Travell eNews

December 5, 2023

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TRAVELL FAMILY P.E. NIGHT!

The whole family is invited to try out some awesome Physical Education games! Get ready to move and have some fun!

SAVE THE DATE:

WEDNESDAY DEC. 6TH

Gr K-1: 5:30-6:15
Gr 2-3: 6:30-7:15
Gr 4-5: 7:15-8:00

Music Room

(Room 132)

PE NIGHT

SENSORY-FRIENDLY

Quiet space and activities

Yoga Mats • Mindful Coloring Pages

Dice • Books

ALL ARE WELCOME

Ridgewood Special Education Parent Advisory Group (SEPAG)

**** This Meeting's Topic: Academic Inclusion ****

Ridgewood SEPAG Information Meeting

Wednesday, December 6, 2023
9:30 am

Education Center
49 Cottage Place, 2nd Fl

RIDGEWOOD SEPAG
SPECIAL EDUCATION PARENT ADVISORY GROUP

Michelle Lockwood of the NJ Coalition for Inclusive Education will present on academic inclusion in our district. *If you have topics you would like addressed regarding academic inclusion, please let us know ASAP by filling out this form:* Questions/Issues to Raise re Inclusion (https://forms.gle/9A68JRJGE3PKzH9T6).

In addition, updates will be given by the Ridgewood SEPAG, Dr. Michelle Fenwick/ the Special Programs Office, and a Board of Education representative. To make these updates as useful as possible, please email any questions or concerns you have that you would like addressed to contact@RidgewoodSEPAG.org.

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Ridgewood SEPAG

Parent Social

Join us for a casual get-together
and connect with other
special education parents!

Wednesday, December 6th @ 7:30pm

MacMurphy's
8 Godwin Avenue
Ridgewood

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PLEASE JOIN
TRAVELL HOME & SCHOOL
ASSOCIATION FOR

An Elegant Whimsical Evening at The Terrace

SAVE THE DATE

YOU'RE INVITED to the Travell HSA Auction which will be held on March 9th at The Terrace at Biagio's.

This is a fantastic event and our biggest fundraiser to support the school helping to pay for enrichment activities such as assemblies, field trips including buses, One School One Book, 5th grade Circus and more!

The event is a fun night out including dinner and dancing along with Silent and Live Auctions, a Tricky Tray, Wine toss, and Raffle! Don't miss out!

TICKETS WILL GO ON SALE IN EARLY JANUARY

HOW YOU CAN HELP/DONATIONS

We are still accepting donations - your help is greatly appreciated.

Please let us know if you have a good or service that you would like to donate by emailing Travellhsaauction@gmail.com

Any wine leftover from the holidays? Donate it for the Wine Pull which will be featured at the Auction! We kindly ask for donated bottles to have a retail value of $15+. Bottles can be dropped off by the garage of the Kate Semeniak -356 Devon Court.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you at the event in March!!

UPCOMING COMMUNITY HOLIDAY EVENTS

Shared in partnership with the Travell DEI Committee

November 9th - January 4th:

Let It Glow! A Holiday Lantern Spectacular

Hours vary, Bergen County Zoo in partnership with Tianyu Arts & Culture

Featuring over 30 scenes of animal-themed traditional Chinese lanterns

Sunday, December 3rd:

Sinterklaas Day at Historic New Bridge Landing

1pm - 3pm, River Edge, NJ

Tour 18th century Dutch houses and take your photo with Sinterklaas.

Thursday, December 6th:

Hanukkah Menorah Lighting

5:30 - 6PM, Van Neste Square, Ridgewood

Saturday, December 23rd:

Forces of Nature Dance Theater, a Kwanzaa Celebration

3:00pm, NJPAC, Newark, NJ

Please note: These events are not sponsored by or affiliated in any way with the Travell DEI Committee.

On March 9, 2024 we invite EVERYONE to join us for an elegant, whimsical evening in support of Travell's enrichment programming and the Home & School Association.

BUT... before we can all enjoy a fun night with friends,
WE NEED YOUR HELP to make it a success.

How to Help:

Fancy yourself a decorator? Or simply a solid follower of decor instruction? Sign up for the **decorating committee** and help make the space amazing!

As an auction, we need the goods to auction off! Help us invite community partners to donate goods and/or services in support of our students. We can provide the script and all the details. OR, if you'd rather just go pick up the secured items, we can use your driving skills!
Sign up for the **donation committee**.

