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GENERAL HSA MEETING (9/20, 9:00am)



- **BTS BBQ (9/22) - Ticket sales close Wed on Comm Pass**
- SEPAG Activities Fair (9/20)
- Portrait Fundraiser with Ash V. (9/23)
- School Photos (9/27 & 9/28)
- Parent Social (10/14) - Everyone welcome!
- Clothing Drive (10/14) - Save the Date!
- Girl Scouts: Join GS! + Bonfire (10/13)
- Join Cub Scouts
- Grade 3 Drama Workshop w/Porchlight
- Travell Dads' Bball (Monday nights)
- NEW: Birthday Books
- Annual HSA Dues (& Directory Access)



GroupSpot

Join GroupSpot for the most up to date info!

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.

School Group Name: Travell Elementary HSA

Invite Code: z4xn



MEETING



General HSA Meeting

Wednesday, 9/20, 9:00am

Join us in-person at Travell
or virtual:

[Google Meet Link](#)

BRING ID FOR
BUILDING
ENTRY

Agenda to include:

HSA Co-President Nomination, Tom Torre
Principal Ross' Report
Upcoming Enrichment Programs
Engagement Opportunities

NEW DATE!!!!

**TRAVELL BACK TO
SCHOOL BBQ**

**BEEF & VEGGIE BURGERS | HOT DOGS
ICE POPS | MUSIC | FRIENDS | FUN!**

FRIDAY 5-7PM
SEPT 22 **\$15 PER PERSON**
CHILDREN UNDER 2 FREE
FAMILY MAX \$60

**COME HUNGRY WITH YOUR REUSABLE WATER
BOTTLE AND READY TO PARTY!**

**PURCHASE TICKETS ON COMMUNITY PASS UNDER
RIDGEWOOD HSA - TRAVELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

*If you purchased tickets and are no longer able to attend on the
new date please email Jess Vartughian (jvartughian@gmail.com)*



We encourage all families — especially those with students who have sensory issues or other concerns, who may have been unsure in the past — to try and attend the Back to School BBQ this year.

At the picnic, there will be a quieter area - in the courtyard by the playground - for those who prefer less noise and/or who need a break. Chalk and bubbles will be provided as a fun alternative activity.

As always, the Travell HSA is happy to collaborate with the Ridgewood SEPAG (Special Education Parent Advisory Group, formerly known as LSHSA) to make our events as inclusive as possible.

RIDGEWOOD SEPAG

SPECIAL NEEDS ACTIVITIES FAIR

September 20, 2023 at 9:30am

Education Center, 49 Cottage Place, 3rd Floor

**Wondering what extra-curricular activities
might be right for your child?**

The Ridgewood Special Education Parent Advisory Group (Ridgewood SEPAG) is hosting an event for parents to learn more about extra-curricular activities offered in our community for children with special needs.

Join us to meet representatives from local organizations
and learn about their offerings!



Ridgewood SEPAG

Formerly the Learning Services Home & School Association

www.RidgewoodSEPAG.org • contact@RidgewoodSEPAG.org





SEPT 23

ASH V PHOTOGRAPHY



Hi Travell Families!

**Don't miss out on your family portraits!
September 23rd!**

After a successful fundraiser last year, I'm thrilled to be invited back to offer family portraits right at Travell!

I'll be working with a neutral backdrop... holiday props will be available to add in. I'll also capture natural light portraits against the foliage!

Please use the link to sign up! Packages start at \$100 with \$50 going back to Travell! — Looking forward to seeing you all!

Ashley

@AshV_Photography

www.ashvphotography.com

Two steps to register:

- Use this link to choose your timeslot

AND

- Pay for your chosen package via Venmo @TravellHSA.

***You must include your last name and chosen package in the Venmo memo.

TRAVELL PICTURE DAY 2023

Travell picture days are as follows:

Grades K-2 : Wednesday, September 27

Grades 3-5 : Thursday, September 28



UPDATE: Photos will be OUTDOORS
again this year.

FAQ

- Rain dates are October 23 & 24.
- Makeup photos will be offered for absentees and re-dos. Makeup date will be announced in the Travell HSA eNews.
- Proofs from September days are usually available in late October.
- The link to access the proofs will be in the Travell HSA eNews.
- In order to access the proofs, you will need your child's ID number.
 - This can be found on SKYWARD.
 - Student Info (on the left side).
 - The OTHER ID # listed is your child's student ID.

