



TUESDAY E-FOLDER – April 13, 2021

Dear Travis Families,

We have a lot of information to share this week! Please read through to the bottom. :-)

Here are items to note for the Week of April 12-16, 2021:

PARENT LEARNING OPPORTUNITY -- BIRDS & BEES BASICS and PUBERTY PREP

Spring has sprung. So ... let's talk about the birds and the bees! Please join us for a virtual presentation and Q&A session with award-winning author **Amy Lang, MA**, **this Thursday, April 15 from 6:00-7:30 p.m.** and **Tuesday May 4, from 6:00-7:30 p.m.** These two live Zoom sessions are a two-part installment of Travis's *Parent Learning Series* and are recorded, parent-only events. Special thanks to the **Travis Foundation** for making these talks possible. For more information and to register, see below:

1) **Birds & Bees Basics** - a foundational talk for parents of K-5th graders with age/developmentally-appropriate guidance and resources for parents on **Thursday, April 15 from 6-7:30 pm CT**. Registration and hand-out links below:

- <https://tinyurl.com/BBKTRAVIS>
- <https://drive.google.com/file/d/16IKqta-ib0ION3xRz59c8lgz5W2e8NTG/view?usp=sharing>

2) **Puberty Prep for Parents** - a follow-up geared mainly toward parents of 5th graders, but open to interested parents of any grade on **Tuesday May 4, at 6:00-7:30PM**. Registration and hand-out links below:

- <https://tinyurl.com/BBKTRAVPUB>
- https://drive.google.com/file/d/1f9WCV_2gMrR1cRY2QPBKHdaj_tBEfCeS/view?usp=sharing

*Both live Zoom sessions will be recorded for any parents/guardians unable to attend at the scheduled date and time. Part of the Q+A segments will not be recorded to respect/protect individual privacy. Parents will have an option to submit 'anonymous' questions in advance, via email, directly to Amy Lang, MA, amy@birdsandbeesandkids.com.

'TRAVIS HAS TALENT' VIRTUAL SPRING SHOWCASE & AUCTION

In addition to our regularly scheduled programming, we have two exciting "Travis Has Talent" announcements to share this week:

1. The **deadline for talent show video submissions has been extended to Monday, April 19th at noon**, so you now have one extra weekend to get those videos turned in to Mrs. Lytle!
2. We are excited to be joining forces with Mrs. Q to **bring the First Annual Travis Art Show under the Travis Has Talent umbrella**. Through the virtual Artome platform, each student will be showing a piece of art highlighting what makes them unique and special. Stay tuned for more details including an exciting opportunity to purchase your child's matted and framed original artwork!

See below for the latest on other event happenings, along with more information on how to submit those talent show videos.

Our Travis students, teachers, staff and parents are a **HUGE** part of this year's spring showcase and auction and **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** If you haven't submitted a talent show video, it's not too late -- just follow these steps!

1. Fill out the [parent consent form](#)
2. Record your talent
3. Send your video to Mrs. Lytle
4. Sit back, relax, and enjoy the show

(Full details can be found [here](#))

All types of entertainment are welcome...anything a student has worked hard on and fills them with pride and joy! And, YES! This year, even family (and teacher!!) acts are encouraged! **The deadline for submissions has been extended to Monday, April 19th at noon** so block off some time this weekend to join the fun!

Travis has Talent will not require a ticket purchase so all can enjoy! That means sponsors and underwriters will be more important than ever to meet our fundraising goals. **Check out what sponsorship and underwriting opportunities are still available.**



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What is Travis Has Talent? This year we join forces with the annual **Talent Show** (led by Creative Movement teacher **Danetta Keevill** and Music teacher **Rachel Wadler**) and a new **Virtual Art Show** (featuring the work of our students with Travis Art Teacher **Summer Quinones**) for a WEEKLONG celebration of Travis talent! (More information forthcoming on how you can purchase your child's framed artwork!) Each night during the week of April 26th, we will showcase a different category of videos submitted by you, our talented Travis community. On Saturday, May 1st the event will culminate with the Premiere Event featuring Johnny Bravo, more from our Talented Tigers and behind the scenes footage from Travis Elementary. You won't want to miss it!

Top Four Ways You Can Help:

1. **Submit** a talent show video
2. Become an **Underwriter** or a **Sponsor**
3. Donate an **auction item**
4. Save the date and plan to join us for a week of celebrating Travis!

For more information, please visit the event page or connect with us on Facebook!

REMEMBERING MRS. SKOKNA

Teachers and staff recently planted a Texas Pomegranate tree in the Travis Garden in memory of **Emily Skokna**, 5th grade teacher and a Travis educator for nine years who we sadly lost to cancer last November. Our 5th grade students are painting river rocks with images of pomegranates and pomegranate seeds, which will be used to ring the tree -- marking north, south, east, and west to serve as a trusted guide, just as Mrs. Skokna did. The tree, along with a memorial park bench, will be dedicated in a private Earth Day ceremony for the Skokna Family.

As Mrs. Skokna served and made an impact on so many in our community, all in the Travis Family (past and present students and their families) are invited to help us honor her.

