



## MENTOR RHODE ISLAND

Dear Jo-Ann,

### SUMMER IS HERE!!!

With schools closed for the summer, school-based mentoring programs taking a break, and many families headed out for a vacation; we wanted to give you some helpful reminders....



### Enjoy It

We all know the grind that life can be, so take advantage of the opportunities the summer months provide. Hit the beach, go for a walk, visit the zoo, have a family cookout...the opportunities for fun really are endless. Wherever your summer takes you, we hope it's relaxing, rejuvenating, and spent with the people you care about the most.

### The Importance of Evaluation

It's that time of year.... Time to reflect on another school year (and in our case, fiscal year, too) gone by. MENTOR Rhode Island is committed to a mode of constant improvement, and we need you to help us! For school-based mentoring programs and many year-round community based programs, this is the time of year when we ask for feedback from stakeholders to determine what's working and what needs improvement. Many programs rely heavily on the information/feedback they get from mentors, teachers, parents and students to guide their operations going forward. So, if you are a mentor and your program coordinator invites you to fill out a feedback form, survey, or some other evaluation tool, please take part and return it to your program coordinator as soon as possible. The information gleaned is important to our donors and funders, too. Together we can continue to make a difference for our kids!



## Join Us

on Thursday night, September 14th at the Howell Evening Tribute. It's an event honoring John Howell, publisher of the Warwick Beacon and the other Beacon Communications papers and a long-time member of the MENTOR Rhode Island board. He was our founding board-chair. For more information please visit our events webpage [here!](#)

## Helping Out

Our friends at Mike & Gel's Pizza (you'll find a sampling of their food at the Howell Evening Tribute) are teaming up with Papa's Ice Cream for a Blood Drive on Monday, July 3rd from 3 pm to 7pm. The blood drive will be hosted at the neighboring businesses which you can find at 2987 and 3003 West Shore Road in Warwick.

Those who donate blood will be offered a slice of pizza, a soda, and a small sundae.

## Reduced Price Internet Access

Young people are growing up in an increasingly more connected world. If their family cannot afford internet service, these young people may lag behind their peers as schools come to rely more and more on internet-based exercises to enhance their learning. Our friends at Cox Communications offer a program to help disconnected families afford internet service. Check out this flyer with more information and pass it along to those who may need this support...

# Smart Tools for School

Your family may be eligible for discounted home internet service.

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**DOES MY FAMILY QUALIFY?**

- At least one student grades K-12 lives in your household
- Your household must be participating in one of these government assistance programs: free or reduced lunch through the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), SNAP, TANF, or Public Housing
- Have not subscribed to Cox High Speed Internet service in the last 90 days
- No outstanding Cox bills or unreturned equipment

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Internet access is a necessity for families to use for school assignments, job searches, email and more. Cox's **Connect2Compete** program brings discounted Internet service to qualifying households in your area.

**Enroll Now!**

Learn more at  
**Connect2Compete.org/Cox**  
 or call **855-222-3252.**

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**PLEASE NOTE: The MENTOR Rhode Island office will be closed the week of July 3rd. The office will re-open on Monday, July 10th.**

Have a great summer,

The MENTOR Rhode Island team:  
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