversion, fun for a girl and a boy and everyone in between & beyond! Do a quick internet search (for *slinky tricks*) to see what amazing things you can do with a simple coil of metal. The lawn "darts" are a safe version of the standard game. Compete against your mentee or see how many points you can earn as a team working together!



Jean & Ahzure



Julie & Kobi



Aiden & Michael



Ali & Michelle

Idea of the month #2: Escape!

Community-based mentors and mentees at the middle and high school can schedule escape room adventures this winter! These will be half-priced for Grand Area Mentoring participants! Visit their website to find out more about the experience.

<https://moabescaperooms.com>

Then, to schedule, reach out to Nate at:

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