



# Dolphin's Splash

The Monthly Travilah Elementary School PTA Newsletter  
PTA President: Bryan Greenwald

## President's Message

### Summer is Almost Here!

We are heading full steam toward the end of the year. Only a few weeks until the carefree days of Summer. Camps and lemonade. Beaches and ice cream. But first, four more weeks of homework and tests! Let's finish the year strong and head into next year with hopes high and spirits refreshed. Hope to see everyone at Travilahfest!!



## Calendar of Events

### May

20	2:30 pm	Spring Concert - Students
20	7:00 pm	Spring Concert - Parents
21-22	-	Kindergarten Orientation – No school for current Kinders
23	-	Grade 1 Career Afternoon
27	-	Memorial Day Holiday – Schools and Offices closed
28	-	Field Day – Kindergarten and Grade 5
29	-	Wootton Graduation
31	-	School Spirit Day! Wear Travilahwear or blue! Field Day – Grades 1-4

### June

3	7:00 pm	PTA Meeting
4	2:30 pm	Grade 4 Musical - Students
4	7:00 pm	Grade 4 Musical – Parents
6	2:00 pm	Grade 1 Celebration - Gym
6	2:00 pm	Grade 3 Breadmaking - All-Purpose Room
7	9:45 am	Awards Assembly - Gym
7	5:00 pm	Travilahfest
10	9:45 am	Grade 5 Bowling Party
13	9:45 am	Grade 5 Promotion
14	1:20 pm	Last Day of School - Early Release

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# Note from Our New Principal



Dear Travilah Elementary School PTA:

I am humbled and excited to introduce myself as the new principal of Travilah Elementary School for the upcoming year. I'm very passionate about education and I look forward to partnering with you to provide our students with a rigorous, engaging, and high-quality elementary school experience. In the coming months we will have plenty of opportunities to get to know one another. However, I wanted to share initial information about myself and educational background. I will be entering my seventeenth year of education beginning the 2019-2020 school year. Currently, I am the principal intern at Dr. Sally K. Ride Elementary School. I have served in a variety of leadership roles in MCPS and other school districts including assistant principal, assistant school administrator and middle school team leader. I have also taught middle school math, and was an elementary school teacher. My academic background includes a Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership & Management, a Master of Science in Curriculum Instruction & Administration, and a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education.

After I join the school full time on July 1, I will partner with the PTA to set up additional time where we can learn more about one another as I begin my entry plan work. In the meantime, I look forward to attending the June 3 PTA meeting and visiting with you!

Warm regards,

Karin Wade

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## Travilahfest

We would like to remind all our families, to mark their calendars for Travilahfest. Our largest event and opportunity to celebrate the end of the year with many fun activities: moon bounce, obstacle course, our famous dunk tank, games and activities, face painter. This year we have Say Cheese food truck, Pizza, cotton candy and our lemonade stand, staffed by our 5th graders!!

Please come and join the fun!

Special thanks to our only sponsor Toll Brothers, who will be available at Travilahfest to show us their new project Mt Prospect located on the Hanson Farm.



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# Reflections Contest

RAMYA KUMAR



## “Heroes Around Me”

Thank you for participating in the PTA Reflections® program 2019. There were many outstanding entries this year. All Reflections participants and winners will be celebrated at a School’s Awards ceremony on June 7th at Travilah Elementary school. Congratulations to the Winners!!!

### Literature:

- Zara Boppana (primary) - K - Award of Excellence
- Ria Kumar (intermediate) - Grade 3 - Award of Excellence
- Myra Boppana (intermediate) - Grade 4 - Award of Excellence

### Visual Arts

- Audrey Liu (primary) - Grade 2- Award of Excellence
- Claire Zhao (primary) - Grade 1- Award of Merit
- Miriam Akli (primary) - Grade 2- Award of Merit
- Aiden Zhao (primary) - Grade 1- Honorable Mention Award
- Alisha Reza (intermediate) - Grade 3- Award of Excellence
- Jashwin Fernandes (intermediate) - Grade 4- Award of Excellence
- Ria Kumar (intermediate) - Grade 3- Award of Merit
- Maya Saini (intermediate) - Grade 4 - Honorable Mention Award

Special Thanks to Mrs. Susan Shenk, for her continuous support in bringing this Program to our school. Thanks to the front office team, Mrs. Karen Foecking and Mrs. Patricia Hairston for collecting and saving all the Students Artworks. Thank you to our PTA president Mr. Bryan and all the other PTA volunteers for their effort in helping me navigate through this whole process.

A special thanks to all the teachers and parents for encouraging the kids to take part in this contest.

All the original Artworks will be returned to the Students end of this school year. For questions email me at:

[travilahptareflections@gmail.com](mailto:travilahptareflections@gmail.com)

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## Join the PTA!

Want to help Travilah but unsure how? Here are some open PTA committee chairs that need to be filled for next year! Please, remember that no PTA chair position need be done alone. There are volunteers for all events organized at the beginning of every school year and the President and Vice Presidents are always there to help out. Co-Chairs are also encouraged for those unsure if they want to go it alone! If any of these positions interest you, email Bryan Greenwald at [travilah.pta.president@gmail.com](mailto:travilah.pta.president@gmail.com).

