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THE DOMINO MENTORING PROGRAM

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QUEEN CITY ISD AND THE DOMINO COMMUNITY

GOAL

The goal is to promote the building of relationships between elementary-aged students and their Domino mentors while the students are being tutored in their studies.

ACTIVITIES

Mentoring sessions are scheduled in the spring and are on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM at the St. Paul CME Church in Domino. The sessions are advertised through flyers posted throughout the community. Short term and long term attendance incentives are given for the children and a community-wide celebration is held for the finale.

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.

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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 Specialist; and Angie Griffin, Elementary Assistant Principal.

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.