



TUESDAY E-FOLDER – April 21, 2020

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Dear Travis Families,

Even though we knew it was likely, last week’s announcement that school would remain closed through the end of the school year was difficult to absorb. In a school community unique for its togetherness, it is especially hard to fathom not being able to close out the year physically together or to say goodbye in person.

Please know that our teachers and staff will continue to serve and connect with your child(ren) as best we can in our new virtual reality these next few weeks. Learning and social emotional supports and resources are in place and available to all students and families. Please let us know what you need.

Also know that we are brainstorming creative ways to replicate end-of-year celebrations, traditions, and events that students look forward to and provide closure – whether virtually or, perhaps, in gatherings during the summer should future safety guidelines allow us to do so.

Our physical separation may continue, but our connectedness will, too. May it be with continued patience, kindness, and grace.

Bon Voyage, Mr. Arena

It is with bittersweet feelings that we share that Ron Arena, our art teacher the last 17 years, is retiring at the end of the year. A gifted artist who has helped lead countless community art projects connected to student learning and campus initiatives, Mr. Arena has shaped so much of the beauty we see around us at Travis.

Much of the art we see adorning our walls and spaces, most recently the garden mural installed last year, are student creations crafted under his guidance. We celebrate Mr. Arena for sharing his gifts with us, for developing young artists, and for all the extras he has done for our community. We bid him a fond farewell and thank him for his service.

One Bright Thing

When his editors asked him to write about ‘one bright thing’ of happiness amid all the dark news of today, Manny Fernandez, a Travis parent and the Houston Bureau Chief of the New York Times, did not have to look far. Check out his account of his 2nd grader’s recent experience in Ms. Burdick’s class here: <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/04/14/reader-center/coronavirus-one-bright-thing.html>.

***One Book, One School* Campaign Underway**

Thank you to all who were able to pick up your family’s copy of the book ***Odd, Weird, & Little*** during last week’s “Pickup Parade.” The schoolwide shared reading event is underway! For the daily reading schedule and more information on the event, the daily trivia contest, and how to submit photos of your family enjoying the book together, click here: [‘One Book, One School’ Campaign 2020.pdf](#). For families still in need of a paperback copy of the book, a small bin with extra

copies is set up on the front porch entrance of the school off Beauchamp Street. We hope you'll join us in this fun community event!

Travis Marathon Kids "Final Mile" Virtual Family Fun Run

The Travis Marathon Kid Coaches and Mrs. Dodd invite ALL Travis Families to participate in a "Final Mile" **Virtual FAMILY FUN RUN!**

- **WHEN?** – Monday-Wednesday, April 27-29 (Pick a time/day that's best for your family)
- **WHERE?** – Any safe place to run (Your neighborhood, White Oak Bayou trail, Heights High School, etc.)
Remember to practice social distancing!
- **WHO?** – ALL Travis families, and especially the Marathon Kids
- **WHAT?** – Commit to running at least one mile or more!
- **WHY?** – To have fun, celebrate fitness, and unite as a healthy community!

Please see the event flyer ([MK Virtual Family Fun Run.pdf](#)) for more information, event contacts, and how to share photos of your Tiger runner(s).

Travis Yearbook – Photo Submission Extension

Have **photos** of student learning activities (both at school and at home), field trips, or special events taken this school year **you'd like to see published in this year's Travis Yearbook**? The deadline has been extended! Send them, along with the child's name, grade level, and teacher's name to **Rosemary Chavez** at 17rosebud@gmail.com by 5:00 p.m. on **Friday, May 15**.

It's not too late to **order your copy of the Travis Yearbook**. Visit <https://treering.com/>, click 'Buy Yearbook', and enter the school passcode: 1013463209432855.

Continued well-wishes and thank you for your support.

Sincerely,
Tom Day, Principal