HISD to host summer school kick-off celebration at Minute Maid Park

WHAT: The Houston Independent School District will welcome over 4,000 elementary and middle school students to summer school with “Lit Camp,” a pep-rally-style celebration at Minute Maid Park.

This celebration, in partnership with the Astros Foundation, is designed to promote literacy, foster a healthy learning environment during the summer, and remove the negative stigma around summer school.

The event will feature motivational speeches delivered by Interim Superintendent Grenita Lathan and New York Times bestselling children’s author Peter H. Reynolds.

Students will also be treated to performances held on the ball field by local musicians including rapper and HISD graduate Stunna Bam, the Houston Rockets Launch Crew, Atherton Elementary step team, Lawson Middle School drumline, and Kashmere High School cheerleading team.

Each student will take a book home, courtesy of Scholastic, McGraw-Hill Education, and former HISD board president Paula Harris.

Summer school begins June 5 and ends July 3.

WHO: HISD Board of Education, Interim Superintendent Grenita Lathan, New York Times bestselling children’s author Peter H. Reynolds, rapper and HISD graduate Stunna Bam, Houston Astros mascot Orbit, Scholastic’s Clifford the Big Red Dog, and HISD students

WHEN: Thursday, June 6
9:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m.

WHERE: Minute Maid Park, 501 Crawford St., 77002

*Free parking for media will be available in Lots A or B. Enter through the Home Plate entrance located in the Diamond Lot (Texas St. and Hamilton Ave.)