



TUESDAY E-FOLDER – May 12, 2020

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The James Family Band presents *'Oh Corona'* – The Music Video

For those of us getting a little stir crazy and who could use a little laugh, one Travis family delivers in a delightful musical performance that we can all relate to. Presenting: ['*Oh Corona'* – The Music Video](#) ... Written and Performed by The James Family Band ... Super work, Jack, Charlie, and Mr. James! Thank you for sharing your talents with us. Let us keep laughing, smiling, and being kind to one another.

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.

Families are invited to share memories and/or messages of gratitude and congratulations in the form of videos, photos, audio, and/or text from any device by uploading to the **Group Greets** website using this link:

www.GroupGreets1.com/AO552020a/add. Submissions will be compiled into a community tribute video and keepsake for him. **The deadline to upload messages is Wednesday, May 20.**

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](#).

Family Field Day

Travis has long had the tradition of celebrating a year of learning by having a fun day of games and activities outside. And this year, it is particularly important that Field Day still happens! So, I want you and your family to plan on having a fun Family Field Day. Just follow Coach Dodd's easy, 1-2-3 Planning Guide Found [HERE](#) and get going!

Having a Family Field Day will help our Travis Community feel a sense of consistency and give everyone an opportunity to connect through a fun, positive event that we can all look forward to. Having a Family Field Day is a great way to relieve stress and commemorate this wacky year of learning.

Plan on having your Family Field Day within the next couple of weeks and then send Family Field Day pictures to Coach Dodd at ssipps@houstonisd.org. Also, consider posting your photos to the Travis Community Facebook page.

You can view Coach Dodd's recent [Family Field Day pictures](#), as well as the easy Planning Guide, on the PE page of The Travis Learning Center website (<https://bit.ly/TravisLearningCenter>) and on the Travis Community Facebook page.

Have fun!
Coach Dodd

Travis Shakespeare Players

The Travis Shakespeare Players are two troupes of third, fourth, and fifth graders who meet after school each Tuesday or Thursday for two hours on the Travis Stage. The young actors read, study, and perform plays by William Shakespeare and absorb the history of the period in which he lived and wrote.

Applications are now being accepted from incoming 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders for the 2020 fall semester. Auditions are not held, but students must be fluent readers and be able to focus and take directions. They should also be ready to savor the poetry of the language and to learn the stories Shakespeare told through theatre. Students learn stage terms and acting skills and find joy in working together to create scenes and perform plays. **The enrollment in each troupe is limited to 18 students.**

Click [HERE](#) for more information, including an application and instructions. The application deadline is **Tuesday, May 26, 2020.**

Sincerely,
Carole Fairfield
Director, The Travis Shakespeare Players
carolefairfield5@att.net

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

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. this **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.

Sincerely,
Tom Day, Principal