



Letter to Parents and Guardians

Dear Parents and Guardians,

My name is Dr. Bernard Harris. I am a Houstonian, a doctor, an astronaut and the founder of The Harris Foundation (THF) and its **Dare to Dream** program. Twenty years ago, THF launched a small program in answer to a serious problem facing youth in our community. Many of them had made wrong decisions which resulted in their being sent to the Harris County Juvenile Probation Department, “juvenile detention”. We knew our students were better than this and believed that by setting goals and learning skills to achieve them, students could succeed.

The Dare to Dream program was born out of my personal belief that dreams can be achieved by anyone. All students deserve to have many positive role models in their lives to help them set goals and encourage them to work hard to achieve success. With the unwavering support of the Harris County Juvenile Probation Department Field Services Division, Communities in Schools, area school districts, The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the Dare to Dream program operates in ten area schools, working with 275 students each year.

Your child has been selected to participate in the Dare to Dream program because we believe that s/he is an infinite being with infinite possibilities. This year the Dare to Dream students will have the opportunity to learn about good character, being a good community member and setting goals. This year the students will have the opportunity to participate in a teambuilding competition through PledgeCents. They will also have the unique experience of attending an FBI field trip and hearing from some great guest speakers. The DEA will provide an opportunity for the Dare to Dream students to participate in a Red Ribbon Rally. All students will complete the program having gained confidence as well as a renewed commitment to achieving future success.

Thank you for allowing your child to participate in the program.

Sincerely,

Dr. Bernard A. Harris, Jr., M.D.,
President



Media Release Form

I hereby grant permission to The Harris Foundation and/or its associates, assistants, or subcontractors to photograph/film/interview my child,

_____.

It is my understanding that photographs/films/interviews or portions thereof will be used for public view (publications, multimedia production, display, advertisement or World-wide web publication for Communities in Schools, FBI, DEA, or The Harris Foundation).

The undersigned agrees that Communities in Schools, FBI, DEA, The Harris Foundation and its associates may use names, likeness, or biographical information supplied by the undersigned.

I agree to participate in this project without financial remuneration, and I understand that my signature below releases and discharges Communities in Schools, the FBI, DEA, and the Harris Foundation, and their agents, officers, volunteers and employees from any future claims and demands, as well as from any liability arising from the use of said photographs/images and interviews.

Name of Child (please print): _____

Gender _____ **School/City:** _____

Grade Level: _____ **Shirt Size (Please specify adult or child size):** _____

Home Address: _____

Phone Number (with area code): _____

Parent or Guardian (please print): _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian: _____ **Date:** _____