

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 4th 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 and Texas history, the Museum's programming for elementary grades is developed by Texas certified teachers on the their education team. The *What is an Upstander? – Texas History* program allows students to explore what it means to be an Upstander and reflect on the impact of bystander behavior through learning about historical Texas Upstanders: Sam Houston, Barbara Jordan, Adina de Zavala, Angelina, and Henry B. Gonzalez.

The *What is an Upstander?* 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 4th grade by the Texas Education Agency: courage, trustworthiness, integrity, respect and courtesy, fairness, responsibility, and good citizenship. The program also connects to the 4th grade Social Studies and English Language Arts curriculum and the following required Texas teaching standards (TEKS):

- Social Studies TEKS: 4.5, 4.15D
- ELAR TEKS: 4.1A, 4.3

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

Warm regards,