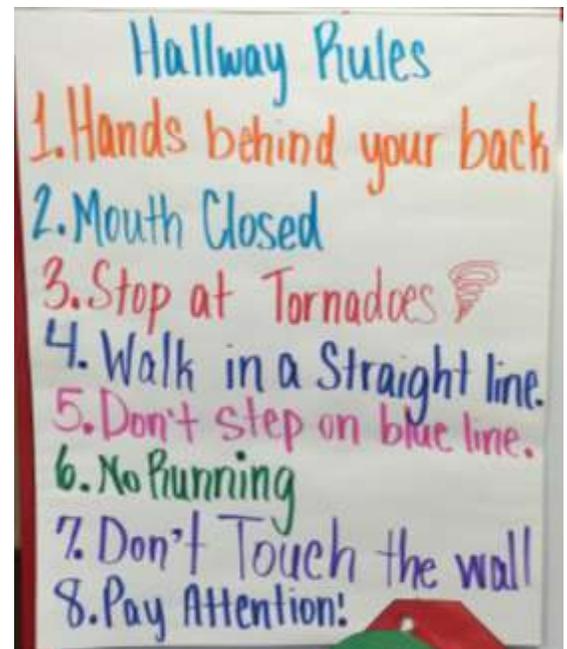


Tornado News

September 2015

The past month has been very exciting! Our students have been learning classroom and school expectations through team work and modeling. The first week was completely focused on team building in all our classrooms. Not only did students learn our expectations they learned about each other. Through team building they learned how to be successful students and super heroes.



Like Travis on Facebook!!!!

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



Mark your calendar....

- September 28:** Kinder GT applications available
- September 30:** Kinder, 1st and 2nd Fire Department Presentation
- October 7:** Wellness Wednesday – come join your child during their PE time
- October 7:** College Shirt Day
- 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 4:** Wellness Wednesday – come join your child during their PE time
- November 4:** College Shirt Day
- November 10:** 4th Grade music program and PTA Meeting
- November 23-27:** Thanksgiving Holidays/ Fall Break
- December 2:** Wellness Wednesday – come join your child during their PE time
- December 2:** College Shirt Day
- 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

SUPERHERO OF THE MONTH!!!!

The Superhero of the Month Program at Travis Magnet Elementary School recognizes students from each grade level every month not just for demonstrating outstanding character traits, but for their class behavior, academic achievement, interaction with peers and adults, class preparation, class participation and a willingness to do and to be their very best.

The classroom teacher nominates a student to receive this honor each month. The students will have their picture taken, have it posted on the Superhero of the Month board, and their parents will be invited to an assembly where they will be recognized.

Month	Character Trait	Description
September	Respect	Treat others with respect; follow the Golden Rule • Be tolerant and accepting of differences • Use good manners, not bad language • Be considerate of the feelings of others • Don't threaten, hit or hurt anyone • Deal peacefully with anger, insults, and disagreements
October	Responsibility	Do what you are supposed to do • Plan ahead • Persevere: keep on trying! • Always do your best • Use self-control • Be self-disciplined • Think before you act — consider the consequences • Be accountable for your words, actions, and attitudes • Set a good example for others

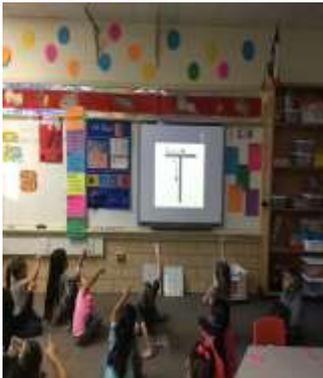
It's all about Kindergarten...

Each month we will focus on a grade level. For September it is Kindergarten.

Julie Graham



Mrs. Graham was born in Ft. Stockton, Texas, and was raised in Pecos, Texas. She graduated from Permian High School. Prior to teaching Mrs. Graham worked as an air traffic controller and bookkeeper. She went to UTPB and became a teacher in 2000. She has been teaching for ECISD since graduating in 2000. Mrs. Graham has been married for thirty-two years. She raised her two nephews and two beautiful girls. Currently, she has three grandchildren.

