



WJCC PUBLIC SCHOOLS



Partnering with

BIG BROTHERS/BIG SISTERS OF GREATER WILLIAMSBURG

The WJCC Public School Division is committed to identifying opportunities to make a difference in the life of every student. Realizing the power of mentoring, we have partnered with the Big Brothers/Big Sisters Organization of Greater Williamsburg for this exciting initiative.

- What:** A Caring **Adult Mentor** for every “at promise” student in **WJCC**.
- Who:** Caring Adults from the business community, church communities, retired teachers community, as well as sororities and fraternities.
- When:** One-to-one mentoring will occur within each WJCC school building. Adult volunteers will visit students at school for one hour during the day. The mentoring interaction will occur once per week during the student’s lunch, physical education, art, music class, or business and technology classes. Mentors will report to the main office upon entering the school and sign the visitor’s register. A member of the school guidance team or the Minority Achievement Leader will be contacted by the main office to locate the student.
- How to be A successful Mentor:** Research indicates that the key to creating effective mentoring relationships lies in the development of trust between the mentor and student. Initial attempts to talk with a student (mentee) may not be successful. The mentor should continue providing conversation using various topics. In time, the student (mentee) will develop interest and buy in. A mentor should anticipate that a game may be an effective connector. This is true, because children need to have “fun”. As the mentoring relationship grows stronger, things won’t seem as one-sided. Eventually, the mentor will notice that the student (mentee) will become interested in offering suggestions for the next meeting.
- How to Perfect Your skills as A Mentor:** **Attend a two-part training session for Mentors:**
TBA
- Who will Conduct the Training for WJCC Mentors?** Dr. Angelina W. Hopkins, Asst. to the Superintendent for Multicultural Affairs
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