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Mitchell Elementary School students to receive new bikes from Bikes for Excellence Foundation

WHAT: Fifth-graders at HISD's Mitchell Elementary School will receive new bicycles and helmets Friday at the annual Bikes for Excellence Foundation awards, a program started by a teacher 14 years ago to motivate and reward high-achieving, socially responsible students.

During the bike awards program, at least 20 local law enforcement officers will ride in on motorcycles in a procession.

The Bikes for Excellence program always takes place during National Police Week, which began Sunday. Program founder Martha Jaimes was an HPD officer before becoming an HISD teacher and administrator. She seeks to pay tribute to officers during the awards program, in addition to rewarding students.

The bicycles for deserving students are purchased using donations to the non-profit Bikes for Excellence Foundation, which has as its motto: A bike, like education, can take you from point A to point B.

WHO: Mitchell Elementary School Principal **Elizabeth Castillo-Guajardo**; HISD administrator and Bikes for Excellence founder **Martha Jaimes**; Thin Blue Line Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club members; Mitchell Elementary students, parents and staff

WHEN: Friday, May 17
Noon

WHERE: Mitchell Elementary School, 4103 Brisbane St., 77047

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