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Students and mentors at Buena Vista Horace Mann expressed their appreciation in a Plate of Thanks wall hanging

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President Obama Proclaims January as National Mentoring Month

Tuesday, January 03, 2012: President Barack Obama issued a proclamation designating January as National Mentoring Month, saying, "Every day, mentors help young Americans face the challenges of growing into adulthood. By setting a positive example and sharing their time, knowledge and experience, mentors play an essential role in preparing our Nation's youth for a bright future. During National Mentoring Month, we celebrate the contributions of all those who cultivate a supportive environment for the next generation, and we recommit to expanding mentorship opportunities across our country."

We couldn't have said it better ourselves! 600 students are getting the guidance and support that will help them navigate their school and life experiences now and into the future. Mentoring For Success admires all of the SFUSD mentors for their investment in their students.



Project Arrive: Mentoring By Design

Thanks to the dynamic leadership of Mission High School's principal Eric Gutherz and Assistant Principal Laura Parker, MHS has successfully launched Project Arrive, a school-based group mentoring program in partnership with SFUSD's Mentoring for Success. In addition to making the decision to bring Project Arrive to Mission, both of these busy administrators actually stepped up to become Project Arrive mentors this year!

We recently caught up with Mr. Gutherz and Ms. Parker to get their perspectives on how the first semester went. Mr. Gutherz's group meets every week in his office ("the boys really get a kick out of that"). At the start of every session, the groups take some time to check in about grades and attendance. "There is some healthy competition that's emerging....they really want to outdo each other's GPA". After that, the groups spend time talking about what's going on in their lives, and occasionally playing board games. Ms. Parker believes Project Arrive has created a new way to ensure that struggling students ("the ones most likely to fall through the cracks") can remain visible, engaged and connected to the school community. *(Continued on p. 6)*

Activity Ideas

Check out YOWhoo!

You and your Middle School mentee can **Tell the Movies What You Think!**

Go to the website, www.YOWhoo.org, to advocate to the top five movie studios to remove smoking from movie content. Health advocates and researchers have found that taking this action would have the biggest impact on smoking reduction for young people. Signing the petition will enter mentees into a raffle to win great prizes like a season pass to Great America or an iPod shuffle.

"I AM A MENTOR" DAY JANUARY 11

This year's National Mentoring Month features a new social media campaign to focus national attention on the need for mentors. The campaign is set up as a Facebook event titled "I Am A MENTOR" for January 11 and will be concentrated on a one-day call to action for mentors to post their stories and invite others in their network to join. Check out and join the event here <https://www.facebook.com/events/209615825783874>

DOCUMENTARY FILM SCREENING JANUARY 13

The Women's Building, 3542 18th Street, San Francisco

Miss Representation (<http://missrepresentation.org/>), by Jennifer Siebel Newsom, premiered at the Sundance Film Festival and aired on **Oprah Winfrey Network** in October. The film explores how the media's misrepresentation of women have led to the underrepresentation of women in positions of power and influence. The film also highlights the importance of mentoring. Because of this, Bay Area Mentoring has been invited to a special screening in honor of National Mentoring Month on Friday, January 13, 2012. Becky Farrar, the host, has offered free passes to mentees who attend with their mentors! For mentors, the cost is \$8 advance online, \$15 at the door or \$12 at the door for students. To order tickets go to: <http://missrepresentationsf.eventbrite.com/>

When purchasing your ticket, send a note to Becky, letting her know you will be bringing a mentee. If you purchase at the door, let staff know you are with the Bay Area Mentoring group and mentees get in for no charge.





Creating Fun: Group Activities!

