

Hightower Tigers

Targeting Excellence



School Dedication Ceremony
February 8, 1999



John F. Hightower Elementary School

Dedication Program

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Master of Ceremonies.....	Dr. Douglas Otto, Superintendent of Schools
Presentation of Colors and Pledge of Allegiance.....	Hightower Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts
"Star-Spangled Banner"	Hightower Choir Brenda Keen, Director
Inspirational Message.....	Mary Beth King, Vice-President, Board of Trustees
School Board Welcome.....	John Muns, President, Board of Trustees
City of Plano Proclamation.....	Bruce Glasscock, Executive Director City of Plano
School Greetings.....	Sandra Wysong, Principal
Presentation of Plaque.....	Lynda Jennings, Teacher of the Year
Time Capsule Presentation.....	Nicholas Pavey, Student Council President Tiffany Leach, Beginning Teacher of the Year Gloria Redwine, Librarian
"Sing a Song of Peace"	Hightower Choir Brenda Keen, Director
Greetings from PTA.....	Karen Willmore, PTA President
Introduction of School Namesake.....	Dr. Douglas Otto
Remarks and Introduction of Hightower Family Members.....	John Hightower
Presentation to School.....	John Hightower
"Hightower Tigers"	Fifth Grade Choir, Brenda Keen, Director
Closing Remarks.....	Dr. Douglas Otto

A reception provided by the Hightower PTA
will immediately follow the dedication.



John Freeman Hightower

John Freeman Hightower was born in Paris, Arkansas, on August 1, 1913, to Carl and Clara Parks Hightower. He attended public schools in Oklahoma, graduating from Moton High School in Taft, Oklahoma. Before entering high school, all eighth grade students had to take a prerequisite state exam. Mr. Hightower was recognized for having the highest score in the county of Muskogee.

Mr. Hightower attended college at Huston-Tillotson College in Austin, Texas. He graduated Cum Laude with degrees in biology and mathematics. He later earned his master's degree in administration from Texas Southern University. He has completed further study toward a doctorate at the University of North Texas and the University of California in Sacramento.

His career in education began in Anton, Texas, where he served as a biology teacher. He later moved to Plano where he began teaching science at Douglass High School, which was the segregated school. He later became principal of Douglass High School. Throughout his career he has touched the lives of students in many capacities including serving as a counselor in the Special Services Department, Director of Special Services, and Coordinator of Ethnic Relations prior to his retirement.

Mr. Hightower is currently involved in numerous community and civic affairs in the city of Plano. He continues to reach out and touch the lives of many people through his genuine efforts and commitment. He resides in the Plano area with his wife Myrtle Nash Hightower.

(Pictured above: Mr. Hightower, a "celebrity" on campus, delights in the occasional signing of autographs for students.)



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Superintendent of Schools.....Dr. Douglas Otto
School Principal.....Sandra Wysong
School Colors.....Hunter Green/Gold
School Mascot.....Tigers

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