



## TUESDAY E-FOLDER – April 27, 2021

Dear Travis Families,

Here are items to note for the Week of April 26-30, 2021:

### 'TRAVIS HAS TALENT' VIRTUAL SPRING SHOWCASE & AUCTION

We hope you've been enjoying all the weekday talent from our Talented Tigers! Mark your calendars, the BIG event happens on Saturday! Head over to the [event page](#) at 6:30pm sharp to view the virtual main event and auction--you won't want to miss a minute of the action!

Did you miss a weeknight of talent? Don't worry, all videos will be available to re-watch on Saturday! Check out the full program for a detailed outline of which students were highlighted each night.

**Saturday** At 6:30pm, visit the [event page](#) to watch the BIG event featuring Johnny Bravo, more from our talented Tigers, behind the scenes footage from Travis Elementary and participate in the auction. The event kicks off at 6:30pm and the auction closes at 8:00pm to raise funds for the Travis Community. No tickets needed--but be sure to **REGISTER TO BID**, you won't want to miss it! **Auction Underwriter: Caroline Schlemmer**

The [virtual art show](#) is still going all week! Make sure to check sure to participate in the **art show scavenger hunt!** Any student who answers all questions correctly will win a prize!

**The Spring Event and Auction is the largest Travis Elementary fundraiser of the year and its success depends entirely on strong support from YOU!**

Need to skip the event but still interested in supporting Travis? Simply text "**TravisTigers**" to phone number **56651** and follow the prompts. [Thank you for your support!](#)

In 2020, the Travis Foundation spent over \$125,000--four times our annual investment goal as the year brought challenges that many of us never anticipated. While we act as a rainy-day fund for just such an occasion, we ask for your support to help replenish these funds so that we can continue to continue our mission for years to come.

### Recent Investments

- Staff augmentation (required due to continued budget reductions)
- Maintenance of outdoor learning spaces/playground
- Teacher trainings/instructional programming

**Thank you to this weeks Sponsors and Underwriters!**

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**A Round of Applause for Auction Item Donors!**

Houston Dynamo

Kelley Davidson with Body Rocks Pilates

Kumon Woodland Heights

Matthew Johnson | Monica Gramatges

Pengu Swim School

Shelly Anello and Blossom + Clay

Sports Clips - Sawyer Heights

Summer Quinones & The Dulany Family

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

## The Travis Foundation is accepting board member applications!

Do you want to help shape the future of Travis Elementary? Now is your moment! As a group, the Board meets once per month to review grant applications and to provide strategic planning for fund raising and community building events. Individually, the members contribute by serving as officers and committee participants, as well as providing leadership and expertise based on their abilities, backgrounds, and current interests.

The Travis Foundation is now [accepting applications](#) for (5) two-year positions and (1) one-year position (we're looking at you rising 5th grade parents!).

**Mark your calendars for Thursday, May 6th at 5pm to join the 2020-2021 Board of Directors at Fegen's for an information session and Q&A about all things Travis Foundation Board.**

Fegen's has reserved their whole outdoor patio for us so come, spread out and enjoy a cocktail while you hear about the amazing things we have planned for our 2021-2022 school year!

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

Join us for a virtual presentation and Q&A session covering **Puberty Prep for Parents** with award-winning author **Amy Lang, MA** on **Tuesday May 4**, from 6:00-7:30 p.m. This live Zoom session is a follow-up from her April 15 'Birds & Bees Basics' presentation geared mainly toward parents of 5th graders, but open to interested parents of any grade. This second installment of Travis's *Parent Learning Series* are recorded, parent-only events. Special thanks to the **Travis Foundation** for making these talks possible. See below for more information, handout links, and to register, see below:

- <https://tinyurl.com/BBKTRAVPUB>
- [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1f9WCV\\_2gMrR1cRY2QPBKHdaj\\_tBEfCeS/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1f9WCV_2gMrR1cRY2QPBKHdaj_tBEfCeS/view?usp=sharing)

\*This live Zoom session 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](mailto:amy@birdsandbeesandkids.com).

