



TUESDAY E-FOLDER – October 20, 2020

Dear Travis Families,

Thank you for your support this week helping us launch a successful reopening of in-person school while balancing ongoing virtual programming. As you will experience, there are some systems and logistics that we will continue adjusting as needed. We appreciate your patience as we smooth out the wrinkles.

Morning Arrival-Afternoon Dismissal notes:

- For families **approaching campus by foot**, we are placing **lines of cones** in high-traffic drop-off and pickup locations. When waiting in these locations, we ask that you stand next to these cones to assist us in **physically distancing six feet or more from others**. If the cones already have someone standing next to them, please take a place at the end of the line and space out to avoid congregating near others.
- For families using the **car rider line**, please remember to display a **name tag** in your car window which includes first and last name(s) and grade level(s) and is clearly visible to our spotter(s). Thanks to all who have already seen to this!

At the same time, we are working on our internal systems to expedite the drop-off-pickup processes.

A few other items of note:

- Face Masks
 - Must stay in place over the nose and mouth
 - Must be made of at least two layers of breathable fabric – Please do not wear neck gaiters (also called neck warmers, which cover the neck, mouth, and nose), which are thin and their effectiveness still unknown according to the CDC
 - Must not have exhalation valves or vents
- Birthday Treats – Sadly, we are not able to distribute these in classrooms for now.
- Lunches – Please have these packed and ready for your child to bring with them to school each morning to avoid the need for parent drop-offs later in the day.

Thanks so much for your help with these additional items!

Also, one last reminder that there is no school – either in-person or virtually – this Wednesday, Oct. 21, a professional development day for teachers and staff. School will resume in both settings on Thursday.

Other items to note for the Week of October 19-23, 2020:

ADDITIONAL PAPERWORK REQUEST: The HISD Connect Parent Portal has been a convenient tool for families submitting required annual paperwork to the school. Unfortunately, there are a few forms that are not included on the Parent Portal that we need from all Travis families:

- **Student Enrollment Form** (which includes the list of family members authorized to pick up your student during school hours) – To access, click here: [20-21 Enrollment Form.pdf](#).
- **Media Release Form** – To access, click here: [20-21 Media Release Form.pdf](#).
- **Walker/Bike Rider Authorization Form** (as applicable) – To access, click here: [20 21 Walker-Bike Rider Dismissal Form.pdf](#) .

Please print and fill out (or print, scan, fill out, and email) and submit to:

- Mayte Sanchez at msanch45@houstonisd.org
- Your child's face-to-face teacher OR
- The school office

Thank you!

VOLUNTEERING: While we do not have indoor volunteer opportunities for the time being, we are hoping to offer outdoor volunteer opportunities soon. In the meantime, we are encouraging those interested to register and complete a background check through the VIPS Program online (<http://www.houstonisd.org/Page/126421>) so that you'll be ready to go! **A volunteer must be VIPS-approved prior to being cleared by Travis administration for any volunteer work.** The VIPS-clearance process can take up to two weeks to complete. Please contact Travis VIPS coordinator Leslie Smith at lsmith37@houstonisd.org with any questions or if you need any assistance.

The **Travis Frights in the Heights Carnival** is only two weeks away, and we hope that every Travis family participates in this safe, community building event. The money raised goes directly to your child's classroom. There are so many ways to participate:

- **GHOST RIDER RAFFLE** Enter the raffle for a chance to win the uber cool Gazelle Easyflow E-bike donated by CYKL and sponsored by Caroline Schlemmer, Realtor. Check out THIS video to see it in action! 1 ticket/\$25 5 tickets/\$100 and 12 tickets/\$200 Raffle drawing live on Norhill esplanade at 4pm and IGTV @clschlemmer & @cykl.shop

AND we have a very exciting announcement – the family that sells the most raffle tickets to those OUTSIDE of our Travis community (non-Travis families) between Monday 10/19 – Friday 10/30 will be treated to your very own front yard concert by The Palisades! The Palisades is a band of native Houstonians with tones of alternative country, americana and bluegrass AND our own fellow Travis mama and neighbor, Katie Rushing. (This will be a 30 minute show, Covid restrictions apply, and date will be determined between the winner and the band.)

- **PUMPKIN ART CONTEST** Decorate your own pumpkin and enter it in the Pumpkin Art Contest. Stay tuned for the fun categories soon.
- **SPOOKTACULAR SPONSOR** All the money raised goes to support our teachers and administrators! They always deserve our love and support and this year more than ever. There are a number of levels, and no amount is too small (or too big)!!
- **FREAKY FRIDAY FUN** Swing by the Travis Spark Park on Friday, October 30th to check out some freaky performers like stilt walkers and jugglers and funky beats by a local DJ. You can view and enjoy from a safe social distance. Then, join us at the Norhill Esplanade for socially distanced food, fun and treats. Join us Friday, October 30th from 4 - 6pm at Travis Elementary and 5 - 7pm at the Norhill Esplanade. Sponsored by The Smith Family - Stacey, Jeff, Audrey, Luke & Cole!!
- **MASTRANTOS** Take the hassle out of this year's Halloween weekend - order online and pick up delicious food from Mastranto's Restaurant. The amazing owners and Travis parents, Marisol & Xavier Godoy, will donate 5% of the total sales from the Travis Menu listed on their Toast site. All orders must be placed through that site and picked up by 6pm on Friday, October 30th and/or Saturday, October 31st.
- **FANGTASTIC FIFTH GRADE PARADE** Put on your costumes and masks this Halloween and cheer on our fifth graders as they treat us to a Halloween parade from Travis Elementary down Omar to the Norhill Esplanade on Saturday, October 31st 2 - 2:45pm. This parade will be followed by food trucks on the esplanade.

For the event flyer with links and a list of our amazing sponsors, click here: [1020 Carnival Flyer.pdf](#).

Thanks once again!