**Travilah PTA Delegate to the MCCPTA** -- Advocate for Travilah at the monthly Montgomery County PTA meeting held the fourth Tuesday of every month from 7 - 8:30 pm. Delegate is a great way to find out about what is going on in the county as far as upcoming policies, ways to advocate for students and the many services available within our county. At the meetings the delegates mostly listen to presentations and updates given by the MCCPTA board and guest presenters and report information back to the Travilah PTA. There is rarely a vote and when there is a vote, it is a simple “yay” or “nay” in a room full of delegates.

**New Family Meet and Greet** -- Held just before the school year begins this is the first event on the PTA calendar. It is a way for new families in the community to get together and meet other families who are just beginning at Travilah.

Duties include; coordinating with the venue for an appropriate time (usually held mid-day during the week), emailing new families an invite, getting a head count, coordinating and planning on the day of the event.

**Read-A-Thon** -- Help raise funds for the PTA while promoting literacy and showing our kids that reading can be fun! Duties include: making and distributing the informational packet a week ahead of start date, publicize the fundraiser (posters, email, newsletter blurbs), organize and run the pajama party, collect reading logs, give out weekly and grand prizes for participation, collect donations for the PTA.

**World Culture Night** -- One of our most fun events of the school year. This evening event includes food, display tables, and shows from cultures around the world. Chair duties are: collect and keep track of family volunteers, oversee the rehearsal and organize the evening's entertainment, design the layout of the room (pretty standard over the years) and any door prizes / contests to be run during the event.

**Travilah Moves** -- Our annual fun run and wellness fair. A weekend event where you work with sponsors to create a wellness fair to show students how to incorporate sports and other activities into a healthy lifestyle. Duties include: find sponsors in the health or wellness field to donate money for t-shirts or gift certificates to give away at the fair, collect and compile event flyers, coordinate and help design t-shirt order for the students, organize the fair and fun run on the day of the event and give away all door prizes at the conclusion.

**Back to School Picnic** -- Looking for co-chair to take over the following year. Our official kick off to the school year. This after school picnic is the perfect way for parents to get together and start off the new school year. Duties include: finding sponsors, organizing entertainment, running door prize giveaways, planning and running the event on the day of.

**Travilahfest** -- Looking for co-chair to take over the following year. Our official end of year celebration! This after school festival is the perfect way for parents to get together and celebrate the end of the school year. Duties include: finding sponsors, organizing entertainment, running door prize giveaways, planning and running the event on the day of.

**Copy Coordinator** -- Interested in something a little less intense, help out the teachers by making copies. Duties: once per week stop in the office and make and distribute copies for the teachers and administration.

**School Sign** -- That sign at the front of the school? Be the person who changes the lettering. Once per month depending on the number of upcoming events.

**Staff Appreciation** -- Help the Travilah families show how much we appreciate our teachers and staff by coordinating and providing the following PTA sponsored refreshments. Before the school year starts we provide a catered luncheon for the teachers and staff. At the monthly staff meeting light snacks and water are set up for staff. During Parent-Teacher conferences in November some snacks and treats are provided for teachers in the staff lounge. Make and send flyers for the December staff cookie exchange then coordinate the event on the day of the exchange. In May the Staff Appreciation committee plans Teacher and Staff Appreciation week. The daily activities need to be approved and then are distributed to the families via an email and backpack flyer. There is a breakfast and lunch for staff during appreciation week.

**Executive VP** -- Have interest in being president for the 20/21 school year? Be the Executive VP next year and observe for a year so you'll be ready to hit the ground running!

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## Thanks!

### The board would like to thank:

- **Adela Firoozfar** for all her hard work for organizing Travilahfest!
- **To ALL the PTA members** who volunteered this year to make everything we did a great success!



# TRAVILAHFEST PLANNING HAS BEGUN...!

Dear Travilah Parents,

Travilahfest planning has begun! This event is a fun time to gather as a school and community to celebrate the end of a full and busy school year.

This year during Travilahfest, a DRAWING will be held at the end of the evening. These baskets will can be won based on participation in the various games played throughout Travilahfest. The more games you play, the better your chance of winning a basket! As in previous years we will make baskets created by each class as a grade level. (So, there will be one basket per grade.) Each grade level will be given a theme and you are asked to make donations of items to contribute to the class basket based on the grade level theme.

The following are the themes for each grade level. Collections will begin MAY 15th and end May 31st. You can send in your items to the class for collection. It will be helpful (but not required) if you sign up for specific items suggested to fit your theme, at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0F4EA8AB22AFFF2-travilahfest> (The PTA will email this link out for your convenience as well.) We welcome all donations whether you've "signed up" or not. If each student makes a contribution big or small, these baskets will be marvelous as they have been year after year!

**Kindergarten: Fun in the Sun**  
**First Grade: Creative Arts and Crafter**  
**Second Grade: A Gardener's Dream**  
**Third Grade: Master Chef in the Making**  
**Fourth Grade: Calling all Athletes!**  
**Fifth Grade: A Night In OR Out**

Please check out the back side of this form to get ideas of what you might be able to contribute for your child's grade level theme. If you'd like us to do the shopping for you, just send in your monetary donation in an envelope labeled "BASKETS" & YOUR CHILD'S NAME & GRADE. Your generosity in making each grade level's baskets amazing is appreciated!

Each of these baskets will be arranged and displayed the week prior to TRAVILAHFEST!!! Please help us make awesome baskets once again this year and support the amazing school our children attend!

Sincerely,

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