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The popular picnic has been scheduled for all ROY mentors and youth on Saturday, July 15th, beginning at 11:00 a.m. The summer fun will take place at Veterans Memorial Lake Park, entrance #3, shelter #4, at the intersection of S. Old State Road and Executive Drive, Norwalk.

Crafts and a K9 demonstration by the Norwalk Police Department will be held before lunch. Activities after lunch will include the traditional candy and water balloon tosses. The day will end with ice cream treats!

Volunteers are asked to bring a hot dish or salad to share. ROY will provide the rest of the picnic items.

Free ROY t-shirts will be available to those members who attend. Reservations and regrets are requested by July 7th.

Brad Bores Films will be filming a promotional video for ROY during the picnic. Come ready to participate in the video that will be used to recruit new volunteer mentors and promote our one-to-one mentoring program.



ROY received 25 tickets to the Cleveland Indians vs. Minnesota Twins game on Wednesday, Sept. 27th, at 7:10 p.m.

Please contact the ROY office to reserve your tickets to the game. Individuals will be responsible for transportation, parking fees, etc. associated with the game.

This was a donation through the Community Impact Charitable Ticket program of the Cleveland Indians. Thank you for the fun and generous gift!

LET'S GO FOR A RIDE



A bicycle ride on the beautiful Firelands Rails To Trails bike path is planned for September 2nd at 10:00 a.m., starting at North West Street in Norwalk.

Our group will bike the scenic trail to Monroeville and enjoy a picnic lunch at the park, before heading back to Norwalk on the trail.

Excel Bike & Fitness will be providing bicycles to those who do not have one to use for this event. Volunteer Rebecca Riley, will be overseeing this fun and healthy activity.

Strong people don't put others down... They lift them up.

-Michael P. Watson

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**WELCOME
NEW
MATCH-UPS**



**KAYLEE
GRADY &
MAYA**

**JACQUELINE
SLATE &
MAKIYA**

**CONGRATS
GRADS!**



Congratulations to the mentees and mentors who have graduated from high school recently.

Best wishes to all of you in achieving your goals and dreams.

Mentors, please inform the office if you will be going away for college and resigning from the ROY program.

**HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY
MATCHES**



MAY

Krissy Kocjancic & Owen (1 year)

JUNE

Janet Cok & Alicia (1 year)
Diane Graham & Ryan (1 year)

AUGUST

Marie Elmlinger & Christian (7 years)
Sarah Simmons & Allegra (1 year)
Megan West & Gladis & Huber (1 year)
Charles Shultz & Manolo, Yoni & Christian (1 year)

SEPTEMBER

Barb Bement & Da'Yana (2 years)
Diane Graham & Keirah (1 year)
Tammy Harbaugh & Lillian (2 years)

** Thank you mentors for giving so much of yourself to your mentee and for such longevity to your mentee and ROY!*



**WAITING
FOR A
MENTOR**

Paul is age 11 and resides in Bellevue with his mother. She has a full-time job. His father is deceased. Paul needs a positive male role model in his life. He is an only child and wants a guy to hang out with. He likes sports, especially football, baseball and basketball, playing video games and reading. He is diagnosed with ADHD.

Kay is age 7 and lives in Norwalk with her grandmother, who is her legal custodian. She has two younger siblings. She enjoys music and dancing. Kay likes school and will be in second grade this fall. She gets along well with others. Kay needs some one-on-one time with a special friend.

**WHAT YOU CAN DO
ABOUT BULLYING**

- Listen to children. Encourage children to talk about school, social events, other kids in class, the walk or ride to and from school, so you can identify any problems they may be having.
- Watch for symptoms that children may be bullying victims, such as withdrawal, a drop in grades, torn clothes, or needing extra money or supplies.
- Don't bully your children yourself, physically or verbally. Use nonphysical, consistently enforced discipline measures as opposed to ridiculing, yelling, or ignoring your children when they misbehave.
- Help children learn the social skills they need to make friends. A confident, resourceful child who has friends is less likely to be bullied or to bully others.
- Teach children self-protection skills such as how to walk confidently, stay alert to what's going on around them, and to stand up for themselves in appropriate verbal and other ways.
- Praise children's kindness toward others. Let children know that kindness is valued.

From: National Crime Prevention Council

Pancake Breakfast Held

The annual scholarship fundraiser pancake breakfast was held on April 16th at the Norwalk VFW. Thank you to the volunteers and patrons who supported this event. All



tickets sales and donations to this event go directly to the scholarship fund.

ACTIVITY

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A bowling party was held on April 8th at Kenilee Lanes in Norwalk. Fifty-six youth and mentors enjoyed bowling, pizza and fun with new and old friends. Thank you to Kenilee Lanes for the discount on bowling and the great hospitality!



On June 21st, twelve youth participated in a Bakers-In-Training event at Panera Bread in Sandusky. Each child received a baker's hat and apron, scored and baked their very own French Baguette, toured the bakery, enjoyed a light lunch and cookie (that they decorated) and took home a Baker's Certificate to remember the day.



Free Books Available Now

ROY was fortunate to receive a \$1,350 grant this spring through the local Team First Book-Huron County. The grant for new books for mentees, was submitted by volunteer Diane Hahler-Johnson. Diane also selected all of the books for the children.



The books are available now at the ROY office to all children enrolled in the program. Mentors, parents and guardians are encouraged to bring the mentees to the office to select for themselves.

Reading throughout the summer will be a fun and helpful activity for all of our ROY children. Books will also be available at the picnic. But, please do not wait until then to take advantage of all of these wonderful books.

Thank you to Diane for her hard work with this project. Also, thank you to Team First Book-Huron County for their generosity.



First Book is a national non-profit organization. First Book provides new books to children in need, addressing one of the most important factors affecting literacy—access to books. First Book has distributed more than 125 million free and low cost books in thousands of communities.



Thank You!

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(Pancake Breakfast Sausage)

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(Pancake Breakfast Items)

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(4 game tickets)

HELPFUL HINTS FOR KIDS.... On Bullying

Kids who are bullied can feel like they are:

- ◆ Different
- ◆ Powerless
- ◆ Unpopular
- ◆ Alone

Kids who are bullied have a hard time standing up for themselves. They think the kid who bullies them is more powerful than they are. Bullying can make them:

- ◆ Sad, lonely, or nervous
- ◆ Feel sick
- ◆ Have problems at school

Kids bully others for many reasons; they may:

- ◆ Want to copy their friends
- ◆ Think bullying will help them fit in
- ◆ Think they are better than the kid they are bullying

Bullying is never ok. Those who bully use power to hurt people. Power does not always mean bigger or stronger. Power can also mean popular or smart. Or, the kid doing the bullying may know a secret about the kid being bullied.

Kids who bully can have other problems, too, even when they get older, such as using alcohol and drugs, fighting, and dropping out of school.

From: stopbullying.gov



- JULY 15th:** **ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC**
Memorial Lake Park, Norwalk, Shelter #4
BEGINS AT 11:00 A.M.
- SEPT. 2nd:** **BICYCLE ADVENTURE RIDE**
North West St., Norwalk
Firelands Rails To Trails Bike Path
BEGINS AT 10:00 A.M.
- SEPT. 27th:** **CLEVELAND INDIANS GAME**
Progressive Field, Cleveland
BEGINS AT 7:10 P.M.
- DEC. 9th:** **CHRISTMAS PARTY**
NORWALK VFW,
BEGINS AT NOON

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