

Dare to Dream: Learning Leadership

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Administrators and about 100 middle school and high school volunteers Friday introduced Sulphur Springs Elementary fourth graders to a leadership camp being offered this summer specifically for them.

“Dare to Dream is the center piece for an overall character curriculum here in our schools for all 12 grades. Dare to Dream starts at fifth grade,” said Jeff Harris, Sulphur Springs Middle School history teacher and Sulphur Springs Independent School District character curriculum coordinator and camp director.

He said Dare to Dream was previously a program offered from the mid 1990s through 2003, first for Sulphur Springs students then in later years extended to other county students, while he was at Shannon Oaks Church. During that time, approximately 2,000 Hopkins County students attended the program. He took it with him when he moved to Fort Worth and offered it for three years at Crowley High School.

Harris took the 100 students who have volunteered to serve as counselors for the Dare To Dream camp to SSES Friday morning, where they hosted an informational pep rally inviting all 325 fourth graders, students who will be transferring to Douglas Intermediate next year, to sign up for the three-day “dynamic leadership camp.”

The camp will be hosted Aug. 20-22, at Douglas Intermediate, the students’ new campus for the 2014-15 school year. The 100 students who will be serving as camp staff and counselors consist of eighth graders and high school students recommended for the leadership roll by campus administrators. Half of the group consists of this year’s eighth graders, who will be freshman next year at Sulphur Springs High School, and the other will be upperclassmen at SSSHS.

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