



TUESDAY E-FOLDER – December 1, 2020

Dear Travis Families,

Here are items to note for the Week of November 30 – December 4, 2020:

JOIN THE TRAVIS PTA TODAY!

By joining the Travis PTA for \$6.50, you are not only supporting great programs and events, but you are also gaining a voice within the school, the state, and beyond. At the school level, only members may vote on issues related to programs, events, and budget priorities. Travis PTA membership automatically includes state and national PTA memberships, so you have access to their advocacy efforts and resources as well. For more information, fun videos, and signup link, click here: [PTA MembershipFlyer 2020-2021.pdf](#).

DONATIONS FOR SCHOOL SUPPORT STAFF

Help us show appreciation for our crossing guards, custodians, and cafeteria staff this holiday season! Parents and staff may turn in donations to teachers or the office in an envelope marked "CCC donations." Please turn in donations by **Wednesday, Dec. 16**. If you have any questions, please email [Mrs. Sanchez](#). Thank you!

ARTSONIA ONLINE ART PORTFOLIO

We are excited to offer a way for families to be in the know with what our Travis artists are up to this year! Artsonia allows for you to get a glimpse of what we are doing in the classroom, comment on your student's artwork, and share with your family. It's a great way to share all the amazing artwork your children have been hard at work on the past few weeks. For our virtual students, this is an optional way to submit your artwork. You can add to your portfolios from home! To submit artwork from home, students will access our class portal (please see flyer for instructions: [Artsonia QR Code Access.pdf](#)). Families can also add additional artwork that your student makes at home on their own time to keep it in one place. Mrs. Q has created online art portfolios for each student using Artsonia. Emails have gone out from Artsonia to each family with directions on how to complete their account. Please email me (Danielle.Quinones@houstonisd.org) if you have any questions concerning Artsonia or have not received an email to set up your student's account. [You can check out our Artsonia page here!](#) – Mrs. Q (Summer Quinones)

TEMPORARY CHANGES FROM IN-PERSON TO VIRTUAL LEARNING

We have recently been asked: *Can a student engaging in face-to-face learning temporarily move to virtual learning for a day or two to accommodate short-term family circumstances?* (Such as being out of town or for attending appointments) It is a fair inquiry and one we have grappled with. While we sympathize, we have discovered that short-term virtual roster additions are very difficult to manage from an attendance-

tracking, grading, assignments-management, and instructional standpoint for our teachers, who already have so much they are balancing each day.

Requests for a temporary placement change from in-school learning to virtual learning (during the middle of a six-week grading period) will be granted only in these cases:

- Due to an extended absence necessitated for self-isolation or quarantine per COVID-19 procedural guidelines
- Due to an extended absence of 3 consecutive days or more that would be deemed 'Excused' per the Travis Elementary Reopening Policies and Procedures (page 7) found [HERE](#).

In those cases when your child must miss school, Travis will follow regular absence reporting procedure, students will be provided with makeup work, and teachers will ensure that students are provided support to make up for lost learning. Thank you for your understanding! Please communicate with me if you have any questions. – **Tom Day**

WINTER BREAK

There will be no school (virtual or in-person) **Dec. 21-Jan. 1**. School will resume on **Monday, Jan. 4**.

Thank you!