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Dedication ceremonies for the **Helms Elementary School SPARK Park** will be held Monday, November 17, 2014 at 1:00 PM, announced Kathleen Ownby, Executive Director of the SPARK Program. The 2015 SPARK Art Calendar will be unveiled. Students will receive a copy of the 6th edition, 3rd printing SPARK Coloring Book to celebrate the occasion.

The Helms SPARK Park is a cooperative venture of Houston ISD and the Helms parents and students. The park includes new picnic tables and trash cans. Local artist Reginald Adams worked with art teacher Mrs. Che Rickman and students on tiles which will adorn the seat wall around the existing play equipment, as well as on the pillars at the entrance to the park. A labyrinth design has also been painted at the entrance to the park.

The school contributed \$2,200 for their SPARK Park. Other funding for the park includes \$5,000 from HISD, \$5,000 from Harris County Precinct 4 Jack Cagle's office, and \$10,000 from Shell Oil Company.

To honor the occasion, Congressman Ted Poe's office will present a United States flag that has flown over the Capitol in Washington, D.C. State Representative Jessica Farrar will present a state flag that has flown over the Texas Capitol. State Senator John Whitmire's office will provide a certificate of recognition.

Those helping Helms Elementary principal John Baker dedicate the new SPARK Park are:

Heather Ramsey-Cook, office of Ted Poe, U.S. Congressman, District 2
Jessica Farrar, State Representative, District 148
Ellen Cohen, Houston City Council, District C
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