

## KRUM STUDENTS CHOSEN FOR TRIP TO DISNEYWORLD

### *EEC Twin Boys Selected as "Kidd's Kids"*

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If you commute to work in the morning, chances are that you listen to the radio. For many residents of North Texas, the program of choice is the 106.1 FM nationally syndicated radio show, Kidd Kraddick in the Morning.

Known for recounting the amusing events of their personal lives and sharing conversations about celebrity life, radio personalities Kidd Kraddick, Kellie Rasberry, Big Al, J-Si, Jenna, and Psycho Shanon usually produce an entertaining and light-hearted show. But big voices aren't the only thing this group is famous for: they are also known for their big hearts.

Kidd's Kids, an organization founded by the Kidd Kraddick in the Morning team, will soon help a local family share a memorable adventure in the midst of hardship.

Krum ISD students and twins Keith and Michael Chamness love recess, morning circle time, and playing with their classmates in Mrs. Hendrickson's class. To the average person roaming the halls of the Krum Early Education Center, the 6-year-old brothers might seem like two perfectly normal boys. But the truth is much more devastating.

Keith and Michael both suffer from Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy. Occurring primarily in boys, the rare form of muscular dystrophy causes a rapid progression and deterioration of muscle function and shortens the life expectancy of its victims. While hereditary, DMD frequently occurs in families with no known history of the disease. Symptoms usually develop before the age of six, often confining afflicted children to wheelchairs due to a decline in muscle loss. Although Keith and Michael can walk, they regularly use wheelchairs to help them travel long distances.

Each year Kidd's Kids coordinates an unforgettable trip for terminally or chronically ill children between the ages of 5 and 12 who suffer from a chronic or terminal illness. Each child selected not only gets to take a trip of a lifetime, but parents, siblings, and relatives residing in the same household are invited to attend as well. Keith, Michael, and their family have been selected to take part in the incredible journey.

The Chamness family is one of 52 families that will travel to Walt Disney World in Florida where they will receive the royal treatment. The families will embark on their trip next month where

all of their expenses including airfare, accommodations, park passes, meals, souvenirs and more will be completely covered by the foundation.

Just like the stars of the radio program, the boys got to experience “celebrity” life themselves when they were visited by the Kidd Kraddick camera crew as they heard the news that they had been chosen to go on the trip. While their mother cried and hugged the show’s producer Shanon, the boys smiled and laughed at the news that they were going to finally meet Mickey Mouse.

The boys will leave for Florida on November 11. If only for a week, Keith, Michael, and the other Kidd’s Kids will get to be a part of something truly magical: the joys of a being a normal kid.