

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to inform you about an upcoming on-campus educational program for your 2nd-grader with the Dallas Holocaust and Human Rights Museum (DHHRM). Richardson ISD has a long-standing partnership with the Museum.

As a history museum that explores Upstanders in American history, the Museum's programming for elementary grades is developed by Texas certified teachers on their education team. During the *Inspirations: An Upstander Shadow Puppet Theater* program, students interactively explore the lives of three American Upstanders: Helen Keller, Hector P. Garcia, and Rosa Parks. Each Upstander teaches students important Upstander skills, such as respect and courage.

The *Inspirations* program supports the skills outlined in Richardson ISD's Graduate Profile (value of others | real world connections - advocating for self and others | emotional intelligence - advocate effectively for self and form resilience in face of adversity) and the following Positive Character Traits required to be taught in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade by the Texas Education Agency: courage, trustworthiness, integrity, respect and courtesy, fairness, responsibility, and good citizenship. The program also connects to the 2nd grade Social Studies and English Language Arts curriculum and the following required Texas teaching standards (TEKS):

- Social Studies TEKS: 3C, 13A&C, 17B
- ELAR TEKS: 1A-B and D-E, 7A&D

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this educational program, please do not hesitate to email Angie Lee at [angie.lee@risd.org](mailto:angie.lee@risd.org).

Regards,