



# Caring Connections

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## Helpful Links

<http://www.cisga.org>

Our Georgia Communities In Schools website with information about our programs and how we began.

<http://www.cisnet.org>

Our national CIS organization website.

<http://www.cowetaschools.org>

The Coweta County Schools website with a link to our mentoring program.

Click on the Programs link and then on Communities In Schools or the Mentoring link to access our information.

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## Making a Difference One Child at a Time

By Bonnie Fain, Counselor, Northside Elementary

I think the luncheon really inspired some of our mentors. One of my mentors, who also substitutes, works with one of our 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students whose mother recently passed away. At the student's home there is a father, and 2 older brothers (middle and high schools). Our mentor, Audrey Galloway, wanted to do something "girlie" with her. So she made and brought in 2 ½ dozen cookies for her student and her to decorate together. They made enough for every student in her class to get a cookie and some other lucky staff members. It was so heart-warming to watch these 2 talk to each other as hard as they could while they had the best time decorating them and showing me their creations. This is one mentor who is really making a difference!





Audrey Galloway and Kaitlyn Hinesley making cookies and making a difference. 😊

**Pictured Front Row:**

Mr. and Mrs. Jim and Millie  
Coleman

**Back Row From L to R :**

Mr. Vick Hanson, Mr. Willie  
Tucker, Mr. Bobby Welch and  
Mrs. Bette Hickman




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## Mentor Appreciation

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What a successful and fun day we had at our recent Mentor Appreciation Luncheon! The speakers; Lenore Schrowang, Heather Rosenzweig and Jay Awbrey were so inspiring to everyone. Our award recipients also had many words of wisdom and inspiration. I think it was good for all of us to hear that we are in this Mentoring journey together. We may have different backgrounds or different life experiences, but we all bring something wonderful to mentoring.....our commitment to the children of our community.



Thank you again for offering your time, friendship and guidance to help our children succeed.

## Mentor Focus Group

Toward the end of the school year, I would like to conduct a mentor focus group. Probably in May.

We are anxious to hear about your successes and the things you feel could help make our program stronger.

If you are interested in participating, please call me at 770-254-2737.

We don't have room for all of our mentors, but one per school would be ideal.

Have a Safe and Prosperous 2009,

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### **Our remaining Mentor Orientation Dates for 2009:**

**Held at CEC in Rm 102 at 9am**

**February 11 and 25**

**March 11 and 25**

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