**Any questions? Contact Liz Levis by text at (917) 494-8443 OR
email at eklevis33@gmail.com.**



The Travell HSA Presents

BACK TO THE 90'S

THE PARENT SOCIAL

SATURDAY OCTOBER 14TH

332 NORTHERN PARKWAY 7:30-10:30 PM

DRINKS, DJ & DANCING \$35

COSTUMES ENCOURAGED, BUT NOT REQUIRED

venmo @TravellHSA - include last name,

"parent social" and number of tickets

www.ClothingDonationServices.com

CLOTHING & SHOE FUND DRIVE

DONATE TO RAISE FUNDS FOR
TRAVELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

DATE(S) OF EVENT

Saturday, October 14

TIME(S) OF EVENT

9AM-1PM

LOCATION OF EVENT

340 BOGERT AVE, RIDGEWOOD (TRAVELL)

COLLECTING THESE ITEMS:



CLOTHING / SHOES

- All types and styles of used and wearable clothing (men, women and kids)
- All used and wearable shoes and sneakers

ACCESSORIES

- Purses / Backpacks
- Briefcases
- Belts / Hats / Gloves
- Socks / Scarves / Ties



ALL ITEMS
MUST BE
IN TIED
PLASTIC
BAGS

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

- Blankets & sheets
- Pillows & bedspreads
- Quilts & comforters
- Towels & bath rugs
- Table cloths
- Drapery & curtains



NO FURNITURE • TOYS • BOOKS • GLASS • LIQUIDS • BRIC-À-BRAC

If you are unable to drop off your items at these times, please contact:

Laura - LAnghelone@gmail.com

NAME

or

PHONE

Kate - kate.semeniak@gmail.com

EMAIL



JOIN GIRL SCOUTS

AT TRAVELL SCHOOL

Kindergarten troops are forming now! Girl Scouts are changemakers and leaders. Sign your daughter up today!



- Explore the world around you
- Earn badges
- Make lifelong friends



Email: cmalloyronaghan@gmail.com to sign up

Travell Girl Scout Bonfire




join us on

**October 13th at 7PM
Travell Blacktop**

**The theme is FRIENDSHIP!
Please choose a song about
friendship and your troop will
sing it around the fire.**

**Please email your song selection to troop97697@gmail.com
for approval (we don't want repeats). We will also share some
campfire songs with leaders that we will all sing together.
Bring blanket/towels to sit on and a flashlight--no glow sticks
please!**

The background of the entire image is a dark blue field filled with various colorful icons representing outdoor and scouting equipment. These include tents, backpacks, water bottles, flashlights, axes, and other gear. The icons are arranged in a border-like fashion around the central text.

Welcome back Pack 12 Cub Scouts!
We have a fun year planned including
Rockets, Pumpkin Carving, Archery,
Snow Tubing and more!

We welcome new members grades
1 through 5. If your child is interested
in joining, please reach out to
Kent Mackzum at
Kmackzum52@gmail.com.

CUB
SCOUTS

3RD GRADE THEATRE WORKSHOP NOW OPEN!

★ ACT ★
★ SING ★
★ DANCE ★

OPEN TO
TRAVELL 3RD
GRADERS!

MUSICAL THEATRE WORKSHOP

presented by **PORCH LIGHT STUDIO, STAGE & SCHOOLS & THE TRAVELL HSA**
in partnership with **THE RIDGEWOOD COMMUNITY SCHOOL**

MONDAYS, 3-4:30PM BEGINNING OCT. 2

Act, sing and dance while #buildingcharacters with Porch Light! Our in-school workshop includes a fun and engaging theatre program designed to build confidence and performance skills. Students will work on a series of scenes and musical numbers from popular shows, building acting, voice and dance technique!

8-week program. October 2 - November 20.

Registration fee \$165 per student. Includes classes and materials.

REGISTER ONLINE @ [PORCHLIGHTPRODUCTIONS.ORG/ENROLL](https://porchlightproductions.org/enroll)

PORCHLIGHT

555 BROAD STREET, GLEN ROCK NJ 201.857.3520
BUILDING CHARACTERS THROUGH PERFORMING ARTS EDUCATION

BASKETBALL

Travell Dads' Basketball on Monday evenings at Ben Franklin gym from 8pm to 10:30pm starting September 11th. Show up to play some hoops.

Reach out to Kent Mackzum at kmackzum52@gmail.com to be added to the email list.

**Cost is a one time donation of \$40 to Travell HSA made through Cheddar Up:
<https://travell-dads-basketball.cheddarup.com>**



BIRTHDAY BOOKS!!

Celebrate your child's birthday with a personalized book donation to the Travell library.

How it works: .

- During your child's birthday month (or June or September for summer birthdays), he or she will select a birthday book from the special collection of books chosen by Ms. DeNunzio.
- A personalized bookplate with your child's name, and birthday will be placed inside the book & your child will be the first person to check it out.

Cost to participate is \$20.00 per book

Your donation for a personalized birthday book goes to support our Travell library.

Get Your Birthday
Book Here

Questions? Email Ms. DeNunzio at mdenunzio@ridgewood.k12.nj.us

It's a Birthday Book!!



Donated by:
Jane Doe
Birthday:
9/1/2023

ANNUAL FAMILY DUES



& TRAVELL DIRECTORY

(which will be available on GroupSpot in early fall to families who pay their annual dues)

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.

yearbook

SUBMIT PHOTOS FOR THE 2023-2024 YEARBOOK!

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

Travellyearbookphotos@gmail.com





HSAs on Groupspot!

Hi Parents & Staff!

