

# M.A.Y Mentoring Newsletter

*December 2024*



**M.A.Y Mentoring**  
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**Mustang Mentors**

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# Friendsgiving Event

November 17, 2024

We held a friendsgiving event where we shared Thanksgiving dinner with our Mentors & Mentees families. We had a wonderful time sharing yummy food together and memories. The mentors and mentees participated in a thanksgiving photo booth and added leaves to the M.A.Y Thankful tree.



# School Thanksgiving Dinner

*November 21, 2024*

Our Annual Thanksgiving Dinner at the school was held on November 21, 2024. We had some lovely community members come forward and help handout pumpkin pie fluff to all students in the Elementary, Middle School and High school. We are so very thankful for all the community members that donated their time to help and spend a little time visiting with students. Thank you!



# Mentor Online Training

*December 2024*

Here is a virtual training opportunity for our mentors. If you are interested in participating please let me know. I will get it all set up and share the link.

## **Adopting a Mentoring Mindset**

*Introduction to the Becoming a Better Mentor Series*

*Virtual Training for Mentors*

[Thursday, December 5, 2024 --4:30PM-6PM](#)

Iowa MENTOR program partners, please share with your mentors! Iowa MENTOR will host a virtual training session on the mentoring mindset twice before the end of the year. This is a training for any individual that would like to be a mentor or is serving as a mentor in a mentoring program. A perfect "first step training" where we will explore some critical attitudes, beliefs, and behaviors that serve as the foundation of being an effective mentor. Participants will receive a certificate of completion and should come prepared to learn and interact with others.

Mentors need to only attend one of the trainings. Please have mentors register at the dated link above.

As a program partner, this training is designed to assist you in delivering the Becoming a Better Mentor training series as an introductory training. It is our hope that the mentoring mindset training will engage mentors in the journey of self-awareness and supportive engagement.

# Mustang Mentors in Action

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We have a program called Mustang Mentoring where Juniors and Seniors from the High school can come over during a free period to be a mentor in a PK-8th grade classroom. We will be highlighting some of these students throughout the next several months. Allowing you to see their work in action. The Mustang Mentors mentor students inside the classroom, in specials and also in the lunchroom. We are so thankful for these students and their dedication to the younger students. When they come into the building you see students light up as they immediately recognize their Mustang Mentors.



# Mentor Recruitment

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If you know anyone that might be a good fit for the M.A.Y Mentoring program please encourage them to contact me to become a mentor. The commitment is 4 hours a month for 1 year. The program hosts a 2 hour event every month to engage mentors/mentees so really the mentor and mentee only need to meet 2 hours a month outside the event. We have several waiting students who want to get a mentor and would love to be participating in the program. We thank you in advance for helping spread the word and keep this program strong.



*Make a difference in your community and help us to inspire, connect and encourage our youth.*

**M.A.Y Mentoring requirements:**

- ★ A 1 year commitment
- ★ 1 hour a week or 2 hours every other week contact
- ★ Pre-planned monthly M.A.Y Activities
- ★ Ongoing training and support for mentors

**To Be A Mentor**

★ We have several waiting children

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# Upcoming Events

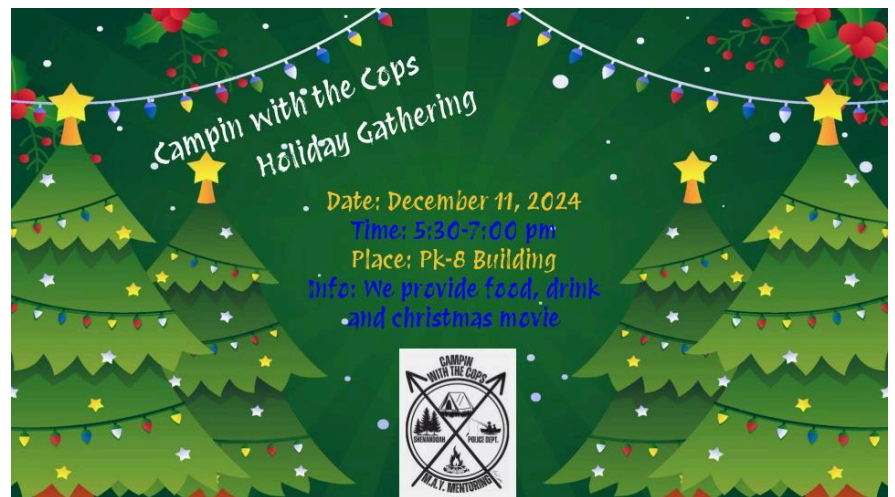
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**M.A.Y Mentoring Holiday Party**


**Date:** December 8, 2024  
**Time:** 3:00-5:00 Pm  
**Place:** Pk-8 Building, Commons  
**Info:** We will do our annual Holiday Bingo with prizes, crafts for the nursing home and have dinner.

