

**DOMINO COMMUNITY
PARTNERS WITH
QUEEN CITY ISD
ON MENTORSHIP PROGRAM**

Citizens of the Domino community, in partnership with Queen City Independent School District, have formed a mentoring group for the elementary-age children in their community.

GOAL:

Their main goal is to provide a support group that promotes the building of relationships while students are being tutored in their studies.

ACTIVITIES:

Mentoring sessions are currently in progress and are on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM at the St. Paul CME Church in Domino. The sessions will continue through May 28 and then begin again in the fall. Plans include short term and long term attendance incentives for the children and a community-wide celebration at some point.

CONTACTS:

Domino community members who wish to become mentors should contact Jimmy Lincoln at 903-796-5093 or Pastor John Reed at 903-831-5054.

SPONSOR:

We proudly recognize International Paper Grant Foundation as a financial supporter of this organization.

HISTORY:

The first planning meeting was held on October 8, 2008. Personnel from Queen City ISD drove to Domino and met with community members to form the Domino Mentoring Program. The Domino Community committee members include Jimmy Lincoln, John Reed, Vivian Reed, Nicole Grundy, Leythette Hillmon, and Sarah Edwards while Queen City ISD members are Rob Barnwell, Superintendent; Gayle Miller, Director of Instruction and Technology; Tara Collins, Elementary Reading Campus Coach; and Angie Griffin, Elementary Math Specialist.

Mr. Barnwell expressed his excitement for the opportunity and said that the school district stood ready to provide whatever goods or services the school had to offer in support of the mentoring program. He thanked the members for caring and wanting to be involved with the children of our community. Mrs. Miller stated that the mentoring effort would be “close to her heart” since she herself, as an economically disadvantaged child, gained much from the resources provided by her community and church. “What they gave me in the way of encouragement and other help has stayed with me all my life,” said Miller, “and what you are about to do here in Domino will also have a lifelong effect for these children.” Mr. Jimmy Lincoln analyzed the situation and concluded at the end that “we, the Domino community, will help you, the school district, with your teaching!”

Mrs. Collins and Mrs. Griffin conducted mentor training sessions for math and reading in December and stated that they believe this is “a dream come true” and hope to see similar community mentoring groups crop up all over the district.