

School Coordinator E-Newsletter January 2008

January is National Mentoring Month!

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Welcome back from holidays.

I wanted to remind everyone that the RSVP deadline for [Jazz in January](#) is January 10th, and quickly approaching. You can either go online at www.jazzinjanuary.org and purchase tickets through our PayPal account (using credit card or check), or you can mail in a check with a list of the guest names, or you can call us at 302-656-2122 x 10 and place an order by phone.

- Regular tickets are \$75.
- Active mentor tickets and tickets for School Coordinators are \$35.

I attached a copy of an article featured in *Out and About Magazine* which features Senator Carper and Jazz in January. Also, I have attached the Winter Schedule for 2008 Training sessions. We will be sending a copy of this to the mentors whose applications are still pending as well.

Our [Refer-a-Friend](#) campaign is coming to a close, so please forward to me the names of new mentors with the name of the mentor that referred them so we can finalize the counts and forward gift cards to you. We have been tracking on our end, so I will let you know what our count is as well.

Lastly, I wanted to forward to you some ideas for Mentor Recognition so that you can start to think about ways to honor your mentors during January.

- Have the mentees write thank you notes to their mentors, or have all of your mentees put together a bulletin board/display board thanking their mentors that can be on display throughout the month.
- Hallmark online has 3 mentor e-cards that you can send. Here is the link:
<http://www.hallmark.com/webapp/wcs/stores/servlet/category4%7C10001%7C10051%7C14074%7C147551;->

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I can export from the database the email addresses of your active mentors, so please let me know if you are interested.

- See if your principal would allow the mentors to come in for lunch (either covered by the school, or as one of our coordinators said: where else can you get lunch for under \$2), and have a special mentoring session over lunch.
- For under \$25, you can hold an ice cream social which would allow mentors to see other mentors in your school and give them the opportunity to do something special with their mentee. Anything from a box of ice cream sandwiches to a few pints of ice cream with a few toppings can make a great party!
- If you would like to create a forum for mentors to spend some time talking about mentoring, we can facilitate a Share and Care training. These sessions are under 2 hours and quickly cover the key points of our regular training, and then move towards a round table discussion of how their mentoring sessions have been going.

These are just a few ways to honor mentors. If you have any others, please let me know what has worked for you in the past!

Let me know if there is anything else that you need from me (including forms or other issues that have come up over the past few months).

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