Harlingen Going Blue in Appreciation of Teachers

Harlingen, Texas–October 5 is World Teacher's Day and there will be no doubt how much teachers are appreciated in Harlingen when several of our iconic public and private buildings will be illuminated in blue. Sponsored by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), World Teacher's Day is an annual celebration honoring the contributions of teachers throughout the world. This year's theme is "Teachers: Leading in crisis, reimagining the future."

To mark the occasion, The City of Harlingen is joining cities, universities, and businesses across Texas in the Teachers Light the Way Celebration by illuminating as many iconic buildings as possible in light blue to spread inspiration and joy during this difficult time. It is also a reminder to teachers that their daily efforts do not go unnoticed.

The celebration is an innovation by #Teacherscan, a Texas coalition led by teachers and supported by more than 125 businesses and organizations committed to enriching the teaching profession and honoring the role they play in shaping lives.

Harlingen Mayor Chris Boswell says participating in this endeavor is but a small gesture for all that teachers have done and continue to do in the face of COVID-19. "I'm so happy that our City can in this small way recognize the very big and vital job our teachers are doing under exceptionally difficult circumstances."

Beginning at 5 p.m. on Monday, October 5, Harlingen City Hall, Lon C. Hill, Harlingen Public Library, Lozano Plaza, Baxter Lofts, and the I69 underpass (Interchange) at the intersection of Tyler and Harrison will proudly shine blue in honor of all our current and retired teachers.

The City of Harlingen encourages everyone to take time to thank a teacher today.

(Harlingen Public Library 410 '76 Drive)

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