Baskets need wrapping - help us assemble all the goodies and certificates into baskets, and wrap them pretty for the silent auction.
Sign up for the **basket committee.**

ALSO...**Everyone has something to offer**...do you teach yoga or dance, etc.? Landscape? Consult? Craft? Share what you do by donating your time and/or services towards a basket for the Silent Auction. Anything goes and we welcome your creativity in donating. Think you might have something to contribute -- let us know: TravellHSAauction@gmail.com

yearbook

SUBMIT PHOTOS FOR THE 2023-2024 YEARBOOK!

First Day of School, Back to School BBQ...
let's make memories!

Travellyearbookphotos@gmail.com

ANNUAL FAMILY DUES

DIRECTORY IS LIVE

The Travell HSA Membership Dues are a small donation we request from ALL families to help fund enrichment programs that enhance the educational experience of all Travell students. These programs include assemblies, author visits, community building events, Science Fair, International Expo, and more!

****ANNUAL DUES ARE $35 PER FAMILY*** *and can be paid through Community Pass (link and instructions below).*

Payment of annual dues also grants you access to the Directory where you can find your friends' and classmates' contact information. This will be live in early fall once the District has uploaded the information from Skyward.

Community Pass Link:
register.capturepoint.com/reg/login.cfm

Sign in --> "Ridgewood HSA - Travell Elementary" --> verify info on next two pages --> choose ONE of your Travell students & their teacher from the drop down --> click through to choose the DUES payment option and complete transaction.

GroupSpot

TRAVELL HSA

HSAs on Groupspot!

Hi Parents & Sta !

Welcome back! We hope you had a terrific summer.

As you may have guessed, our schools have been extremely busy behind-the-scenes getting ready for the new school year. If we learned anything from the past few years, we need to be flexible and nimble with our communications. When things can change quickly, having access to the most up-to-date information is paramount.

To help us stay on top of these changes and elevate our weekly school news, we are once again working with Ridgewood-based company, GroupSpot. These mobile-first communications will supplement HSA News which will continue on a weekly basis by email.

Additionally, GroupSpot will continue as the home of our mobile directory. The directory will be available next month for those who pay their HSA dues. The school directory includes contact details for students and families, sta and faculty, HSA Committees, HSA Partners, and important School information as well. You can sign up and pay your dues today to start accessing school news and reserving your copy of the mobile directory.

Joining GroupSpot is easy:

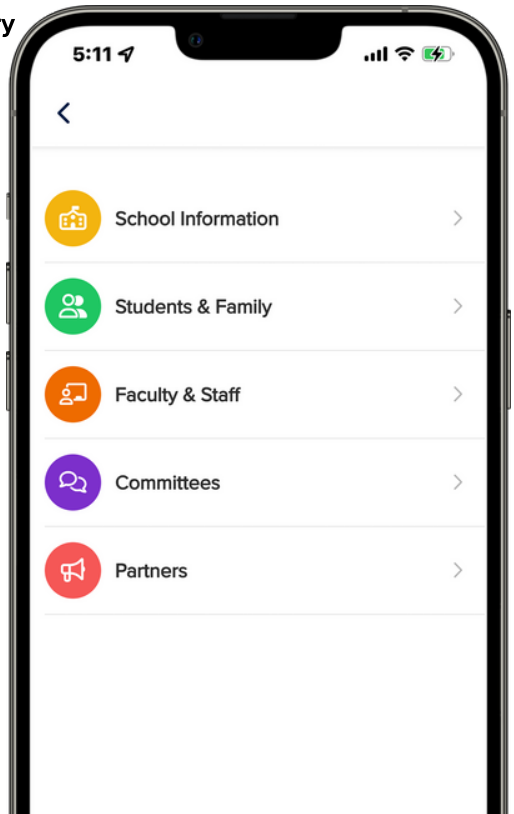
Visit the app store on your smartphone and download GroupSpot. Once you've created your account, use the mobile invite link below to access your school group.

- Download the GroupSpot app from your respective app store
- Open the app & create a GroupSpot account
- Use the invite code below to access the group
- Answer a few background questions & request to join **School Directory**
- Once approved, start enjoying your new app **Travell Elementary HSA**

School Group Name: **Travell Elementary HSA**
Invite Link: https://go.groupspot.app/z4xn
Invite Code: **z4xn**

We look forward to seeing you on GroupSpot!

– Kim Ramirez, President
– Jess Auerbach, Co-Directory Chair
– Jess Vartughian, Co-Directory Chair



Be sure to check the GroupSpot calendar feed for important dates such as General HSA meetings, no-school-days, deadlines, etc.