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**Campin with the Cops  
Holiday Gathering**

**Date:** December 11, 2024  
**Time:** 5:30-7:00 pm  
**Place:** Pk-8 Building  
**Info:** We provide food, drink and christmas movie



M.A.Y Volunteer Opportunity

**VOLUNTEER**



Garden View Care Center

**Date:** December 14, 2024

**Time:** 9:30am-11:00am

**Place:** Garden View Care Center  
1200 W. Nishna Road  
Shenandoah, Iowa 51601

**Info:** We will hang door decorations and paint nails for residents.



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# M.A.Y Event Yearly- Calendar

2024-2025

## December

December 5, 2024 (4:30-6:00 pm) Online, Mentor Training

December 8, 2024 (3:00-5:00 pm) Christmas Party & Bingo

December 14, 2024 (9:00-11:00 am) Volunteer @ GardenView Nursing Home

## January- National Mentoring Month

January 12, 2025 (2:00-4:00 pm) Skating at Porter's Lake

January 23, 2025 (5:30-7:30 pm) Yogurt, Yoga and You

## February

February 18, 2025 (5:30-7:30 pm) Glow with Kindness

## March

March 11, 2025 (5:30-7:30 pm) Cocoa and Canvas with Miss Liv

March 30, 2025 (TBA) Swimming Party @ Clarinda Lied Library

## April

April 13, 2025 (2:00-4:00 pm) Easter Scavenger Hunt & Kite Flying

April 2025 (TBA) Volunteer at Blessing Room

## May

May 4, 2025 (TBA) Sew a pillowcase with Scrap Happy Quilters

May 31, 2025 (8:30-3:00 pm) M.A.Y Zoo Trip

## **School Events**

Upcoming 2024-2025

## February

February 6, 2025 Board Game Night

## May

May 16, 2025 End of the Year Carnival



# Early Out Wednesdays

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This is a reminder that we have held 5 YouthConnect events. The events are on Wednesday from 2:00-4:00 pm at the Wesley Hall building located 200 Church Street. We provide healthy snacks, fun activities such as art, nature, kindness, healthy mind and body, good citizens and community helpers. If your student is wanting to join please sign up using the following link:

<https://forms.gle/M7SYxFGJPrYTFXRNG> this gives us a head count and knows who we are meeting at the bus stop. You will need to make the changes in SchoolPass for your child to ride the second round SAC and SAVE bus. The bus does actually stop in front of the building.

Join the MAY Mentoring Facebook page for more information.

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## Fall 2024- Topics

October 2: Sunflowers  
October 9 Apples  
October 16 Leaves  
October 23 Acorns  
October 30 Halloween  
November 6 Fall Fun  
November 13 Turkeys  
November 20 Thankfulness  
December 4 Winter Tree  
December 11 Ornaments  
December 18 Holiday

Date: Wednesdays  
Time: 1:45 PM-4:00 PM  
Place: Wesley Hall Building  
200 Church St  
Shenandoah, Iowa

Come join us for fun  
activities, crafts, games,  
and a snack.

## Community Event Opportunities

<b><u>Farragut</u></b>	<b><u>Shenandoah</u></b>	<b><u>Essex</u></b>
Library Every Wednesday 1-3:30pm	Library Story book walk on Mainstreet- All December 12/5 Lego Club (4pm) 12/11 Crafts with Carole (2pm) 12/18 Emily Experiments (2pm) 12/20 Christmas tea (4pm)	Porter's Lake Skating Rink 12/6 (6-8pm) 12/8 (2-4pm) 12/14 (2-4pm) Christmas party 12/20 (6-8pm) 12/22 (2-4pm) 12/28 (2-4pm) 12/29 (2-4pm)



Scan code to become a M.A.Y  
 Mentor...Share with others.