



TUESDAY E-FOLDER – February 9, 2021

Dear Travis Families,

As nature would have it, we had a second positive case of COVID-19 crop up at my house, which has added a little more time to my quarantine period. I have remained symptom-free, connected to the school virtually, and (pending clearance of protocols) hope to be back on campus very soon.

Sincerely,
Tom Day, Principal

Here are items to note for the Week of February 8-12, 2021:

VIRTUAL KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP

Incoming and prospective Kindergarten families for the 2021-2022 school year that reside within the Travis attendance boundaries are invited to join us for a virtual Kindergarten Roundup session. The event will take place **via Microsoft Teams Live Event** on **Friday** from 12:30-1:30 p.m. For the **meeting link** and more information, see the **event flyer** here: [2021-2022 Kinder Round-Up.pdf](#).

3rd 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.

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 couple of our recently funded grants:

- **13 Laptop Charging Carts**
 - Have you ever thought about the logistics of charging 300+ laptops? These carts are essential for keeping all of our new technology secure, charged and ready to serve our children and teachers every day.
- **Dan St. Romain Teacher Professional Development**
 - Dan St. Romain is a national education consultant who provides staff development and consultative services to K-12 educators. He is passionate about helping individuals shift their perspective on behavior, understanding the best ways to provide support given the challenges posed in today's society. He regularly presents on topics impacting school climate, brain-based instruction, developmentally appropriate education practices and presentation skills.
 - Providing our teachers with high quality professional development opportunities is one of the ways we strengthen Travis as a leading, innovative learning environment.

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!!"

Want to help support upcoming grant requests? You can set up a one time or recurring donation here: <http://travisfoundation.org/donations>

Follow us for more Travis Foundation updates!

- Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/WBTravisFoundation/>
- Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/williamsbtravisfoundation/>

ATTENTION TRAVIS SCOUTS!

To show support for our wonderful Travis family and to foster community, your Scout leaders are encouraging Scouts to wear uniforms and/or scouting gear on the last day of each week as they feel comfortable doing so! Scouts will also be helping with the Tiger TV morning announcements by leading the pledges and providing a character-building message. If you have questions, or if your scout would like to sign up for morning announcements, please reach out to Cubmaster **Jason Lewis** cjlewis610@gmail.com or Troop Leader **Lauren Lindsay** laurenpfa@bellsouth.net.

WORLD CULTURES FAMILY NIGHT

The Travis PTA is excited to announce that World Cultures Family Night 2021 is coming to your home! That's right, we will join each other virtually on **Wednesday, Feb. 24** from 6:00-7:30pm via zoom. We will take advantage of the breakout room feature to have students/families visit each country.

If you are interested in hosting a breakout room to present on a country, we ask that you prepare a 5-10 minute presentation to share when students come into your "room". There, you can share facts and information about your country, its importance to you, examples of food (cooked if you would like to show off your skills!), a decorated table set up/board or backdrop, costumes, a few slides to share ... it is entirely up to you! Students will be given a room change announcement about every 10 minutes, so you should have groups rotating through just as you would with a table at our traditional face-to-face event. Sign up [HERE](#) to choose your country!

In addition to the event on the 24th, if you are interested in recording a longer cooking, crafting, or country-specific video to be shared that week, we are looking for a few folks to share a more in-depth experience that can be done at any time for those that either cannot make the virtual event or want to have something to do with their kiddo on their own time. Please email me if you are interested in this opportunity. [Andrea Mitchen, VP Programs](#).

TALENT TUESDAY IS BACK

We have missed seeing our talented Tigers, and we know you are out there! Whether it be dance, music, art, soccer trick shots, or 100 digits of Pi memorized – let's show them off! Send in videos or photos of your student's special skill to be featured on the Tuesday morning announcements and/or the PTA Facebook page! Please email your submission to arts@travispta.org. Video submissions should not exceed 2 minutes in length. – **Mandy Olson** and **Cristina Seal**, Travis PTA Arts Co-Chairs

MARATHON KIDS MILEAGE LOGS AND PROGRESS TRACKING

Marathon Kids is up and running at Travis! The Kickoff Celebration was a success and students were given their mileage logs. Digital copies of the Marathon Kids mileage logs can be found here: [MK Mileage Logs.pdf](#). Students were given running goals to complete before the end of the school year. Kindergarten and 1st grade students were challenged to complete one or more marathons, 2nd and 3rd grade students two or more marathons, and 4th and 5th graders three or more marathons. Be sure to put the mileage log in a visible place (like on the refrigerator or in a homework binder) and make sure to color those miles! Remember, 20 minutes of physical activity = one mile. Parents, you are invited to track your child's progress on their running goals and submit running miles from home by accepting the invitation from Marathon Kids that was sent on Dec. 15. This invite from Marathon Kids was sent out again last week. For more information about Marathon Kids, go to <https://marathonkids.org/> or contact me with any questions. – **Coach Sharon Dodd**, Travis P.E. Teacher (ssipps@houstonisd.org)

HISD VIRTUAL PARENT UNIVERSITY FEB. SESSION

HISD will host its next virtual Parent University workshop on **Tuesday, Feb. 16** from 6 to 8 p.m. The theme of the fourth session will be "Non-Academic Supports Offered in HISD." The workshop will begin with a general session followed by virtual breakout sessions that will include information on district programs, parent engagement, and community resources. This districtwide initiative was launched in September 2018 with a mission of connecting HISD parents and children to resources that support successful academic careers, as well as safe and healthy environments at home and at school. All HISD families are encouraged to attend. A variety of community resources will be available for parents. Registration and more information for each event can be found at HoustonISD.org/ParentUniversity.

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

- [Lost Forest Tennis Spring Break Day Camps.pdf](#)

Wishing you a great week!