This Fall Mentoring For Success has held numerous activities for mentoring matches to get together on and off campus for some good, clean fun. Thanks to a partnership with **Community Access Ticket Services**, students have enjoyed outings with their mentors to activities ranging from Disney on Ice to Giant's games to Alcatraz Island to California Academy of Science. Other donors have also chipped in to deepen the experience of our matches. **The Marigold Project** provided the program with a stipend to create an altar for The Day of the Dead. Students at **Bryant, Fairmount, and Francisco**, created sugar



skulls, at **Denman** they made flowers, and then youth and adults throughout San Francisco sent messages and reflected on their loved ones at the Mentoring For Success altar on November 2nd. **The Exploratorium** is

hosting an outing for matches from **Rooftop** and **Rosa Parks** this month. In November, school-based Coordinators and Americorps Members were very busy. Thanksgiving potlucks took place at **Everett**, where they combined it with a drumming circle to recognize Native American culture and at **Buena Vista Horace Mann** where they created a "plate of thanks" wall hanging and a song project that included student's sharing what they're thankful for (listen to the song at [www.healthiersf.org/...](http://www.healthiersf.org/)). **Bret Harte, Denman, and Fairmount** created gratitude quilts, **Rosa Parks** created a gratitude garden, **Hoover and Roosevelt** created personalized picture frames, **Paul Revere** had a game day, **Bessie Carmichael** students did an activity to build their ideal mentor, and **Thurgood Marshall** decorated treat bags for the staff.

Drum roll please.....

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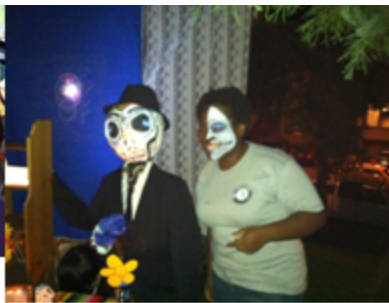
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for all your support!*





Training Calendar

Strategies to Sustain your Match

Mentors will be offered the opportunity to troubleshoot challenges they are having and share engagement strategies. SFUSD employees are offered a stipend to attend this training.

January 11, 2011 4-6pm
Location: Rosa Parks Elementary School
1501 O'Farrell St in the library
<http://mentorsustain.eventbrite.com>

Mentor 201

Mentors will discuss coaching as a youth development approach to mentoring relationships and hear from local parents about their experience interacting with their youth's school. Presenters will include Leslie Brown, Youth Development Consultant and Support For Families of Children with Disabilities. Substitutes will be offered to eligible employees.

February 7, 2011 8:30-3:30pm
Location: Student Support Services Department
1515 Quintara St X 24th Ave
<http://mentor2oi.eventbrite.com/>

Difficult Conversations: Drugs and Alcohol

Ira Sachnoff, Alcohol and Tobacco Program Consultant, will lead a discussion among mentors for this training. Ira provides leadership to the district on engaging students to make healthy choices about their alcohol, tobacco, and drug use, and will facilitate a discussion about the mentor's role and possible influence by engaging students at risk of (or engaging in) the use of alcohol, tobacco, and drugs.

February 9, 2011 4-6pm
Location: 1515 Quintara
<http://drugsalcohol.eventbrite.com>

And the log winner is.....

We really appreciate your participation as a mentor and gratefully acknowledge mentors who have consistently completed their online log. The following mentors won Jamba Juice cards this quarter for their consistency in logging.

October
Jamie Kronenberger, Rosa Parks

November
Crystal White, Dr. George Washington Carver

December
Terry Lai, AP Giannini

The mentors above are not the only mentors that completed their logs. In the three weeks of school time in December over **9,000 minutes** of time was logged by mentors!

Please join your colleagues and complete your web-based mentor log weekly!

This simple tool demonstrates the fantastic work you do with your student.

Log on to the Online Activity Log at www.healthiersf.org/mentoringforsuccess

If you are having any problems logging on or using the log, please contact Erin Farrell at 242-2615 ext. 3078 or farrelle@sfusd.edu

Thanks!





Project Arrive *(continued from p. 3)*

The diverse cohort of 12 staff at Mission High who have become Project Arrive group mentors are not only building personal relationships with these students, but are also helping them tap into a wide range of programs and services available that they might not otherwise have accessed.

