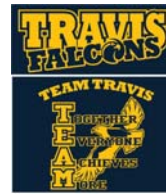


Travis Tales



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“Home of the Fantastic Falcons”

School Year 2011-12

Principal's Corner

It's hard to believe that it is already December and we are almost half way through the school year. It is exciting to see how much our students have learned since August. As you read this newsletter and calendar and see all of the activities taking place this month (and the months to come), know that our teachers, parents and staff are constantly searching for ways to enrich our students learning. We have activities, assemblies and programs in place to help students reach their potential. So, I think it is appropriate during this time of thanks to say Thank You to our parents, parent volunteers, PTA, teachers and staff for making Travis Elementary the community that it is. You are the individuals who make Travis Elementary a special place for children and a special place to work.



After School Pick Up

After school pick-up has continued to improve. On average, students are picked up before 3:00 p.m. However, with the rainy season upon us, expect that it will take longer to pick up your child due to rain, traffic delays and safety procedures that we will implement. A light drizzle will generally not change our pick up procedures. However, during a downpour of rain, we will stop cars closer to the MPR so that students will not have to walk as far through the rain.

Other things to remember are to be aware of pedestrians walking to and from their cars. If you are a pedestrian, please follow the cross walks so that you are not putting your children in harms way or disrupting traffic. Please follow all traffic laws and driving at a safe speed at all times.

Announcements!

- * The blacktop area of the Basketball courts will be opened after school begins for **parking during AR assemblies**. Please remove cars from this area prior to 10:30.
- * Schedule changes such as minimum days generally do not apply to our **Pre-K** children. These teachers will inform parents directly of any school schedule changes.
- * The **Youth Center** is asking for your assistance when your child is absent or picked up early. Please notify them when your child will not be in attendance at the Youth Center.

Operation Cookie Drop

Travis Elementary Students are decorating paper bags during class time for Travis AFB Operation Cookie Drop. Over 1000 Airmen will receive homemade cookies. Cookie collection will occur on 12/14 at Chapel 1 between 7:00 am and 12:00 Noon.

Having Lunch With Your Child?

Parents and grandparents often join their students for lunch. Parents and their student are seated at a special guest table in the cafeteria. Because this is a special occasion, we allow students to invite one other student to join them at the guest table. We do everyone to one student guest to allow room for other families.



Words From the Library

Thank you to all the volunteers, parents and students for making the book fair a success! All proceeds from the Book Fair will go toward purchasing new books for the library.

PTA Particulars

PTA recently purchased six playground balls per classroom, grades 1-6. What an amazing gift this was for our students! Thank you Team Travis PTA! The Holiday Shop returns to Travis Elementary the week of December 5. Classrooms will visit the shop once during the week to shop for their family members. Watch for a shopping list to come home soon!

FAMILY PE NIGHT AT SCHOOL!

Bring your family to school for a night of exercise and fun! On Tuesday, December 6 from 6:00-7:30, Mr. Soughers will be leading families in games and Team Time activities. Don't miss this fun, family evening!

WATCH OUT! We recently had one accident with a bus and a car in our parking lot. Then, a near miss when a car almost hit a bus while backing up from a parking space! Please be careful when driving through our lot.

Dates to Remember

WINTER BREAK:
Friday, December 23 to
Friday, January 6!

- 5—School Site Council, 3:00
- 5-9—PTA Holiday Gift Shop
- 6—Family PE Night, 6:00-7:30
- 14—AR Cut off for awards on 12/19
- 19—AR Awards, Grades 1-3: 8:30
Grades 4-6: 9:30
- 20—School Site Council, 3:00
- 23-1/6—Winter Break
- 1/16—Martin Luther King Day, School Holiday
- 2/20-24—Lincoln's Birthday, Presidents' Day, Furlough Days
- 4/6-13—Spring Break
- 5/28—Memorial Day, School Holiday
- 6/1—Last day of school



Travis Student Assistance Program

We would like to introduce a new program that supports teachers and students:

Who: A Collaborative Team that provides strategies and support, to teachers, related to the needs of their students.

What: Through weekly meetings and one-on-one Advocate communication we offer teacher support to reach resolutions in a timely manner.

Goal: To support the emotional, social, academic, and behavioral needs of students through collaboration with teacher, parents, and other staff.

Objectives:

- ⇒ To hold weekly meetings allowing us to communicate, assist, and support teachers.
- ⇒ To work as Advocates for students and gather data and information to help address their needs.
- ⇒ Brainstorm and offer strategies for teachers, while allowing them to choose what to implement in their classrooms.
- ⇒ Monitor progress and provide frequent follow-up support for teachers.



Is it a Cold or the Flu?

Both are viral, upper respiratory tract infections.

	Cold	Flu/Influenza
Usual Symptoms	Runny nose, sneezing, nasal congestion Sore throat (usually scratchy) Cough No fever or low fever Mild fatigue	Runny nose, sneezing Sore Throat Headache Fever (usually more than 101* F) Moderate to severe fatigue Achy muscles
Do Antibiotics help?	No, unless you also have a bacterial infection	Sometimes. Two antiviral antibiotics are available for Type A influenza
Self-Care	Drink plenty of warm liquids-Chicken soup can help clear mucus. Sleep and rest. Use cold and pain relievers with caution	
Seek Medical Help	If you have difficulty breathing, faintness, change in alertness, severe sore throat. If symptoms have not resolved within 10 days.	
Students should stay home from school until they have been fever free for 24 hours without the aid of fever reducers, and all but the mild symptoms have resolved.		

From the desk of Dr. Dorothy Family Forces

I would like to introduce to you a new program that recently began at Travis Elementary School. Family Forces is a program of a San Diego-based non-profit organization, Mental Health Systems. The program provides counseling services to military students and their families. This program is free of charge to the majority of families. Family Forces can treat any student covered under Tri-Care/Tri-West insurance and can see the students in a private and confidential setting at our school. Children may also be seen in your home or the therapist's office. Students can be referred by completing a school referral form located in the front lobby of the school, or by informing your child's teacher or me that you would like to take advantage of the program. Referral information is confidential.

The Family Forces program can address many types of issues and can assist with decreasing symptoms or behaviors that children exhibit when faced with life stressors. Therapists are well versed in managing challenges due to deployment issues, frequent moves and changes in routine, learning concerns, and behaviors related to sadness, anger, or relationship problems. We are excited to have the Family Forces program join us in serving the needs of our campus community.

Regards,

Dr. Dorothy

