



## TUESDAY E-FOLDER – October 27, 2020

Dear Travis Families,

**Here are items to note for the Week of October 26-30, 2020:**

**Nov. 3 Student Holiday:** There will be no school (either in-person or virtual) for students on **Tuesday, Nov. 3**. The student holiday/staff professional development day previously scheduled for Feb. 24 has been moved to **Tuesday, Nov. 3**. (Feb. 24 will now be a full instructional day.) School will resume on Wednesday, Nov. 4.

### GT Testing Information Overview

- **Universal GT Testing for Kindergarten and 5th Grade:** HISD will conduct Gifted and Talented (GT) testing for all kindergarten and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students who have not been previously identified GT from **Nov. 9-20**. A letter with information was sent home with all face-to-face students on Tuesday, and students in virtual learning will receive an email from their child's teacher today. The letter can also be found here: [Universal GT Letter 2020.pdf](#). Testing will be conducted in person at school. Specific dates for testing will be communicated next week. No application is necessary.
- **Off Grade Level GT Testing for Neighborhood Students in Grades 1-4:** Neighborhood families may submit a request for GT evaluation for their child in 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> grade. For information, click here: [GT testing letter 2020.pdf](#). Applications can be found here: [Neighborhood Application K-12 2021-2022.pdf](#) and must be submitted by **Friday, Nov. 6**. You may scan and email the neighborhood GT application to [slytle@houstonisd.org](mailto:slytle@houstonisd.org). Testing will take place at school from **Nov. 30 – Dec. 4**. If your child is learning virtually, a date will be assigned to them for on-campus testing.

If you have questions, check out the Travis website here: <https://www.houstonisd.org/Page/185181> OR email Travis Assistant Principal Sara Lytle at [slytle@houstonisd.org](mailto:slytle@houstonisd.org).

**Storybook Dress Up Day:** Will take place on **Friday**. For costume requirements and more information, click here: [Story Book Character Dress-Up Flyer.pdf](#).

**Student Information Verification – NEW REQUEST:** We apologize for the inundation of paperwork requests. We have one more request to make of all families – completing the **Student Information Verification** application to ensure student information is accurate and up to date. The form will be available on the **HISD Connect Parent Portal** through **Friday, Nov. 13**: <https://hisdconnect.houstonisd.org/public/>. The Student Information Verification application will allow parents the opportunity to verify or update information to stay connected to their student's school, such as home addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, and emergency contacts. If you indicate that your home address has changed,

we will contact you to obtain updated proof of address documentation. Please complete this form so you can receive important updates regarding your student's education.

If you have not set up your HISD Connect Parent Portal account and do not have your access code, contact the school to obtain your student's access ID. As a reminder, the HISD Connect Parent Portal is a tool to track information related to your student's schedule, grades, attendance, academic history, and more. Use a web browser to access the HISD Connect Parent Portal at <https://hisdconnect.houstonisd.org/public/> and complete the steps found here: [HISD Connect - Parent Portal Access.pdf](#).

**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. No exceptions.** The VIPS-clearance process can take up to two weeks to complete. Please contact Travis VIPS coordinator Leslie Smith at [lsmith37@houstonisd.org](mailto:lsmith37@houstonisd.org) with any questions or if you need any assistance.

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**FROM THE TRAVIS PTA:** The [Travis Frights in the Heights Carnival](#) is this week! 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:

#### **CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS**

We need more hands on deck to make sure everything runs smoothly. There is something for everyone to help with - take home activities, candy drop-off, and in person activities. Please note there are two sign-ups - check them both out!

**Week of Frights in the Heights Sign-Up:** <https://signup.com/go/SDDOck>

**AND**

**Parade Chaperones:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0949AAA72DA5FE3-chaperones>

**GHOST RIDER RAFFLE:** We are thrilled to share that we have added a friendly competition for GHOST RIDER RAFFLE ticket sales!

The Travis family that sells the most raffle tickets to those OUTSIDE of our Travis Community (non-Travis families) from now until Friday, October 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. Let's get rockin'!

What is the Ghost Rider 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 will be live on Norhill Esplanade at 4pm and IGTV @clschlemmer & @cykl.shop

**[PUMPKIN ART CONTEST:](#)** Decorate your own pumpkin and enter it in the Pumpkin Art Contest. Adults can enter too!

**[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, swing by the Norhill Esplanade to pick up food from The Taco Initiative, Kona Ice and Mastranto's (texquenos & cachitos). Sponsored by The Smith Family - Stacey, Jeff, Audrey, Luke & Cole!!

#### **Friday, October 30th**

4:00 -6:00pm: Travis Elementary

5:00 - 7:00pm: Norhill Esplanade

Please note that masks and social distancing will be required at this event.

**[MASTRANTOS:](#)** Take any hassle out of this year's Halloween weekend. Order online and pick up delicious food from Mastrantos 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**. Order [HERE!](#)

**[FANGTASTIC FIFTH GRADE PARADE:](#)** In the past our fabulous fifth graders got to design and build a haunted house for carnival, and like everything else, we had to come up with a new plan for them. 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. **Saturday, October 31st 2:00 - 2:45pm. Once the fifth graders arrive at the esplanade, they are released from the parade chaperones care. Parents, please plan accordingly. Masks are required for parade participants and encouraged for observers.**

For the event flyer with links and a list of our amazing sponsors, click here: [Carnival Newsletter 10-27-20.pdf](#).

Thanks once again!