As administrators, Mr. Guthertz and Ms. Parker are seeing the real-time experiences of students in a completely different light than they did before, and are thinking “a lot more like advocates for students”. Now, instead of assuming a student is making up excuses for failing a class, Mr. Guthertz asks himself “What’s really going on in that classroom? Does this teacher have the support and skills they need to successfully educate this student?” When asked if they would like to continue Project Arrive at MHS next year, Mr. Guthertz said “absolutely...Project Arrive is definitely the right thing for our school”.

It’s possible that Project Arrive could be the right thing for other high schools as well. It recently came to the attention of the Board of Ed that having success with its 9th grade “Early Warning Indicator” (EWI) students (those who had an 8th grade history of low GPA and/or attendance). As Fall semester came to a close, the District’s data team noticed that Mission’s 9th graders were maintaining both higher grades and better attendance compared to the Early Warning Indicator cohorts at many other schools. The Board invited Mr. Guthertz to attend a recent Board of Education meeting to speak about the strategies that MHS has used to address the EWI cohort. Mr. Guthertz told them that the “main thing we are doing differently with these students is involving them in Project Arrive”.

“There is some healthy competition that’s emerging between the guys....they really want to outdo each other’s GPA.”

SAVE THE DATE!!

January 26, 2012

4:30-6:30

Volunteer Appreciation Reception

National Thank a Mentor Day wouldn’t be the same without your presence at the Mentoring For Success reception. Please join us!

Event details will be sent to all mentors by email

Contact Us

Questions? Feedback about Mentoring For Success?

We’d love to hear from you! We can be reached at 415-242-2615.

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Mentor Spotlight *(continued from page 6)*

Jamie: I don't play football [laughs] but we'll play other games together and we're working on a mosaic together.

Iman: My favorite activity together is reading and drawing.

Now that you've known each other for some time, how do you feel about mentoring? Has anything surprised you about the relationship?

Iman: Excellent! Awesome!

Jamie: It's been nice watching Iman grow over the years. I'm excited to see him on Fridays.

Iman: Me too, that's why I dressed up.

What are you looking forward to doing together in the future?

Iman: Watching movies, going to the Academy of Science.

Jamie: We're actually going to the Exploratorium.

Iman: That's where the butterflies are, I don't like them.

What advice you would you give to mentors or mentees who have just begun their relationships?

Iman: Let them get to know each other and spend time a lot and let them meet every day and if they have something to do you can call parents and write pictures to each other

Jamie: And where I did I send you a postcard from?

Iman: New York. I'm going to Virginia too.

Jamie: So now you can send me a postcard.

Iman: Yeah.

Jamie: My advice would be to be open-minded and patient.

It took Iman a little while to open up to me. But just be there for them and be patient.



Martial Arts Scholarship

A small number of scholarships will be offered to students in Mentoring For Success to take martial arts classes with their mentors or with the support of their mentors. The match will choose their own martial arts school and Mentoring For Success will foot the bill for a year's worth of classes plus a uniform. This may be another way of strengthening the mentoring relationship.

Who is eligible?

Youth who are matched with an adult in Mentoring For Success and who have an interest in martial arts.



Do the scholarships pay for the mentor's classes as well?

Unfortunately the scholarships are only for the students' classes. We hope that many of the mentors will also take martial arts classes, but this is not a stipulation.

Mentors, however, should be able to accompany their mentees to the classes.

How do you apply?

The mentor and student must write a paragraph or two about the mentee and where they would like to take classes. Please include input from the student and about what interests you both about this opportunity. Email the paragraph to farrelle@sfusd.edu or send through interdistrict mail to:

Erin Farrell, Student Support Services,
1515 Quintara St.

Thanks for mentoring!!!

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"I'm going to college. Before [I had a mentor], I didn't really want to go, but then seeing how she's doing really well in college and trying to start her career now...I want to follow in her footsteps and go to college." -student mentee



