

Jump Start to 5th Grade - "Tips" for going Uptown (Feedback From DPM moms)

- 5th graders wanting to uptown after school with friends is very normal
- Uptown gives the kids a sense of independence and an opportunity to socialize with friends and meet new kids
- Most kids walk uptown straight after school
- Kids generally get an ice cream, snack, shop and/or hang out in market square
- Remind your kids not to go in the fountain and respect local store owners rules
- If kids ride their bikes uptown they need to walk their bikes on the sidewalks uptown - city rules
- Setting a pick up time and location with your child is helpful
- Pick up locations away from market square will be less crowded, i.e. city hall
- 4:30/5pm pick up time is suggested and gives them plenty, of time
- Your child may tell you most kids go uptown every day, and get to stay late, this is not true
- Friday is the most popular day to go uptown
- Do not ding dong ditch on your way uptown. The police have been called for kids doing this.
- The desire to go up town wears off after 5th grade as they have more options later like DPM school sports, clubs and Croya..