

MENTORS NEEDED

Brandywine School District is in the process of developing a District-Wide Mentoring Program. Staff, parents and community members will be meeting soon to establish format for training of the mentors, and the boundaries and guidelines for the program. The committee will be recruiting mentor candidates. Mentors who are willing to undergo background check screening and be matched with an elementary,

middle school, or high school student for two or more years. Research suggests that long-term mentors who remain with the same student over an extended time period have a positive impact on a student's academics and personal outlook on school. For more information, and to volunteer as a mentor, contact Dr. Ed Harris at 302-793-1000 or Edward.harris@bsd.k12.de.us

Mentoring Makes A Difference At MPES

While the Brandywine School District works to develop a district-wide standardized mentoring program, some of its schools are finding great success with their own mentoring programs.

Mt. Pleasant Elementary School has been honored by the Delaware Department of Education as one of six schools statewide to have an "Outstanding" school mentoring program. MPES teaching aide Jennifer DeHoff has also been awarded the "Exemplary School Mentor Coordinator" Award for by Connecting Generations Creative Mentoring.

Ms. DeHoff provides instructional support for third grade students. She is currently pursuing a degree in

Elementary Education, and has been overseeing the school's mentoring program for the last five years.

Ms. DeHoff oversees 21 mentors at the school and plans and coordinates mentoring activities such as an annual bowling outing. This year MPES hosted a Mentor Appreciation breakfast to kick-off this year's expanded mentoring program — with our new mentors from Bancorp and Black Rock.

"Jen goes "above and beyond" in communicating with the mentors," says MPES Principal Joyce Skrobot. "She does our event planning, and takes the time and focus to match our students with the appropriate mentor. Her commitment and dedication to the program have helped make a huge difference."

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Mt. Pleasant Teaches Parents to Make the Most Out of Reading

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