



November 2024 Newsletter



Mercer Island Mentor Shane Benaroya

Mentor

I've been meeting with my buddy for almost two years now! The program has not only given me a new friend but also the chance to understand the life of someone who struggles differently than I do. Our relationship has grown so much over time, and I have learned to be flexible, patient, and appreciate the little wins. We are often found galivanting around the neighborhood, singing songs, searching for Pokémon, or piecing together new Lego sets while creating an imaginary world with the characters. I look forward to every weekend, a chance for exploration, and a time when being with my buddy is all that matters. I am so proud of all the progress my buddy and I have made, and I swell with pride when I talk about being part of Athletes for Kids.

Mentee Parent

It's truly heartwarming to see our son connect with Shane, his senior mentor. Shane has taken the time to understand our son's interests and thoughtfully plans activities for them to enjoy together. Every week brings a new adventure that our son is eager to embark on. He loves dogs, Legos, and Pokémon Go, and Shane finds creative ways to incorporate these passions into their time together. They chat about school, greet each other in the hallways, and even spend afternoons building Legos. Shane's creativity and kindness shine through in everything he does, helping our son feel comfortable and confident enough to try new things. He is so lucky to have Shane as a mentor and always looks forward to their adventures!

Upcoming Event



Reading with My Mentor Day

When: Saturday, November 16th, 2-3:30pm

Where: Fall City Library, 33415 SE 42nd Pl, Fall City, WA 98024

What: Come and enjoy the library. Sign up for a library card, choose and read books, and mingle with other mentors. Mentors and buddies are also encouraged to bring board games!

Who: Mentors, buddies, and siblings too.

Please note: Buddies may not be left at an event without their mentor or parent.

[Click Here to Register](#)

With Gratitude



Thank you to the National Charity League of Young Women!

For the fourth year in a row, mentors, buddies, and siblings were treated to an amazing fun filled day sponsored by the National Charity League of Young Women, Sammamish. The annual Fall Festival has quickly become a favorite for many. We are grateful that NCL has provided this exciting opportunity for our mentors and buddies. Craft stations, a photo booth, pumpkin golf and bingo were just some of the fun and engaging activities offered. Many wore costumes, many visited all the stations, but all had a great time! Thank you!

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As we look back on a month of memories, we look forward to more friendship moments and choosing kindness, acceptance, and inclusion every day.

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