The Travis Garden will be open to the community for all to visit and reminiscence **from 2:50 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on April 19, April 20, and April 21**. A box of green ribbons will be located next to the garden house. Students and families are encouraged to pick up a ribbon and tie it around a tree of your choice -- whether on campus, in the neighborhood, or in your own yard. The green color connects to Earth Day (April 22) and symbolizes Mrs. Skokna's love for nature and the outdoors.

We hope you can join us in remembering our beloved teacher, colleague, and friend.

SPRING PORTRAIT DAY

Takes place on Friday. Lifetouch paper order forms have been sent home with face-to-face students and photos can also be ordered online by going to www.mylifetouch.com and entering the Travis Picture Day ID: EVTBJV3W. For families with students in the virtual setting wishing to have your child's photo taken, you have two options:

- Bring your child to school that day any time between 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. to have their photo taken. Use the link and Travis Picture Day ID above to pre-order your child's photos or pick up a copy of the paper order form in advance in the Travis office.

- Use the **Lifetouch Snaps@Home program** to take and order your child's photo independently. Photos taken through the Snaps@Home program can be submitted for use in the Travis yearbook. For information and to get started, click here: <https://lifetouch.com/picture-day-snaps-at-home/>.

2020-2021 TRAVIS YEARBOOK

Student photos taken through Lifetouch will be used in the 2020-2021 Travis yearbook (with parent consent). A separate individual photo may also be submitted for use in the yearbook (see more info below). For information on ordering your copy of the Travis Yearbook, click here: [Yearbook Ordering Info.pdf](#). **Order deadline is Friday, April 30.** An **HISD Media Release** form must be on file with the school for a child to appear in the Travis yearbook. (The form can be found here: [2020-2021 Media Release Form.pdf](#).) If you have not submitted a form for your child(ren), please fill out, scan, and email the form to **Mayte Sanchez** at msanch45@houstonisd.org or deliver it to the Travis office. For questions or more information, contact **Travis yearbook coordinator Rosemary Chavez** at 17rosebud@gmail.com. To submit a photo for the yearbook independent of Lifetouch, email Ms. Chavez using the subject line 'TRAVIS YEARBOOK', attach your photo, and include your student's name & grade level in the message. Thank you!

6TH 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 April 12-16** 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 6th 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 6th six weeks is Monday, May 3.

BOOK DRIVE -- APRIL 19-23

Hello Travis families, I am Hazel Smith, an 8th grader at Hogg Middle School and a Travis graduate. I am currently working on my Girl Scout Silver Award. My goal with this project is to create an annual book drive through Travis to benefit the families at the Heights Interfaith Ministries Food Pantry. According to Reading is Fundamental, "More than 80 percent of children from economically disadvantaged communities lose reading skills over the summer because they lack access to books, learning resources, and such enrichment opportunities as trips to the library, bookstore, or museum." Research shows that losing reading skills over the summer leads to poor academic outcomes. My goal is to help fill in this literacy gap by addressing one of the causes of children falling behind: access to great books. I am especially passionate about this because I love reading so much and I want to help make sure that everyone has the opportunity to read and stretch their minds.

You can help us! Have your kids bring their favorite new or gently used books to share with kids who need them. Drop them off in the Travis foyer or on the basketball court before school on April 19-23.

I am really excited about this. Thank you so much for your help making this a success! -- **Hazel Smith**

MARATHON KIDS 'FINISH LINE' IS NEXT MONTH

Travis students have been working hard logging lots of Marathon Kid running miles this year! As we approach the end of the year, this awesome running program will come to an end. Next month all mileage logs will be due to Coach Dodd. This is a reminder to keep filling out those mileage logs so they'll be

complete and ready to turn in! The mileage log form can be found here: [MK Mileage Logs.pdf](#). Here are the goals that students were given at the beginning of the 2021:

- Kinder & 1st grade: Complete at least ONE or more marathons.
- 2nd & 3rd grades: Complete at least TWO or more marathons.
- 4th & 5th grades: Complete at least THREE or more marathons

Congratulations to the students who have already completed their goal and turned in their mileage logs! For more information, contact PE Teacher, **Coach Sharon Dodd** at ssipps@houstonisd.org.

HISD VIRTUAL SPECIAL EDUCATION SPRING PARENT SUMMIT

Will take place on Saturday, April 24 from 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The Summit is open to all HISD parents of students who receive services through the Office of Special Education Services. The theme of the summit is "***Focused Action 4 Making Academic Traction.***" Parents who attend the virtual Summit will have opportunities to participate in learning and informational sessions regarding topics that matter to them in supporting success for their child. All parents must register to attend. Please visit, <http://bit.ly/SPEDSpringParentSummit21>, to register. **For more information, click here:** [SpedSpringParentSummit21.pdf](#).

SPANISH IMMERSION SUMMER CAMP

Language Kids World, a longtime partner of Travis Elementary, is offering both virtual and in-person summer camps and classes in Spanish, Mandarin Chinese, French, German, Italian, Sign Language & English language immersion. Travis families are offered a 5% discount (**coupon code is TRAVIS2021**). Spots are limited. For more information, click here: [Spanish Immersion Summer Camp.pdf](#).

Wishing you a great week!

Sincerely,
Tom Day, Principal