

HISD MEDIA ADVISORY

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.)*

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