### **2020-2021 TRAVIS YEARBOOK**

For information on ordering your copy of the Travis Yearbook, click here: [Yearbook Ordering Info.pdf](#). **Order deadline is this 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](mailto: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](mailto:17rosebud@gmail.com). To submit a photo for the yearbook independent of portraits taken at school by 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!

### **MARATHON KIDS MILEAGE LOGS DUE IN MAY**

Our students have been working hard logging lots of Marathon Kid running miles this year, and so far they have completed over **10,446 miles!** 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 turn in those completed mileage logs! 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 & 1<sup>st</sup> grade: Complete at least ONE or more marathons.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> grade: Complete at least TWO or more marathons.
- 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade: 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](mailto:ssipps@houstonisd.org).

### **BON VOYAGE, COACH DODD!**

It is with bittersweet feelings that we share that **Sharon Dodd**, our PE coach the last 11 years and a 33-year teaching veteran, is retiring at the end of the year.

With an always kind, calming, and upbeat presence, Coach Dodd has served as an Action Based Learning instructor and as a fierce advocate for brain-based learning and promoting movement -- not just in PE class, but in all instructional settings. She has led innumerable campus and extracurricular activities over the years, including our annual Field Day, the Marathon Kids program, and coaching the Cross Country and Track & Field teams to name a few. And with a passion for whole child learning and development, Coach Dodd always connects with her students on a personal level, not only teaching them the importance of personal fitness and healthy choices, but inspiring kindness and empathy.

We celebrate Coach Dodd for sharing her many gifts with us and sincerely thank her for her heartfelt dedication and service to our community. We will share ways to honor and thank her in the weeks ahead. Thank you, Coach Dodd!

### **SILVER ROCKET 2021**

Calling all artists! Do you have a poem or piece of visual art you'd like to share? *Silver Rocket*, Travis Elementary's literary magazine, is accepting submissions for the 2021 issue. This year things look a little different and our timeline is a lot shorter, BUT we are eager to produce this awesome artifact and showcase the creativity and imaginations of our Travis Tigers.

If your child would like to participate, there are two ways to submit their art or poetry. (1) place it in the *Silver Rocket* box at the front office; or (2) email it to [silverrocketzine@gmail.com](mailto:silverrocketzine@gmail.com). On the back of the submission, please remember to write your child's name, grade, and teacher AND whether they'd like their artwork returned to them.

**Submission deadline: Friday, May 14, 2021.**

### **HOGG MIDDLE SCHOOL -- NEW FAMILY EVENT**

Join us for an **IN-PERSON** New Family Hogg Middle School 'Meet and Greet' on **Saturday, May 15** from 9:00-11:00 am on the Hogg Field. Students are welcome to bring a basketball or soccer ball and kick around (or just mingle) and connect with future classmates while parents connect. Spread the word to all new Hogg families: PTA parents will be there ready to answer all those nagging questions! While this is a safely, socially distanced outdoor event, we understand that some are not ready for in-person socializing.

We will therefore offer a **Zoom Parent Q&A** on **Monday, May 17** at 6:30 pm for parents who cannot join us on Saturday.

### **ONE BOOK, ONE SCHOOL IS ALMOST HERE!**

Year 7 of *One Book, One School* at Travis will begin this **Monday, May 3rd!** Families with students in the virtual learning setting may pick up their book during their weekly packet drop-off-pickup times and/or in the office at their convenience anytime beginning today. Books for in-person families will be sent home with the eldest sibling this Friday, April 30th. Questions? Just email me at [tvetrano@houstonisd.org](mailto:tvetrano@houstonisd.org). Happy reading! -- **Theresa Sims**, Travis Librarian

### **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](#).

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

- [Lost Forest Tennis Club Summer Tennis Camp 2021.pdf](#)

Wishing you a great week!

Sincerely,  
Tom Day, Principal