

Tornado News

Back to School Edition

August 2015

Message from Mrs. Galindo, our Principal...

Welcome back Travis Family! I hope you had a pleasant and wonderful summer. I am excited to have everyone back and ready for a new year. As you walk the Travis halls, you will notice the hard and exceptional work put in by your fellow staff members to make our school look great. Thank you all very much for your hard work and dedication! I hope you are ready for a strong academic year and I look forward to the great things that will happen at Travis this year. I appreciate every one of you and let's all work hard to make the 2015-2016 school year the best year at Travis.

~Mrs. Galindo

Each month the Communication Lab students will be creating and distributing a newspaper for our Travis Family. The newspaper will cover each grade, what is happening in our school, and what parents need to know. This year will be very exciting for Travis and we look forward to exploring the future with your children.

Dawn Bottlinger
Communications Lab

Did you know that Travis is on Facebook???

That's right! We are on Facebook under Travis Elementary Magnet School. Like us to follow our stories.



Travis's New Assistant Principal!!!!!! Welcome Ms. Guadarrama!

Hello, and welcome back to all. I look forward to a fabulous school year. Thank you to our fabulous faculty and staff for all their hard work in preparation for our 2015-2016 year at Travis. Let's make it the greatest year yet! ~ Ms. Guadarrama

As a parent or guardian what do I need to know????

What can my child **NOT** wear to school???

- Spaghetti straps without a full t-shirt underneath or a sweater over it
- Tank tops with straps less than 2" wide
- Skulls and crossbones, drug symbols, body parts, alcohol or tobacco pictures or advertisements, no unacceptable language
- Skirts or shorts shorter than 5" above the knee
- No house shoes or heelies
- No low-cut shirts or see through without a shirt underneath
- Leggings cannot be worn as pants
- No Mohawk or distracting colors in hair
- No hats, caps, visors, bandanas, or head coverings
- No sunshades, unless prescribed by a physician
- No unnatural colored contact lenses or designed lenses

PE needs your help to ensure safety by making sure your child wears or brings tennis shoes for PE.

Please sign your child's planner or folder daily! This helps you know what is going on in school each day.

Calendar of Events

(will be updated monthly)

September 7: Labor Day - **No School**

September 15: Open House/ Parent Orientation

October 17: End of 1st Nine Weeks

October 20: Start of 2nd Nine Weeks

October 23: Walk Across Texas during PE

October 27: 5th Grade music program and PTA Meeting

October 29: Fall Festival (after school)

October 30: Staff Development - **No School for students**

November 10: 4th Grade music program and PTA Meeting

November 23-27: Thanksgiving Holidays/ Fall Break

December 11: Staff Christmas Party

December 15: 3rd Grade music program and PTA Meeting

December 17: Reading, Math, Science, and Multicultural Night - Christmas Around the World

December 19: End of 2nd Nine Weeks

December 21-January 1: Winter Break

Notes from the teachers...

Kindergarten

Welcome to our Travis Family! We are so excited your family is joining our family this year. We are looking forward to working together to build strong, healthy, and successful learners.

Sincerely,

Travis Kinder Team

Ms. Bowers, Ms. Edwards, Ms. Graham, Ms. Perez, and Ms. Vasquez

1st Grade

Welcome to Travis! This years' first grade teachers are: Mrs. Ensey, Mrs. Gutierrez, Mrs. Hubbard, Mrs. Morenco, and Mrs. Valeriano. Can you believe that is 60 years of teaching experience??? The first grade team is excited for this new year of learning, and want to remind you to check your child's planner daily for homework, notes, and news. Feel free to call the teachers with concerns or to set up a conference. First grade conference time is 2:00 – 2:45.

2nd Grade

Welcome back! We are so excited to begin the new school year with you and your child.

