## First Annual MSM-E.L. Connally CONNECT Mentoring Reception

On May 11, 2016, E.L. Connally Elementary School hosted the first annual MSM-E.L. Connally CONNECT Mentoring Reception. The event acknowledged the commitment of MSM employees who have chosen to be a mentor for a student at E.L. Connally. Several mentors shared their thoughts on the importance of mentoring and how it can make a difference in a student's life.

"I hope to help young people become more confident and have belief in their abilities to succeed in school and in life. I feel being a supportive mentor is a small price to pay to encourage our future leaders."

- Felicia Hunter, Research Assistant, MSM

"A challenge at a monumental level, being someone who could be the instrument of changing the life of a young man or a young woman. I saw this challenge as more of an honor and a pleasure to be a part of."

- Eddie Stanley, Certified Medical Technician, MSM

"Mentoring JF at Connally fanned the flames of exposing a fifth grade person that is transitioning to the more complex middle school experience to the power of emotional choice and self management of feelings. It gave me the opportunity to plant the seeds of taking the higher road and teaching my mentee the concept of discipline your emotions by realizing that you control how you allow people's behavior make you feel. This concept appeared to be new to her."

- Media Osayi, Assistant Controller, MSM

The EOHC is still looking for more mentors for the upcoming school year. If you are interested in becoming a mentor, please contact Jacqueline Thrash at 404.752.1847 or <a href="mailto:jthrash@msm.edu">jthrash@msm.edu</a>





Mentee with Jasmine Mattison



Mentee with Dr. Kyndra Stovall



Nakisha Hall with mentee



Nakisha Hall, Mahfuz Khan, Felecia Hunter, Helen Tyree and Jasmine Mattison



Mentee with E.L. Connally Principal Lincoln Woods, Eddie Stanley and Dr. Derrick Beech



Mentee with Media Osayi



Mentee with Dr. Rita Finley



Mentee with Jacqueline Thrash