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, staff 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**

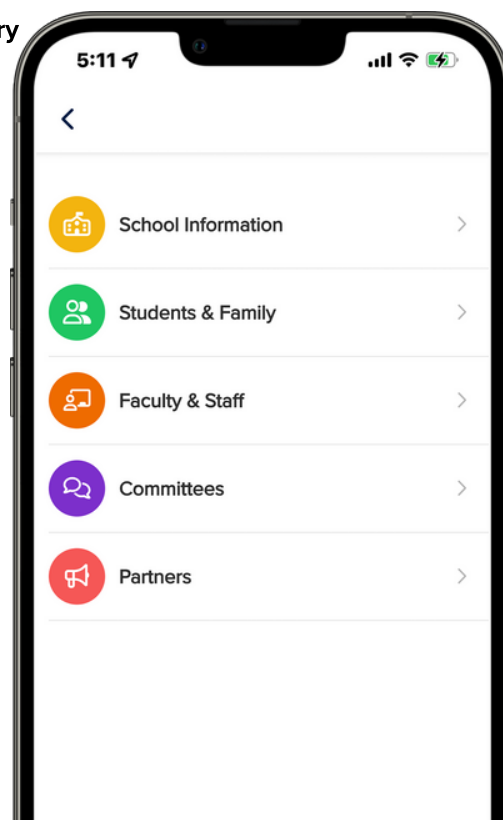
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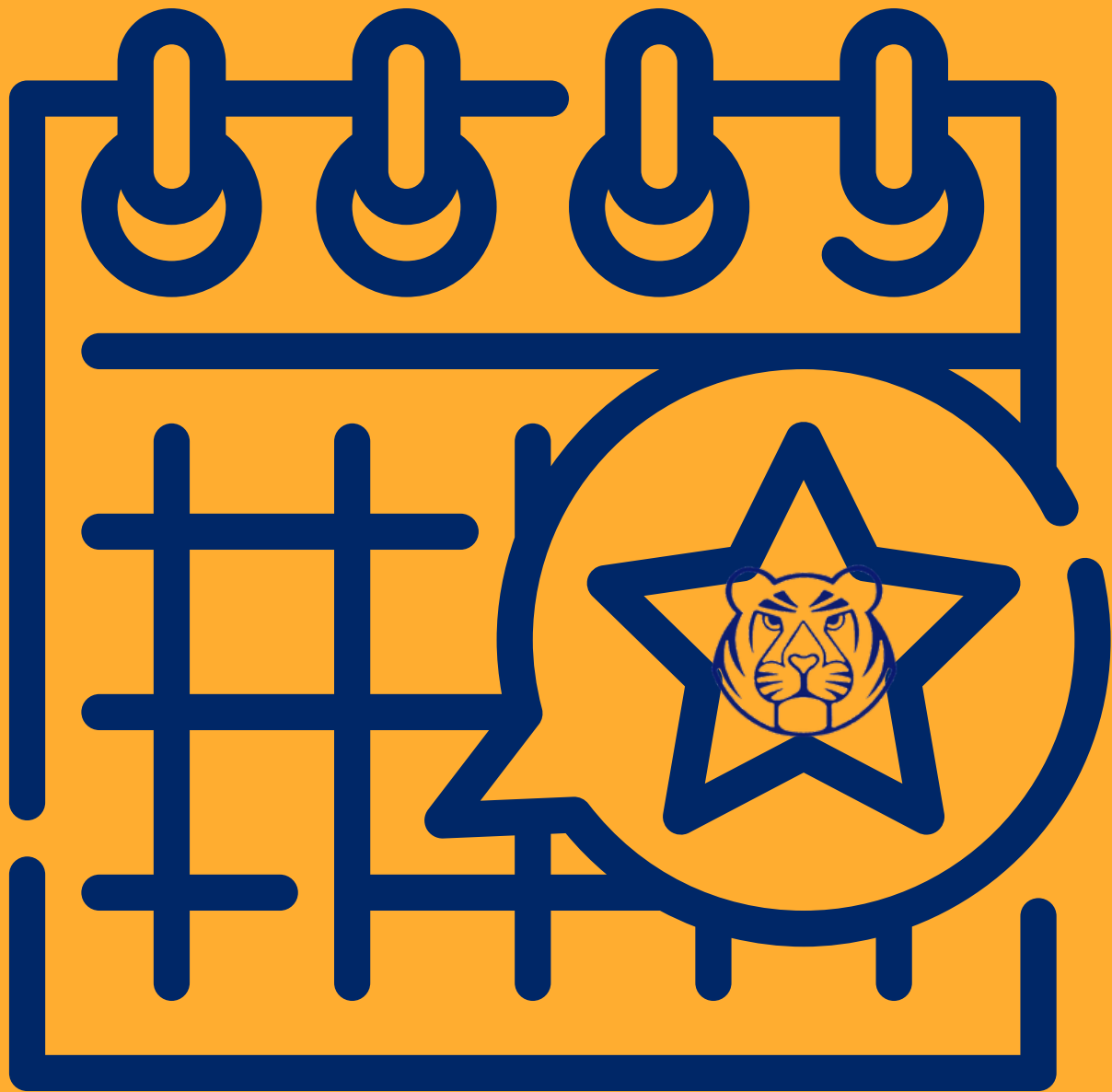
Invite Link: <https://go.groupspot.app/z4xn>

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.**