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Grateful for the Good



Hunter Canyon Adventure!

When: Wednesday,
November 4th

Time: after school-5:30pm

What: Group Hike
through Hunter Canyon.

Get outside with your mentee this month! We'll travel down Kane Springs Road to the Hunter Canyon Trailhead. An easy out-and-back hike will take us through a canyon awash in fall color. All ages welcome. Transportation provided. RSVP with Teresa at munisterit@grandschools.org, 435-260-2282.

Baking Treats and After School Eats at YGP!

When: Wednesday,
November 17th

Time: after school - 5:15pm

What: Enjoy cozy fall vibes at the Youth Garden Project while baking some sweet and savory snacks with your mentee. RSVP with Teresa at (435) 260-2282 or munisterit@grandschools.org to coordinate transportation and ensure we have enough food.

After: Parent pickup at YGP or Teresa can drive mentees home.



Kayley &
Grace

Indigenous Cultural Awareness Training!

When: Tuesday, November
17, 5:00-6:30 PM

Where: Margaret Hopkin
Middle School

Ricky's training last year was a huge hit, and he's coming back to help us better understand the rich cultures of our region. This training will touch on:

- Native youth and identity
- Contemporary Native life
- Mentoring approaches

The training will also leave time for Q&A so specific mentor questions can be addressed.



This Month in Mentoring

- **November 4, after school to 5:30: Hunter Canyon Hike!** Join us for an afternoon of exploring one of Moab's hidden gems! See box at left.
- **November 17, after school to 5:15: Kitchen Fun at YGP.** Gather at YGP's kitchen for this opportunity to bake and snack. See box above.
- **November 17, 5:00–6:00, Margaret Hopkin Middle School Upstairs Conference Room: Indigenous Culture Awareness with Ricky Begaye.** See box above.
- **November 25–27: Thanksgiving Break!** No school.
- **December 21–January 4: Winter Break!**

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Mentors are asked not to give gifts during the holidays. With the exception of a modest birthday present, the only gifts mentors should give are their time and attention. These are what matter most!

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New Matches

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Gratitude Conversation Starters:

- What's something small that made your day better recently?
- Can you think of someone who makes your life easier?
- What's something you appreciate now that you didn't appreciate when you were younger?

Let the conversation wander. Sometimes the best moments come from unexpected directions—follow their interests and be curious.



Mentoring Idea #1: Shop at WabiSabi with Wabi Bucks!

WabiSabi has generously contributed a \$10 voucher for each mentee. Shop at Wabi for age-appropriate and content-neutral apparel, gear, books, and more. It's a great place to talk to your mentee about the math of shopping, needs & wants, and reducing, reusing, and recycling. Mentors, please pick up your mentee's voucher at the Hop Middle School or HMK mentoring offices. Huge thank you to Wabi and its staff! We love this place.



Mentoring Idea #2: Go to Back of Beyond Books!

Grand Area Mentoring is pleased to announce that Back of Beyond Books has sponsored the Books for Mentees program in 2026–2027! Thank you, BoBB!



Let's spread the love of reading and the benefits of literacy. For many of our mentees, this will be a rare opportunity to choose a book at their reading level *and* in their area of interest – whether that's middle-grade, graphic novels, young adult, picture books, or nonfiction. To participate:

- 1) Mentors plan an off-campus outing to the bookstore. Tell Megan when your plan is complete. Call or text: 435-260-9645.
- 2) Claim a book voucher from Dan or Megan. These vouchers are good for books (not toys) at Back of Beyond, valued up to \$25, including tax
- 3) During your off-campus outing, carefully venture down to Back of Beyond and browse their awesome selection. ***Don't forget to bring the voucher.***

Help spend the \$25 wisely. Whatever books you help your mentee choose will be theirs to take home, to own – no catches, no obligations. Enjoy! Huge thank you to owner David Everitt at Back of Beyond Books for making this happen!



Sierra & Sue



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