



University Park Elementary School

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Mr. Gerry Bradley, Director of Parks
City of University Park
3800 University Boulevard
University Park, Texas 75205

Dear Mr. Bradley,

Greetings! University Park Elementary School is in the process of hiring a new principal to replace recently retired Dr. Lynda Carter. Due to this transition, I am writing to express Highland Park ISD's and University Park Elementary School's support for year FOUR of our UP ALL NIGHT event being proposed again to the City of University Park by the University Park Pre-School Association (UPPA). **This novel family event has been a success story in our school and community each year.** As you know, among the points of pride held by citizens of this very amazing community is our collective pride in the children who are products of Highland Park ISD and its system of schools. Their excellence tradition has spanned generations and transcended time to ensure the legacy of greatness remains vital and lives on to benefit and advantage the children and families who reside in this unique community.

One of the most extraordinary features of our schools is the public/private partnership that fuels the momentum of progress through resource mobilization which galvanizes people to action to ensure bright futures for each child who enters our doors. This partnership has not only brought accolades to the schools and district but also acclaim to the community in the nation. Our school has the most caring, thoughtful, and hardworking volunteers. Through their selfless actions, they are the wind beneath our wings and our legacy of excellence.

The UPPA has expressed a desire to continue to deliver this family-oriented fund raising opportunity that captures the ideals of **family, friendship, fun and fitness** while promoting positive role modeling and influence of fathers. **"UP All Night: A Father & Child Urban Campout" event will** take place on UP school grounds and with your approval, Curtis Park--right here in the heart of University Park. At times, the City of UP has graciously allowed University Park Elementary the advantage of having a reciprocal agreement to use the park for school sponsored activities and in this case we are hoping this continues. The UPPA stands totally ready to pledge a group of volunteers to organize and facilitate this event from set up, to structured activities, from breakfast to breakdown of camp and cleanup. This dedicated organization that supports our school, often has more than 125 willing parent members and their families! **We celebrate their enthusiasm and share** their excitement about what this can mean to our families and look forward to working with the City on ensuring the success of this family-oriented event.

If University Park Elementary or Highland Park ISD can be of further assistance in rallying support for the UPPA and this opportunity, do not hesitate to contact us.

Positively for Children,

Dr. Tom Trigg
Superintendent of Schools
Highland Park ISD