



Taking a Break for Summer

While school won't reconvene for 11 weeks, the Seedling office staff will be planning and readying a smooth transition for you to continue mentoring in September. Most of our Mentor Directors do not work during the summer months, but feel free to contact us at the Seedling Office at [\(512\) 323-6371](tel:(512)323-6371) or at info@seedlingfoundation.org

When you begin to plan your Fall Mentor Calendar, here are a few things to consider:

- In mid to late August, we will contact you about your interest in returning as a mentor for the 2017/2018 school year. (If you have already confirmed with us that you won't be returning next year, we have documented that in our database. Just know that you are always welcome back, and all it takes is a phone call!)
- In late August, we will be confirming your mentee's enrollment and gathering his/her preliminary schedule information from the School Contact at your mentee's campus. This process takes a little bit longer for middle and high-school mentees. Perhaps your mentee has indicated that the family is moving; please allow us this time to confirm. So many times, the child is right on the campus where you last saw him or her.
- If you are planning to return to mentor your mentee, please delay visiting until the second week of school. For the 2017/2018 school year, this time will be August 28th in most schools.
- Postponing will allow your mentee to experience the "normalcy" of beginning-of-school routines before the gift of your presence is specially added. By that time, school personnel will have an opportunity to re-establish their procedures for mentors, including the sign-in process.
- **Is your mentee transitioning to grade 6 or grade 9? These transitions take special mentoring knowledge, patience, and resourcefulness. In late August, there will be an essential training event for those going to 6th grade and another for those going into 9th grade. Watch for details in early August!**

We are looking forward to seeing you in the fall and hope you will consider recruiting a friend or colleague to join up with you. Seedling Orientation for new mentors will begin in September at our offices in northeast Austin.