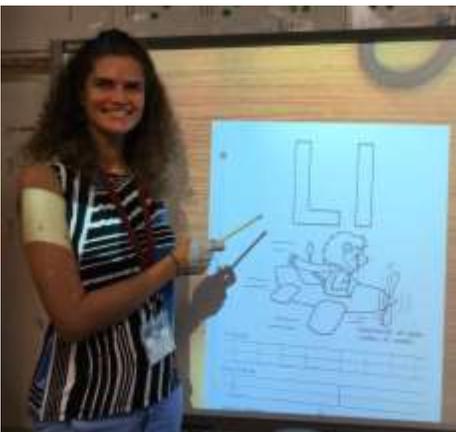


Olivia Bowers



Mrs. Bowers was born in Phoenix, Arizona. She moved to Odessa and graduated from Odessa High School. She went on to college at UTPB and began teaching. She began teaching to make a difference in her students' lives. Mrs. Bowers has been married for three years and has two children.

Isabel Perez



Mrs. Perez is from Alicante, Spain. She is an exchange teacher, who teaches the bilingual class. Ms. Perez graduated from the University of Murcia with a degree in English. She received her Master's in English Literature from the National University of Ireland Maynooth. She decided to come and teach in Odessa, because she loves learning about different cultures. Mrs. Perez has been married for two years.



Whether it's ABC's or 123's, site words, reading a book, learning about sentences the Travis Kindergarten team is ready and excited to teach your child. It may be a song about putting your name on your paper or drawing letters in the air the ladies above are prepared to help each child grow and discover, hopefully, a love of learning, reading, and school. So, if your child comes home with a song they have learned or wants to show you how to write air letters; take the time to watch and be amazed at what they have learned in such a short time.

These teachers are the ones that introduce your child to the world of school, and they do a great job!

Nurses Corner

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 Sneezy??? 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.

Coach's Message



Coach Baeza and Coach Martinez

PE Schedule	
8:00 – 8:45	5 th Grade
8:45 – 9:30	4 th Grade
9:30 – 10:15	3 rd Grade
10:15 – 11:00	2 nd Grade
1:15 – 2:00	Kinder
2:00 – 2:45	1 st Grade

I believe that every Physical Education teacher should provide a positive and safe learning environment where the students are able to improve essential motor skills, physical activity, and the importance of leading a healthy lifestyle in and out of the classroom. Having a positive learning environment that allows growth in the psychomotor, cognitive, and affective domains will help the child to understand the importance of staying fit. By educating the students on healthy nutritional habits there is a hope that they will implement this information within their daily lives to help reduce the likelihood of diabetes, obesity, high cholesterol levels or any other condition related to poor nutritional health.

An influential Physical Educator will improve motor skills through a variety of activities that will generate a positive attitude towards physical activity. Only then can we work towards a better future of our youth.

~Coach Martinez

Don't forget to come out and walk with your child the first Wednesday of every month!



Meet Ms. Diaz...

Hello! I'm Marissa Diaz and I am the music teacher here at Travis Magnet Elementary. This is my first year of teaching and I am originally from Abilene, TX. I graduated from Abilene Christian University in December 2014 with a Bachelor's of Music in Music Education (K-12). I love teaching music and inspiring students to improve in music, academics, and in life. Having an excellent elementary music teacher as a child encouraged me to become a teacher myself. I have played many instruments throughout my music education but the flute and piano are my favorites. I have a lot of fun programs and talent shows lined up for this school year and I hope you can come see all of the hard work your students do!

-Ms. Marissa Diaz-

Eyes on your future...



Located just six miles away from Travis is the University of Texas Permian Basin. UTPB is a four year university that offers a variety of majors. Average cost to attend UTPB each semester is less than \$3,000 to attend full time (12 hours). UTPB offers the Falcon Promise for families that make less than \$60,000. To find out more about UTPB stop by or visit their website www.utpb.edu.



Baylor University is located in Waco, Texas. As a private university the cost to attend fulltime is \$20,369 per semester. There are various financial aid options to help students pay their tuition. Baylor offers 141 different degree programs, and is ranked 71st in the US News Ranking and Review for 2015. Visit www.baylor.edu to find out more.

Written by: Ramon, Jayden, Aidian, Erika, Ayana, Georginna (5th Grade Magnet Students)

Did you know that Travis is an AVID school?

AVID stands for Advancement Via Individual Determination. It is a means for preparing our students for success beyond the classroom.

Fun Page



Color the tornado, then below create your own tornado!

Can you make it through the apple maze?