Ms. Contreras, Ms. Lopez, Ms. Aguirre, and Ms. Hopson

3rd Grade

Welcome back to school! Third Grade teachers are eager to begin the new school year. Teachers on the 3rd grade team are Ms. Camino, Mrs. Carrasco, Mrs. Diaz, Mrs. Logan, and Mrs. Soto. We hope your student has been reading over the summer break. We are looking forward to the first day of school.

4th Grade

Hello! This year your child will be with their homeroom teacher for Reading, Math, Science, and Social Studies. They will learn in a safe, organized, and well prepared environment. We hope you will help us help your child be successful.

We look forward to having a wonderful time learning with your children.

Ms. Martin, Ms. Ramirez, Mr. Anderson, and Ms. Rougeaux

Eyes on the future...

Odessa College is a wonderful community college located only a few miles from Travis. They offer courses in a variety of subjects and degrees. Check out their website at www.odessa.edu or call them at (432) 235-6400.

Worried about cost? Contact their financial aid office at (432) 235-6429.

5th Grade

We are so pleased to work with you this school year. Fifth Grade is a wonderful time in your life. You will experience an incredible amount of growth and have many opportunities for great accomplishments and success throughout the year. We will be working as a team to help ensure you achieve your highest potential. With the exception of the bilingual class, Fifth graders will have a 2-way rotation with Ms. Horton teaching Science and Mrs. Walters teaching Math. Your child's homeroom teacher will teach Reading/Language Arts and Social Studies to their homeroom class. The Fifth Grade Bilingual class will be self-contained and we are pleased to announce that Mr. Palacios will be our 5th Grade bilingual teacher this year!

Nurses Corner

Hello Travis family! My name is Kristina White and I feel super blessed to be the nurse to your awesome children here at Travis Magnet School! Working alongside with Sarah Marquez we are both excited to be a part of your children's education.

When Should Your Child Stay Home?

When deciding whether or not to send your child to school, please consider the following guidelines.

FEVER-Your child should stay home with a temperature is 100 degrees or greater. They should return to school only after their temperature has been below 100, without fever medications, for at least 24 hours.

Keep your child home under the following conditions:

- VOMITING and DIARRHEA- even if just once
- FREQUENT COUGH- if congested (wet) or croup-sounding cough
- EXCESSIVE NASAL CONGESTION-with runny nose or frequent need to blow

Feeling Sneezzy??? Remember to sneeze in your sleeve!

Colds are the most contagious during the first 48 hours.

A child who has started antibiotics needs to be on the medication for 24 hours before being considered non-contagious and able to return to school.

Please remember it is an extremely long day for a child who is sent to school ill. Remaining at home will help minimize the spread of the infections and viruses in the classroom.

We appreciate your help with keeping all our Travis students healthy and ready to learn.

Medications at school

The school nurse and trained staff administers ALL medications-prescribed and over the counter. This includes cough drops. The protocol of administering your child medication is as follows:

1. All medications (prescribed or over the counter) will be given by the school nurse or trained staff.
2. The PARENT WILL BRING the medication to the nurse's office. AT NO TIME should the child carry medication to school (this includes over the counter medication). This can be potentially UNSAFE should your child or another student get into the back pack and ingest the medication. Medication brought by a student WILL NOT be given.
3. The parent will sign the medication administration sheet with the instructions and times of administration for the medications.
4. The medication should have the child's name and instructions from the doctor if prescribed. If the medication is over the counter, it MUST be age appropriate and have the name of the child written on the bottle where the instructions of the medication is not obstructed.
5. Herbal medications, medications from other countries, and narcotics **WILL NOT** be given. Cough medications will not be given for more than a week and cold medications will not be given by school staff.
6. If your child has asthma you will also need to have the doctor complete a form providing the nurse with specific instructions regarding your child's treatment plan. I have these forms in my office. These forms will take very little time to complete and will ensure your child's safety and wellbeing. Any time the doctor makes changes to your child's treatment plan I must be notified in writing from the doctor of that change.
7. All medication **MUST** be picked up by the last day of school. Any medications left after the last day of school **WILL be Destroyed**.