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## Happy National Mentoring Month!

Stay tuned on our social media platforms for special posts to celebrate!



## Mentors Go The Extra Mile



Jocelyn is an elementary school instructional coach for Fayette County Schools. She spends her lunch break with a student from BMMS. Jocelyn was her mentee's teacher in 5th grade and felt inspired to continue to be someone in her life to support her. Jocelyn went to her mentee's winter band concert and had the opportunity to meet members of her mentee's family. It's been a sweet connection between these two. Jocelyn's mentee looks forward to meeting with Jocelyn each week. Their bond is example of the impact that a little bit of time each week can make.



## Upcoming Program: *Amigos Mentoring*

Sra. Ethel Fritz, Spanish teacher at Fayette County High School, is getting the Amigos Mentoring program back up and running. The Amigos Mentoring program gives high school students in advanced Spanish classes as well as Spanish speaking students the opportunity to volunteer at Cleveland Elementary School. The students will meet weekly to support ESOL students with their English skills. The program will start again this month.



“THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS OTHER PEOPLE’S CHILDREN.”BILL RUSSELL, MENTOR CO-FOUNDER



# MENTOR OF THE MONTH

*Jill Miller*



Jill is a mentor at Huddleston Elementary School. She started mentoring this semester and is already loving the time with her mentee.

Jill was a pediatric emergency physician in Virginia at a children's hospital for 18 years. She loves children and has three of her own. She moved to the area with her family recently and has decided to step away from working in the hospital to spend more time with her family. She has a heart to serve others in whatever ways she can. She was looking for community service opportunities when she found out about the Friends Mentoring Program.

As soon as she learned that her mentee loved to color, she went through the craft supplies at her house and gathered some crayons, gems, and sparkles. She came prepared each week to make a little craft with her mentee.

One day, Jill brought supplies to make holiday cards but learned that her mentee's mom was having surgery that day. Jill got creative and her mentee ended up making a "get well soon card" for her mom. She even taped a lollipop Jill gave her to the card so that her mom could enjoy a sweet treat during her recovery.

Jill feels like the time with her mentee goes by fast, but she is committed to making the most of it. She said, "It's fun to have a half hour to participate in the activities with her. I have no distractions going on and I don't check my phone during that time. It's time set aside just for her and I. I want to give her focused attention and I enjoy the craft time too." She believes the time with her mentee is beneficial for the both of them.

Jill is a great example of giving her best and going beyond what is expected of her. She may be the only adult in her mentee's life that spends time doing crafts with her. Beyond the crafts, the time, love, tending, and attention, can make a bigger impact that we can see.

Jill has been a gift to have within the program. Stay tuned for next month's newsletter to learn more about the mentors serving in our schools!



The HiTeen program provides an opportunity for High School students to mentor elementary school students in a group setting.

Colleen Petty has taken the initiative at Starr's Mill High School. She has 19 high school students that work with 19 elementary school students at Peeples Elementary school.

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**Happy New Year Everyone!**