

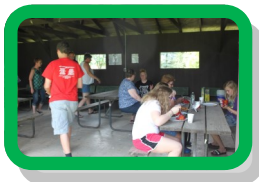


# Mentoring Memo

## End of Year

The **P**icnic One On One Mentoring project ended the year on a very high note.

To begin the summer One on One hosted a mentoring picnic inviting the mentor and their spouse, and the mentee and their families for a picnic in Concord Park. During this time of sharing both a meal and were available for the youth and adults to participate in and was enjoyed by all who came. The youth really enjoyed the activities they participated in.



### School Violence:

We owe it to ourselves to do whatever we can to ensure the safety of our schools. School violence can range from bullying to gunfire. It includes violence between students as well as physical attacks against staff. There is a great



deal of misinformation about school crime and violence, so it is important for parents to guard against fear based perceptions. It's tempting to want to blame violence on video games, movies and music or even pointing a finger at educators and school systems. But it's parents, once again, that are the front line of defense when it comes to preventing school violence.

### Misconceptions:

- **Schools alone can stop violence.** Schools need help from parents and other organizations to instill non-violent attitudes in students.
- **All schools are the same. Each school faces it's own problems and unique situations.** Each school requires it's own remedies to it's problems.
- **Violence isn't as prevalent in mu school district as others, so I don't have to worry.** This does not mean there is no need to take steps to

ensure it does not increase.

- **Attackers have a specific profile or personality.** According to the United States Secret Service, there is no accurate or useful profile of students who engage in targeted school violence.

### Notes:

School targeted violence is rarely sudden or impulsive. Prior to most incidents, other people knew about the attacker's idea beforehand. Most attackers didn't threaten their targets before the attack.

11% of teens grades 9-12 reported being in a physical fight on school property in 2009.

Most attackers are engaged in some kind of questionable behavior before the attack that caused concern or cries for help.

5.6% of teens grades 9-12 reported carrying a weapon (gun, knife, club) on school property.

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### Special points of interest:

- ☺ End of Year Picnic
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- ☺ Upcoming events
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- ☺ Development

## Back to School

Registration for school is August 11th. School will start for grades 5-12 on the 23rd of August and K-4 will start the 24th. This is the start of a new school year. It would be best if

mentors would not have lunch with their mentee until the 2nd week of September. I currently do not have any schedule set up for the new year. I do plan on an October, December, and February event. I will also plan on two training opportunities for mentors only sometime this next year.

I am open to suggestions for activities events to work on for the group which will stay within my budget.



## Area Activities in July and August

These activities are available at little or no cost for those who would like to participate.



**Share stories with a teen or another young person** about what life was like for you as a young person (dating, school, family relationships, ect.) Talking about these things may show that you have an understanding of what life is like for her or him.

Sumemr Art Camp @ Charles H. MacNider Art Museu, Papier Mache Clay Sculpture (ages 6-12). Paper Mache clay sculpture & other 3-D projects. Snack provided daily. Camp runs from July 31-August 4, 2017

August 4 & 5 Tax Free Day@ Retailer Stores. Two days of tax-free shopping on clothes and school supplies

August 5 & 6 Dressage Horse Show @ North Iowa Events Center Dressage Bara Trac 1 Horse Show - Talented horse and rider teams perform intricate patterns and difficult moves.

August 8 , 9 & 11; Insectigation @ Lime Creek Nature Center Children ages 7 & 8 will learn all about the fascinating world of bugs and their amazing behaviors at this hands-on camp. Fee is \$20 which includes a daily snack. Sponsored by the Lime Creek Nature Center and Mason City Recreation Department.

August 12, Clear Lake Wide Garage Sale, Families, clubs and organizations are invited to participate in Clear Lake City-Wide Garage Sales. This community event if fun for collectors, families and bargain hunters from around the area.

August 16, Free Family Fun Night @ Southbridge Mall; Arts, crafts, balloon animals, a bounce house and much more! Enjoy FREE family fun while doing a little shopping! Family Fun Nights take place the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month from 5-7pm.

August 19, Roller Skating @ Roller City; The most popular session for parties and large groups. 1—4 pm

**Starting a New Year!!!** Asset #12: “School boundaries” youth are more likely to grow up healthy when school provides clear rules and consequences. 53% of youth surveyed by the National Search institute have this in their lives.

**Quick Tip:** Children learn better when school boundaries are clear and consistent.

**Talk Together: Questions to discuss with your child:**

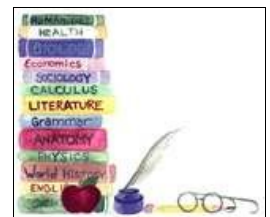
**Do you understand your school’s rules?**

**Why or why not?**

**Do you feel your school’s consequences for violating rules are fair?**

**Why or why not?**

**How would you make school boundaries and consequences clearer?**



For more ideas check out: Mason City Convention and Visitors Bureau's Site  
<http://www.visitmasoncityiowa.com> — go to the Events page

If you have **any other questions**, please leave a message at our office (923-2632) or email me at [sbrown@garner.k12.ia.us](mailto:sbrown@garner.k12.ia.us)