

September 2019 Newsletter for Mentor Teachers

September is always a month of so many possibilities in the world of education! I hope things are going well and you've had a chance to begin your work with your new teacher. Some of you won't be attending Mentor Training until this month and then you'll know much more about the Program and the things below will start to make sense to you, too!

Each month you will receive a newsletter in your email from me. My hope is that these newsletters will support you as a mentor with "just in time" reminders and ideas for how to continue growing as a mentor.

How you as a mentor can help your mentee:

- Watch the screencast with your mentee to help you understand the program. Click here for the screencast.
- Triad meeting between: Mentor, first year teacher and administrator. <u>Click here for more information about the triad meeting</u>.

What to do this month:

- One on one conferences
- Mentor observes mentee early in the month
- Mentor registers for an October Half Day seminar
- Mentee possibly observes other teachers
- If you complete the <u>Mentor Training for credit</u> during August, don't forget to turn in your two conference logs to Erin by October 31 - Link to register for <u>Two-day New</u> <u>Mentor Training Credit</u> (Code 20190516)
- Remind your first year teacher about the optional online class:
 - This is an optional way for mentees to earn 2 credits each semester for things that they'll be doing in the mentoring program anyway plus a few hours of additional online work. Link to register Use Code: **20190521**

Just for fun:

Click for a short article from Edutopia <u>The Biggest Lesson of My First Year</u>
 <u>Teaching</u> This article is a good reminder about what it is like to be a first year
 teacher and how observing others can be very helpful.

"A key to growing as a teacher is to keep company mainly with teachers who uplift you, whose presence inspires you and whose dedication drives you." Robert John Meehan

Have a good month and remember, we're here to help! Erin Jacobson