



TUESDAY E-FOLDER – May 5, 2020

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Dear Travis Families,

It is **National Teacher Appreciation Week** and I want to take a moment to thank our **Travis teachers** for all the special things they do.

When we are together in school, our teachers work hard to create a safe, caring, and joyful learning environment that supports student academic and social emotional growth, connections, and exploration. And while we have been apart, they have adapted to guiding home learning while finding creative ways to connect and show their love for our students.

And our teachers work with you, our supportive families, to cultivate a connectedness that makes Travis the unique school community it is.

Make sure to check out this [TRIBUTE VIDEO](#) of our Travis teaching stars and please join me in thanking your child(ren)'s teacher(s) this week for the special work they do.

Travis Tigers, thank you for the outpouring of loving messages on Principals' Day. They warmed my heart and made me feel happy and very loved. (Many had me laughing! So creative.) I am very grateful to be a part of this amazing community. I love you all, I miss seeing your smiling faces, and I look forward to seeing you all in person again in the future.

With gratitude,
Mr. Day

Honoring Mr. Arena

While we will not be able to say goodbye to Mr. Arena in person for the time being, we invite the Travis community to honor him for his 17 years of service as our art teacher and say goodbye as he heads into retirement.

We will share a Group Greetings link in next week's Tuesday E-Folder in which families can submit videos, photos, audio, and/or text from any device. Submissions will be compiled into a community tribute video and keepsake for him. Make sure to check back here next week for the link to share your remembrances.

Cards and letters can be sent to the school mailing address and will be delivered to Mr. Arena.

Families can also show their love for Mr. Arena by contributing to a Go Fund Me account set up in his honor. To access, click [HERE](#).

One Book, One School – Final Week

We hope your family has enjoyed our school family's shared reading of *Odd, Weird, & Little*. As we head into Week 3 and our final days of reading, don't forget to check out the Tiger TV morning announcements each morning on the Travis Learning Center (<https://bit.ly/TravisLearningCenter>) for Ms. Sims's daily reading question. For more information on the event, click here: [HERE](#). Happy reading!

Social and Emotional Supports and Family Needs

Social and emotional learning involves creating positive relationships and emotional connections as part of learning to help children develop the skills they need to be successful in life. During this time, it is important to incorporate social and emotional learning into your daily routine. For resources, activities, and lessons please visit the Social and Emotional Resources page on the Travis Learning Center website (<https://bit.ly/TravisLearningCenter>).

Visit Houston ISD's Social and Emotional Learning Department (<https://www.houstonisd.org/sel>) for parent and family resources, which include lessons, mindfulness practices, webinars, and more. HISD will also continue operating food distribution sites, with another 25 sites operating this week. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

The Travis PTA has also created opportunities to connect with fellow Tigers and their families:

- **Tiger Chat Line:** If you would like to be added to a small group phone or text chain, or if you would like to lead a small group phone/text chain to help support your fellow Travis parents, reach out to us at TigerChat@travispta.org.
- **Tigers Teaching Tigers:** Share a video of your children reading, creating art, explaining something, doing a science experiment, or teaching us about their favorite hobby. Email the video to communications@travispta.org, and we will share it in our weekly Tigers Teaching Tigers feature in Tiger Beat and on Facebook. (You are granting us permission to share the video and your child's image if you send it to us.)
- **Pen Pals for Kids:** If your child is feeling lonely and would like to be paired up as a pen pal with another Travis student, send us a note at PenPals@travispta.org.

We continue to cope with big changes in our lives. If your child(ren) or your family is struggling and needing support, please email me (lsmith37@houstonisd.org). You are not alone.

Wishing you well,
Leslie Smith, M.Ed., NCC, LPC
School Counselor

Birthday Announcements on Tiger TV

Yesterday on Tiger TV, we began including birthday announcements! If your child celebrates his/her birthday between March 13 and August 23 and you would like it announced, please complete the online form (found here: <https://bit.ly/birthdayrelease>) to grant permission. (No image of your child will be included in the video.) Thank you!

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.

Wishing you well.

Sincerely,
Tom Day, Principal