



TUESDAY E-FOLDER – December 8, 2020

Dear Travis Families,

Here are items to note for the Week of December 7-11, 2020:

SAFETY DRILLS

Our No. 1 priority is to keep our students safe. To be prepared for any emergency event that could occur, we are required to conduct several safety drills throughout the year. Each month we hold a fire drill, and at least once a year we conduct a severe weather drill and an intruder drill. The purpose of these drills is to ensure that students and staff know what to do should the need arise. We will conduct an **intruder drill** on campus on **Tuesday, Dec. 14**. Our teachers will hold age-appropriate discussions with our students beforehand, and all will be aware this is a drill and that there is no immediate danger. Please contact Sara Lytle (slytle@houstonisd.org) with any questions.

CORE ENRICHMENT (CE) CLASS UPDATES

Greetings Travis Families,

We are excited to continue providing Core Enrichment (CE) class meetings in both our face-to-face and virtual learning settings. Virtual students will continue to have live Microsoft Teams class sessions (with one exception in Grades 3-5 detailed below) along with asynchronous learning activities in our HUB courses. As we start this 3rd six weeks of school, please see the **attached document for guidance on accessing live CE classes on Microsoft Teams**: [Access to Core Enrichment Virtual Classes.pdf](#). We apologize for any problems there may have been for our families trying to join the virtual classes this week. If you are having any difficulties trying to access the Core Enrichment virtual classes, please reach out to us via the email addresses listed below.

Library Class Changes in Grades 3-5

To help us in meeting the wide range of needs of Travis students, librarian Theresa Sims has begun serving as a campus dyslexia interventionist. To accommodate these additional services, we have adjusted services for some face-to-face and virtual library classes:

- Library class for face-to-face students has been removed from the 5th grade schedule and those students now have a four-day CE rotation among the remaining classes (PE, Art, Music, Creative Movement).
- Library class for virtual students in Grades 3-5 is now asynchronous, with learning activities posted each week in their Core Enrichment grade level TEAMS page under the library channel.

We thank you for your patience and understanding as we all adjust to these changes.

Sincerely,

The Travis Core Enrichment Team

- **Sharon Dodd**, PE Coach (ssipps@houstonisd.org)
- **Danetta Keevill**, Creative Movement Teacher (dkeevill@houstonisd.org)
- **Summer Quinones**, Art Teacher (Danielle.Quinones@houstonisd.org)
- **Theresa Sims**, Librarian (tvetrano@houstonisd.org)

- **Rachel Wadler**, Music Teacher (rwadler@houstonisd.org)

COMING SOON: MARATHON KIDS!

Marathon Kids is a running/physical activity program that promotes life-long fitness habits. They are currently celebrating 25 years of running, and Travis Elementary has been running with Marathon Kids for nearly 20 of those 25 years! Read this feature article about Marathon Kids at Travis Elementary:

<https://marathonkids.org/for-travis-elementary-students-movement-means-a-lifetime-of-good-health/>.

Starting in January, Travis will be implementing a **Run in 2021** Campaign, where *every* Travis student will have free access to all that Marathon Kids has to offer. Our students will have the opportunity to set running goals and strive to complete them before the end of the school year. We will ring in the New Year with a Kick-Off Celebration in January. More details forthcoming. For more information about Marathon Kids, contact me (Coach Dodd) at ssipps@houstonisd.org or go to <https://marathonkids.org/>. Watch these short inspirational videos about Marathon Kids:

25 Years of Running <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q-uMhY6WYo>

Run with

Me! https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mtiM5XXIK1c&list=PL4I2lLo8ipAEOks3bsBcX4qsqSjFVc_6S.

-- **Sharon Dodd** (ssipps@houstonisd.org)

TRAVIS FOUNDATION UPDATES

The Foundation has been busy since the start of the school year working to make sure our teachers and staff are prepared for virtual as well as face-to-face learning. As part of our commitment to funding investments that deliver long-term, positive impact to the entire Travis Elementary Community, we are pleased to share a few of our recently funded grants:

- Document cameras for teachers to enhance virtual learning
- Infrared thermometers for every school wellness station
- New laptops for EVERY Travis Teacher

Check out [THIS](#) video we shared on our Facebook page. None of these things could have been possible without the support of our amazing Travis community and for that, we want to say "THANK YOU!!" Follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) for more Travis Foundation updates! Want to help support upcoming grant requests? You can set up a one time or recurring donation here: <http://travisfoundation.org/donations>.

11TH STREET BIKEWAY PROJECT – VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING

The City of Houston will host a virtual public meeting on **Wednesday, Dec. 16 at 6:30 p.m.** to provide an update on the 11th Street Bikeway project. This includes addressing intersections along the corridor, such as 11th Street and Nicholson St. Join the meeting using this link: <https://bit.ly/11thBikeway>. It can be accessed via the Microsoft Teams application (free to download) or web browser, such as Google Chrome. Please see attached flyer for additional information: [11th Street Bikeway Virtual Public Meeting 12-16-20.jpg](#).

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!

WINTER BREAK

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