

## **January Proclaimed as Mentoring Month for Williamson County**

Williamson County Commissioners announced January as Mentoring Month Tuesday, January 20, 2009. The effort is to have more mentors available to children all over Williamson County and to increase awareness of mentoring programs. Georgetown ISD, Leander ISD, Round Rock ISD, and other districts throughout the county have mentoring programs that request as little as 30 minutes of time per week. Commissioner Lisa Birkman has been mentoring at Berkman Elementary for several years and really enjoys it. "It takes about 30 minutes to an hour a week but makes a huge impact on the children who participate. It is a win-win situation for everyone. I truly enjoy the time I spend each week with the child I mentor and hope I provide a positive role model for her. I encourage all adults; even those with busy schedules such as mine, to mentor a child", stated Commissioner Birkman.

Mentoring may improve self-esteem and encourage kids to stay in school, improve their academic skills and provide support for new behaviors, attitudes and ambitions. For more information, you may contact any of the schools at their website or call for further information.

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