

## **Prayer Walk Covers Schools in Prayer Before Students Walk in the Doors**

Every school in the Lewisville Independent School District was covered in prayer the day before students returned to the classrooms. Trietsch sent prayer walkers out to surround the schools during the LISD Prayer Walk, held Sunday, August 24.

Walkers were asked to return comment cards about their experience, with the option to include their names. Below are some of the responses:

“WOW! I did not expect this to be as powerful as it turned out to be. I signed up to walk around Downing Middle School since my daughter moved from Irving ISD to LISD and will be teaching at Downing this year. I called a family that lives in Bridlewood that I thought would walk with me to celebrate this type of activity and they joyfully accepted the invitation.”

“So we met and as we arrived, my daughter arrived to complete the preparation of her classroom. She was touched we were doing the Prayer Walk. She joined us and said the first prayer at the flag pole. And the walk began with three adults, two elementary schoolers and one dog.”

“As we walked, we quickly found out there is a large portion of Downing that is fenced in, and we didn’t care. We decided to take it all in because we needed to cover all of the athletes in prayer, too.”

“Hearing a fourth grader pray the prayer really got to me. Then my prayer time came, and it just happened to be for the teachers. It was amazing how emotional of an experience it was.

“Suddenly, the fourth grader looked up at me and asked me if we could please go walk around his school, too. We all agreed, although I told him that someone else had probably already walked it. He said that his school could probably use another prayer walk. How precious it is to hear that he knows just how powerful prayer is. So after our long walk, we stopped for a drink and headed to Bridlewood.”

“When the prayer for the students was said, Preston said, ‘especially for me and Braden, well, especially me!’ Needless to say, we all laughed.

“He prayed for his teacher, his brother’s teacher and his past teachers, too. IT was so touching. When it came time for the final prayer, he went to the mascot in front of his school by the flagpole and read the prayer. After the prayer I asked him to reenact it so I could take a picture. (to the right).

“What a wonderful way to spend the afternoon. I never would have dreamed that this would have been so meaningful.”

*Lucy Wineman*

“I think it is a great idea. I know I will pray for the children, teachers and administration every time I drive by the school.”

*Grace & Lowell Pieper*

“We walked Marcus. Because I had walked alone last year and had such a powerful experience just traipsing around talking with God the entire perimeter, I asked Howard if he’d be OK if we walked silently and even separately, and he said yes.

“Once again, it was a wonderful prayer experience, and I was astounded at how many things there were to pray about. It was as though words and thoughts just poured through my mind... from special

needs kids to those in AP classes, from teachers to administrators, social stuff to learning, so many topics for prayer.”

*Marilyn Hurlbut*

“A Holy moment. My grandson attends here. What comfort knowing God’s presence is guarding here.”

*Anonymous*

“It was a blessing seeing all the people/families that were going on the Prayer Walk. I was blessed as I walked around McAuliffe, thinking about my grandson and the teachers/staff there. The prayers were empowering. Thank you for the opportunity.

“Since I have maps of [the colleges my children attend], I am going to let my fingers “walk” around each campus and pray for my children and their teachers/students, too.”

*Joan*

“Thanks for organizing this. I always like knowing that my campus has been blessed by prayers for God’s guidance for teachers, parents, kids and me!”

*Dr. Robin Macke*

*Wellington Elementary Principal*

“What a blessing and a joy to partner with you in the LISD Prayer Walk. Vista Ridge added Coppell schools as many of our members live in Coppell.”

“Our sign up sheets listed 44 people, but we know additional people just showed up.”

“Our congregation appreciated the opportunity to be a part of the Prayer Walk, and we look forward to participating again next year. Thank you for including us.”

*Sandi Minor*

*Associate Pastor, Vista Ridge UMC*