



## TUESDAY E-FOLDER – December 15, 2020

Dear Travis Families,

As we near the end of this most extraordinary calendar year, I want to thank you again for all your support in 2020. Through thick and thin, the spirit and connectedness of this strong community of students, families, and educators shines on. Bring on 2021!

I wish you a peaceful holiday season and a joyful winter break.

Sincerely,

Tom Day, Principal

**Here are items to note for the Week of December 14-18, 2020:**

### LOST & FOUND

Is your child missing a jacket, water bottle, book, or toy? The Lost & Found is brimming with beloved belongings, and yours could be one of them. Please make sure to stop by during school hours and check for your child(ren)'s missing belongings before items are donated. The Lost & Found is conveniently located in the foyer across from the office near the front entrances to the school.

### COMING SOON: MARATHON KIDS!

Travis will ring in the New Year with a Marathon Kids Kick-Off Celebration in January. More details are forthcoming. What is Marathon Kids? Marathon Kids is a non-profit organization with a mission to get kids moving. It is an excellent program for virtual learning students as well as in-person students. This year at Travis *every* student will have free access to all that Marathon Kids has to offer. Parents, you will soon receive an email invite from Marathon Kids with an opportunity to track your student's progress. **If you choose to create an account with Marathon Kids, you must use the same email address to create your account that you received the invite from.** This is needed to correctly link you to your child's dashboard. Watch this short video for directions: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rIFnRxFPDJA>. In our Marathon Kids *Run in 2021* campaign, students will have the opportunity to set running goals and strive to complete them before the end of the school year. For more information about Marathon Kids, go to <https://marathonkids.org/> or contact me at [ssipps@houstonisd.org](mailto:ssipps@houstonisd.org). – Coach Sharon Dodd, Travis P.E. Teacher

### ART UPDATE FROM MRS. Q

I want to thank all of the families who have signed up for Artsonia and who have supported our Travis art program. Your students have loved being able to share what we are working on in the classroom. I have personally loved seeing all the masterpieces created by both our face-to-face and virtual students each week! When we return from winter break, we will begin to prep for our spring art show, which will

highlight what makes our Travis artists unique and special. More information on that is forthcoming. Stay tuned! If you are looking for some art enrichment over winter break, please note that the virtual art room has been given a winter makeover. I hope you all enjoy your winter break! – **Summer Quinones (“Mrs. Q”), Travis Art Teacher** ([danielle.quinones@houstonisd.org](mailto:danielle.quinones@houstonisd.org))

## **2<sup>ND</sup> SIX WEEKS REPORT CARDS**

Are now available for viewing on the HISD Connect Parent Portal. A copy can also be requested from the Travis office by emailing Dolores Messa at [dmessa@houstonisd.org](mailto:dmessa@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>.

## **11<sup>TH</sup> STREET BIKEWAY PROJECT – VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING**

The City of Houston will host a virtual public meeting on **Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.** to provide an update on the 11<sup>th</sup> Street Bikeway project. This includes addressing intersections along the corridor, such as 11<sup>th</sup> 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](#).

## **YOUTH AND FAMILY SURVEY**

The City of Houston and the Mayor's Office of Education is collecting personal experiences and narratives on the experiences of youth and families in the City. We would love to know from YOU about the challenges, needs, and supports for children across the city. Please fill out this survey and share your experiences! The survey closes **Sunday, Dec. 20**. To take the survey in English, click [HERE](#). To take the survey in Spanish, click [HERE](#).

## **WINTER BREAK**

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

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Below are links to additional flyers/letters for this week:

- [Lost Forest Tennis HOLIDAY CAMPS 20-21.pdf](#)

Thanks again!