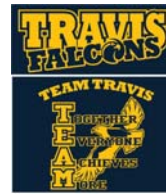


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“Home of the Fantastic Falcons”

School Year 2011-12

Principal's Corner

This February we have a lot going on from fundraisers at Chick-Fil-A and the Penny Drive organized by our PTA to our Band Concert, AR Assembly and Spelling Bee contest organized by our teachers. With a full month of activities, I wanted to make sure you were updated about what is going on at Travis.

Recently we had issues with our plumbing at Travis for the third time this year. Some of the items found to be clogging up our pipes are items that should not be flushed down toilets such as food, food wrappers, objects and feminine hygiene products. While we are reminding our children of what does and does not go down a toilet, please also speak with your child about this at home.

We try to keep all Travis families informed about resources that we have available for students and families. The third and final session of Operation Hero is set to begin on **March 24**. Space is limited, so start planning now if you are interested in enrolling your child. The deadline for registration is February 29, 2012. Family Forces is a new program on campus that provides counseling services for students and tutor.com provides academic tutoring for active military and military dependents. There are also a number of parent workshops taking place in Solano County.

As we all know, parking is limited. For that reason, staff has assigned parking. Please be conscious of where you park so that you are parked in an unassigned parking spot (spaces #16-21 in the front of the school, or other designated Visitor spots.). Thank you for your efforts even when it is tempting.

During after school pick-up, we continue to make adjustments to help things run more smoothly. We are finding that students are generally picked up by 3:00. However, sometimes children have not been picked up on time. Staffing is not guaranteed for after school supervision due to staffing leaving for the day. If you find that you will not be able to pick up your child on time, please make arrangements to have your child picked up by another adult who is on the emergency card. Thank you for your efforts.

I hope to see you at some of the many events we have this month.

Supply Item of the Month!

Our Supply Item for February is Copy Paper! Some of you donated copy paper in January, and we are very grateful for your generosity! We received approximately 35 reams of paper. If you haven't already donated and are able, we appreciate your donations!

Thank you to all who brought in packages of new underwear for our "Clothes Closet". These are helpful when students requires a change of clothes at school.



Announcements!

- * The **4th Grade** Writing Test is scheduled for March 6. No Short Term Independent Study Contracts will be granted for this day.
- * STAR Testing will be April 23-May 4. Again, no Short Term Independent Study Contracts will be granted during this time.

Parent Workshops

⇒ **“BULLYING”** Workshop by the Parent Engagement Series at the Solano County Office of Education. This workshop is for parents and caregivers of students in K-6th grade. The Workshop is on **February 13** from 6:00-8:30 PM. There is a \$10 registration fee per family. Contact Johanna Borrelli to register: (707) 399-4435.

⇒ **Parent Project Jr**, sponsored by the Vacaville Police Department, is a parenting class for parents of Strong-Willed kids ages 5-10. This 7 week class begins on Monday, February 27 and meets from 6:00-9:00 PM at the Vacaville Police Department. The tuition cost is \$35. Contact Gary Stanoff, MFT, to register: (707) 249-5223 or gstanoff@cityofvacaville.com

⇒ **The Future of Education**, by Dr. Roger Schank, Tuesday, February 7 at 5:30 PM at Touro University California. Dr. Schank is the author of, Teaching Minds: How Cognitive Science Can Save Our Schools.

Dates to Remember

- 1—PTA Family Dinner Day at Chick-Fil-A near Blue Frog in Fairfield
- 6-10—PTA Penny Drive
- 7—Elementary Band Concert, 7:00
- 8—AR Cutoff for Awards on 2/13
- 13—AR Awards, Grades 1-3, 8:30
Grades 4-6, 9:30
- 14—PTA Meeting, 3:00
- 17—Last day to buy Yearbooks at \$18.00
- 2/20-24—Lincoln's Birthday, Presidents' Day, Furlough Days
- 27—ATS Testing for grades 4-6
- 27—School wide Spelling Bee
- 3/6-4th Grade Writing Test, No Independent Study approved
- 3/19—Spring Pictures
- 4/6-13—Spring Break
- 4/23-5/4—STAR Testing, No Independent Study will be approved!

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Words From the Library

Thank you to the Franzer Family for their recent donation of magazines! These magazines are a perfect addition to our library and the students are excited to have them available!

Mrs. Shaffer
Library Technician



Notes from the Health Office

6th grade parents should have received a letter to take home notifying parents that ALL students entering 7th through 12th grades will need to show proof of an adolescent whooping cough booster shot (Tdap) before starting school next year.

Grades K through 6th also have required immunizations...

Polio 4 doses at any age, but 3 doses meet requirements for ages 4-6 years if at least one was given on or after the 4th birthday.

Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis

5 doses at any age, but 4 doses meet requirements for ages 4-6 years if at least one was on or after the 4th birthday.

Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)

2 doses, both must be on or after the 1st birthday for Kindergarten entry

2 doses, at least one dose must be on or after 1st birthday for Grade 1-6 entry

Hepatitis B 3 doses at any age

Varicella 1 dose for children under 13 years

As always if you have any questions or concerns about the immunization requirements, or about your child's health at school, please feel free to contact me at 437-2070 ext 153, or arodgers@travisusd.k12.ca.us.

Anna Rodgers, RN
Healthcare Specialist

PTA Particulars

Travis Elementary participates in the "Cash 4 Class" program at Solano Mall. Turn in receipts from purchases at Solano Mall, and we will receive 5 points per \$1 spent. In May, they will give us a gift certificate for the mall, based on what our families have spent. If you would like your receipts returned to you, simply enclose an envelope with your name and your child's name on the front with your receipts and once we have recorded your receipts, they will be returned to you.

PTA Winter Membership Drive ends 2/17. All PTA members as of 2/17, will be automatically entered into a drawing for a free 2011/12 Yearbook. Don't worry, if you win, and have already purchased your yearbook, you will be refunded your payment.

\$18 Yearbook sales end on Friday, February 17. Yearbooks purchased after February 17 will cost \$20.

Upcoming Activities

February 1—Family Eating Day at Chick-Fil-A in Fairfield (near Blue Frog, not inside the mall). Families can present their PTA flyer for eat in, take out or drive thru from 6:30 AM till 10:00 PM and we will receive a portion of your purchase donated to our school. Thank you Chick-Fil-A for your generosity.

February 6-10—3rd Annual PTA Penny Drive! Save your pennies (and your change) as the class competitions begin! Daily class winners as well as 2 Grand Prize winners. (1 each from Grades K-3 and Grades 4-6.) Pennies and paper money count towards the class total, silver money takes away from the total. Funds raised from the Penny Drive will help purchase classroom supplies such as pencil sharpeners, reward stickers, and other teacher needs.

The Electric Company-Special Edition

We have a limited number of copies of The Electric Company, Special Edition magazine in our school lobby. This Special Edition magazine is geared towards Military Families and offers ideas for dealing with deployments, moving and stress directly related to military families. Copies are located in the school office and are free to our families.

FREE Tutoring Help for Active Duty Military and Dependents in US Military Families!

Tutor.com is a **FREE** service for Active Duty Military members and their families to receive one-to-one tutoring and homework assistance. With Tutor.com, students connect with a professional tutor for a one-to-one learning session the moment they need help. There is no cost to schools or families and no paperwork required.

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