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Special points of interest:

- * TeamMates Day at LHS vs. Kearney B-ball game January 12th
- * TeamMates Walk-a-thon and Children's Carnival Sunday, April 22nd, 2007



TeamMates Practice their Social Skills

Over the past semester, TeamMate matches have been working through a packet on etiquette and social skills. 84 of our 95 matches completed their packet and 121 mentors and students attended our Holiday Dinner November 30th at the Holiday Inn Express. Terri Uden was on hand to review skills we learned and teach additional skills we need. The event was a celebration of our matches' hard work and a chance to practice what they learned.

Celebrate Mentoring: January is National Mentor Month

The beginning of the year kicks off a month of celebration of mentors—for the time they give, the talents they share and the commitment they have to youth.

TeamMates joins in that celebration by providing different activities for our mentors that include time with their student and time with other mentors.

We will start out with local recognition at the Lexington vs. Kearney basketball game on January 12th. Come meet our mentors and students and stop by our booth to see what our matches have been up to.

We are also planning our 2nd quarter celebration in January. This is an oppor-

tunity for our matches to spend time together outside of school to build their relationship as well as have some fun doing something they may otherwise not be able to do. All matches are invited and those individuals that are able to attend are welcome.

We will wrap up our month-long celebration of our mentors with an appreciation Q&A session at Mac's Creek Winery. This gives our mentors time to talk to other mentors one-on-one about their experiences and help each other with situations they are dealing with. It also gives us a way to personally say thank you to each of our mentors.

National Mentor Month gives us in TeamMates a chance to say thank you to our mentors for what they do for their student and the program. This month should also remind each of us to take time to tell those people in our life "thank you" for the inspiration they've given us. Have you had someone make a difference in your life? Take a moment to tell them "thank you" and then thank them in another way. Pass the gift on. Become a mentor.



"Do We Still Need Mentors?" - "YES"!

When people hear that TeamMates has grown over the past four years from 13 to 96 mentors, I get the question all the time, "Do you still need mentors?"

I cannot impress upon our community enough that the need for caring adults to spend time one-on-one with

our youth and show them that they matter to us never goes away. For every match we make, there are at least 10 more waiting.

My philosophy has always been that every student deserves to have another caring adult in their lives. Whether matched by

TeamMates or developed in a more informal way, our youth need to know that we want them to succeed and that we are committed to helping them be the best people they can be. Do we still need mentors? Yes.

We need YOU!

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**"Believe in kids...and
they will believe in
themselves. Find
their strengths...and
you will find your
own."**

A Special Group of Mentors

As one mentor said after our holiday dinner, some of the finest people in Lexington were in that room. It's true. Our program includes some of the most caring, special adults in our community. I am often reminded what an awesome privilege and responsibility I have to be part of this organization.

Here are our mentors for the 2006-07 school year: Maria Aguirre, Maria Anderson, Mike Araujo, Jackie & Mitch Berke, Dennis Biehl, Woody Blackmore, Cynthia Boyd, Tim Boyle, Deb Broussard, Steph Buell, Terri Burch, Dan & LuAnn Clark, Terry & Sheri Crawford, Daryl Crook, Tim Davis, Victor Diaz, Avis & Brad Dillard, Dave Dobbins, Chrystal Dowling, Hon. James Doyle, Fred Evans, Casey Ford, Lisa Fricke, Greg Gaden, Craig Gibbons, Abbie Grossnicklaus, Amanda G'Schwind, Erin Hanna, Tony & Shelly Hanson, Dr.

Ted Harvey, Rich Haseloh, CJ Helvey, Sally Heusinkvelt, Jordan Johnson, Erin Jones, Dr. Mark & Patricia Jones, Rev. Todd Karges, Kari Klatt, Sue Kloch, Florence Kring, Judy LaBrune, Don Lif, Wes Lubberstedt, Patricia Luck, Ann Luther, Pam Maloley, Linda Maloley, Mike Maloley, Dr. Mike & Patty Mandelko, Paul Matson, Maureen McElhinny, Michele McKeone, Rev. Elizabeth



One of our newest matches, Tempie Roberts and her student Adriana enjoy the "Taste of TeamMates."

Montes, Reyna Munoz, Leila Oberg, Ray Otero, Joe Peplitsch, Frances Peterson, Amy Randel, Tempie Roberts, Tara Rodriguez, Sheila Rowe, Carlos & Linda Saiz, Jennifer Sand, Gary Schultz, Linda Snider, Amy Solomon, Angela Spotanski, Patricia Sanchez-Stewart, Dan & Stacy Strauss, Jason Sullivan, Shelley Sund, Rusty Sutton, Nancy Thorell, Dean Tickle, Rick Trampe, DJ Tuning, Diana Underwood, Terry Unterseher, Deanna Weiss-Eby, Drew Welch, Scott & Keri West, Gail Wightman, Pauline White and Diane Yeuter.

I wanted to share our list of mentors with you so you can be sure to stop them and tell them "thank you" for the time they've invested in our youth and community. Also, if you have questions about our program, feel free to ask any of them. They are your best resource. No one knows our program like our mentors!