

M.A.Y. NEWSLETTER

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M.A.Y. MENTORING BEGINS YEAR 21!!

**M.A.Y. Mentoring will hold our
21st ANNUAL KICK-OFF PICNIC
Sunday, August 30
2:00-4:00 p.m.
Sports Plex**

(South of Shenandoah on Hwy 59)

**All Mentees and family members,
Mentors and family members,
Board Members and family members,
AND ANYONE interested in learning more
about M.A.Y. Mentoring is invited!**

All activities are covered by the M.A.Y. Program
except arcade games.

Limit of 1 Go-Kart ride per person

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic:

We will NOT be having a meal this year but we
will have some pre-packaged snacks.

Please keep social distancing in mind and wear a
mask if you choose!

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Upcoming Events:

- Annual Kick-Off Picnic; August 30; 2-4 p.m.; Sports Plex
- M.A.Y. Advisory Board mtg. Sept. 17; Noon; Depot

Change is the only constant in life.
Ones ability to adapt to those
changes will determine your success
in life.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

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THE STRANGE YEAR OF 2020: COVID-19 Pandemic

Just like many other subjects, there are many varying thoughts on the pandemic! Many extremes and many in the middle. Regardless of your thoughts, we are all having to adapt to changes. This is a very important time for adults to role model flexibility, positiveness, acceptance, respect and thoughtfulness. This makes mentoring even more important than ever! But obviously, changes need to take place for the safety and well being of all.

Here are some things that have happened since our school year ended abruptly last March:

- Mentors were encouraged to maintain some contact with their mentees—by text, phone calls, cards etc.
- Many of our 3 year contributors made their first year pledge payment and we THANK YOU! We will put out a full listing this fall!
- Board member Edi Norris and I met with the Feltz Wealth Plan Team as they are the new Investment Advisory Firm managing the Greater Shenandoah Foundation.
- Later in the summer some matches got together with parent permission utilizing precautions
- Our spring zoo trip 2020, sponsored by the Salvation Army/Margaret Welty Trust has been postponed to NEXT spring 2021
- More M.A.Y. Logo t-shirts were ordered, so if you need one, let me know!
- **The May Family Foundation has issued a “CHALLENGE GRANT” of offering \$10,000 if we raise that amount from individuals and businesses!!! Please consider taking advantage of this to help M.A.Y. if you haven’t already!!!**
- M.A.Y. received a grant from the Charles Hockenberry Foundation. Submissions to other local foundations will be made this fall and winter.
- The Shenandoah Schools Administrative Team has done a fantastic job of preparing for our school year for both in school and remote learning!
- The Iowa Mentoring Partnership has offered mentoring programs strong support with considerations for resuming in-person mentoring!
- Now that the school year has begun many matches will resume in-person mentoring with precautions. Mentors received training on pandemic mentoring by e-mail and all mentors, parents and students will sign the training form indicating they received this training.
- We are down to 30 matches so **WE NEED MORE MENTORS!!!!** Some students graduated (after being in the program for many years!) and some have moved.
- Links to LNX e-mentoring will begin the first week of September with many new staff e-mentors due to the large class of 9th graders—around 90! Thanks to all e-mentors!
- Mustang Mentoring will get started as soon as students are placed in elementary or middle school classrooms, hopefully by this Friday or early in the first week of September. We have 21 Mustang Mentors for 1st Semester.
- MC² will be on hold until we see how things go as the school year progresses. We hope to start Mentoring Club activities asap!
- Mentoring, like all else, will adapt, move forward and thrive! **WE CAN DO THIS!**

THE PESSIMIST
COMPLAINS ABOUT
THE WIND

THE OPTIMIST
EXPECTS IT TO
CHANGE

THE REALIST
ADJUSTS THE
SAIL

— William A Ward