



TUESDAY E-FOLDER – March 2, 2021

Dear Travis Families,

Did you know that March is **National Reading Month** and that today, Tuesday, March 2, is **National Read Across America Day**? Launched in 1998 by the [National Education Association](#) (NEA) and guided by a [committee of educators](#), NEA's Read Across America is the nation's largest celebration of reading.

Studies show that when **adults read aloud to children** throughout the elementary school years, it helps children strengthen cognition and attention span, as well as develop stronger vocabulary and connections between the spoken and written word. They are also more likely to read more books independently in later years.

I encourage you to read aloud to your child(ren) every day -- even older students still love it! And what a joyful and beneficial way to bond as a family. Stay tuned on how we'll connect as a school community through our annual *One Book One School* shared reading experience!

Looking for some good books to read with your kiddo(s)? [Check out these titles and resources](#) featured by NEA's Read Across America that include books that students can see themselves reflected in, as well as books that allow readers to see a world or a character that might be different from them. Readers who feel included, recognized, and a part of the world are engaged readers.

Happy reading!

Sincerely,
Tom Day, Principal

Here are additional items to note for the Week of March 1-5, 2021:

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. This year, the Foundation is **producing a video from our families to the school community** and we would love to have as many participants as possible. The prompt to answer for the video is "**I am thankful for Travis because ...**" We would like to get submissions from a parent point of view as well as a student point of view with a mix of funny and serious. Feel free to submit multiple options for us to choose! **Please upload videos here: [HERE](#).** (A sample video can be found here: [HERE](#).) **Submissions are due by this Friday, March 5.** If you have any questions, please reach out to contact@travisfoundation.org. Thank you!

VEGOUT!

VegOut! is a program run by Houston-based Recipe for Success whose mission is to combat childhood obesity by changing the way children understand, appreciate, and eat their food. This simple, but fun program challenges people to eat **30 different veggies within 30 days** during the month of March, and Travis takes this challenge seriously! March came upon us quickly this year after a city-stopping freeze and a week of virtual school, so it's time to get registered and start tracking!

Last year, we had multiple children who each ate over 100 different veggies during the month of March. But truthfully, if this program gets our Travis kids to eat even one new vegetable, we declare that a success! So, visit the VegOut! Website (www.vegoutwithrfs.org), brush off (or download) the VegOut! app, or print out your paper log here: [2021 VegOut.Paperlog.PTA.pdf](#). (*Due to issues with the app in the last few years, it is typically more reliable to track veggies on a paper log, but the app is a great way to establish camaraderie, and some healthy veggie competition!) If you choose to use the app or website, you will register your child under his/her graduation year (e.g. Travis – Class of 2029). For more information, click here: [2021 VegOut Challenge.pdf](#). -- **Kelley Davidson** and **Veronica Jurado**, PTA Health & Wellness Co-Chairs

GO TEXAN DAY!

All Travis students and staff members in both virtual and face-to-face settings are encouraged to "Go Texan" this **Friday, March 5** by dressing up in your best western outfit to show support for the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo. (Although the event has been cancelled this year, we still wanted to celebrate this annual day.) Have fun and "Go Texan"!

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 am working with Kindergarten and 1st grade students this 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](#))

5th SIX WEEKS SELECTION PERIOD THIS 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.

HISD VIRTUAL PARENT UNIVERSITY SESSION RESCHEDULED

HISD has rescheduled its next virtual Parent University workshop for **Tuesday, March 9** 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

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.**

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

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

Wishing you a great week! -- T. Day