



TUESDAY E-FOLDER – February 23, 2021

Dear Travis Families,

As we re-engage with virtual learning this week, please let us know how you are doing by taking this short **Wellness Survey** found here: <https://forms.gle/6kXEwHDNWL6KhJGM9>. Please see below for more information on ways to receive support. As previously communicated, we will follow an alternative schedule this week:

- **Wednesday, Feb. 24** -- Students will participate in asynchronous (independent) learning activities as communicated by your child's teacher(s). (No live virtual instruction will take place that day.)
- **Thursday, Feb. 25 & Friday, Feb. 26** -- Students will meet with their teachers remotely for virtual live instruction. The daily schedule and Microsoft Teams meeting links for live virtual instruction will be communicated by your child's teacher(s). (No on-campus, face-to-face instruction will take place on those days.) For a **quick guide** on accessing our **virtual learning platforms**, click here: [Accessing the HUB Digital Resources MS Teams.pdf](#).
- **Monday, Mar. 1** -- Students who opted for face-to-face instruction will return to campus. Remote students will continue with virtual learning.

Aside from one burst pipe and one currently leaking pipe (both in the garden area) in the wake of last week's winter freeze, the school building did not sustain any damage inside and is ready for the resumption of face-to-face learning on Monday, Mar. 1.

Families needing a **school-issue device** for virtual learning can visit the Travis office Wednesday-Friday this week from 7:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. If your child(ren) or your family is struggling and in need of **social emotional support**, please contact our **School Counselor Leslie Smith** (lsmith37@houstonisd.org). Additionally, **HISD** is opening its **hotline number** (713-556-4636) for families and staff members to share concerns.

Continued well-wishes and we look forward to reconnecting with your child(ren) this week!

Sincerely,
Tom Day, Principal

Here are additional items to note for the Week of February 22-26, 2021:

HOMESIDE CHAT WITH MR. DAY

Join the Travis PTA for another virtual HomeSide Chat with Mr. Day, rescheduled for this **Monday, March 1 at 6:30 p.m.** via Zoom. Get the latest updates on our Travis community. If you have questions you would like to submit prior, please email them to president@travispta.org. Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87502886875?pwd=YWd0ZThNbFkzeWF4UDlkQmhQUUtjZz09>; Meeting ID: 875 0288 6875; Passcode: 802278

WORLD CULTURES FAMILY NIGHT POSTPONED

The Travis PTA has postponed the originally scheduled Feb. 24 World Cultures Family Night and is developing the best plan for honoring this important Travis tradition. Stay tuned for more details! For more information or questions, please email [Andrea Mitchen, VP Programs](mailto:Andrea.Mitchen@travisisd.org).

ART UPDATE FROM MRS. Q

I am excited to announce that our artists have been hard at work completing a masterpiece for our upcoming virtual art show. Each student will have a piece inspired by what makes them a special and unique part of our campus. All students in Grades 2-5 should have their artwork completed or are wrapping it up. I will be working with Kindergarten and 1st grade students this coming week on their piece. For families of students learning virtually from home, please write your child's full name and homeroom teacher's name on the back of the artwork and turn in to the Travis office during school hours or at 1120 Highland Street from 2:00-6:00 p.m. by Friday, March 12. If you have any questions, please contact me at Danielle.Quinones@houstonisd.org. – **Summer Quiñones**, Travis Art Teacher (Follow #travisartists on Instagram: @artwithmrsq and [Art with Mrs.Q Website](http://ArtwithMrsQ.com))

5th SIX WEEKS SELECTION PERIOD NEXT WEEK

With the 5th six weeks grading period of the 2020-2021 school year approaching, HISD families have the option to revise their selection for either in-person or virtual instruction for students. The selection process remains the same. Parents have **from March 1-5** to make their selection through the HISD Connect Parent Portal "Forms" section. If parents would like to keep their selection as-is, no action is needed. The current selected mode of instruction will carry over for the 5th six-week grading period. Parents can also contact the school to change their selection. Please utilize these step-by-step videos on [completing forms](#) or [getting started in the Parent Portal](#). The first day of the 5th six weeks is Monday, March 22.

TRAVIS FOUNDATION 'CHEERS TO TRAVIS'

The Travis Foundation's Annual 'Cheers to Travis' event is normally a special evening to connect, celebrate our Travis family and get an update on Travis Foundation happenings. Like many of our events this year, 'Cheers to Travis' will look a little different. We are working on a special tribute project to the teachers and staff in lieu of an in-person gathering, and we need your help! If you and your family are interested in expressing your thanks by contributing to the project with a photo or video, please add your email [HERE](mailto:travisfoundation@travisisd.org), and we will send out directions on how to participate!

MARS ROVER OPTIONAL LEARNING ACTIVITY FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 3-5

Mars Rover Celebration, hosted by the University of Houston STEM Center, is an exciting educational opportunity for students to gain valuable hands-on experience building a mock-up Mars Rover. It is a memorable experience that may inspire a future space explorer! In this online competition, students in Grades 3-5 will: 1. Design and construct a model rover or habitat to carry out a science mission on the surface of Mars; 2. Work individually or in teams of up to 4 members; 3. Be permitted to use digital resources to create their model; 4. Present their results using video, PowerPoint or other digital media; 5. Submit their presentation electronically by March 19, 2021. **For registration and program details visit**

www.marsrover.org.

FEDERAL REPORT CARD

The Texas Education Agency has developed the Federal Report Card, a Web-based system to generate campus-, district-, and state-level reports with information regarding student achievement, academic expectations, school improvement status, and teacher quality. Travis Elementary is sharing this information

about the Houston Independent School District and our school in the parent notification found here: [Federal Report Card 2019-2020.pdf](#).

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

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

Thank you and wishing you a hopeful week of rejuvenation and recovery -- T. Day