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Join GroupSpot for the most up to date info!

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School Group Name: Travell Elementary HSA

Invite Code: z4xn

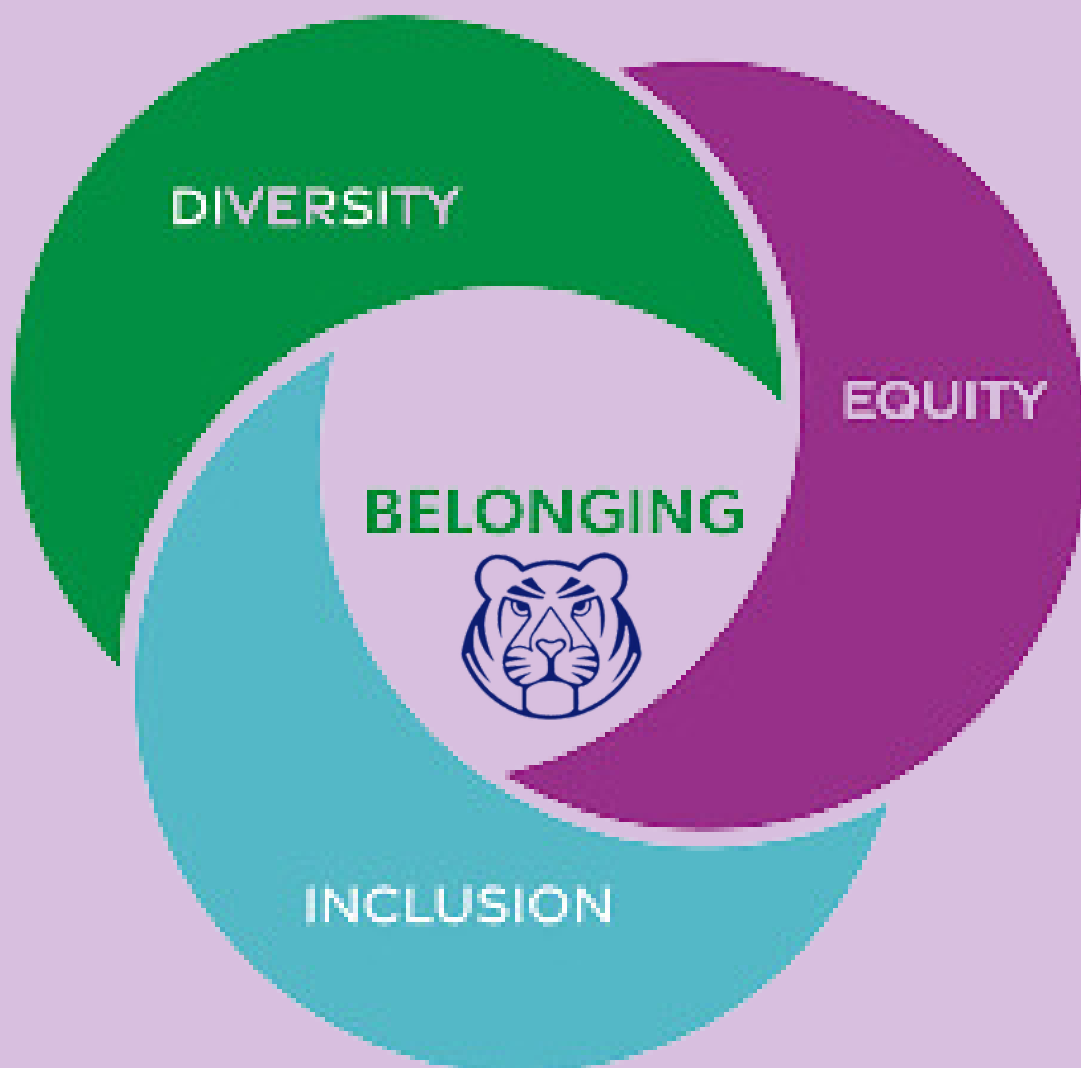
Travell's DEI Committee invites you to our kick-off meeting!

Tuesday, 9/26

7:30-8:30pm

Travell Library

If you have questions or would like to be added to the DEI Committee distribution list, please contact co-chairs Amy Pierre and Shanna Milkey at: travell.dei.committee@gmail.com



THIS WEEK

TRAVELL PICTURE DAYS 2023

Grades K-2: Wednesday, September 27

Grades 3-5: Thursday, September 28

**BE SURE TO MONITOR GROUPSPOT
FOR ANY WEATHER RELATED
UPDATES TO THE PICTURE DAY PLANS**

FAQ

- Photos will be OUTDOORS again this year.
- 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.**

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

PORCHLIGHT

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

SEPAG Coffee Social at Travell October 3



2023 Special Education Coffee Socials



Join us for coffee and learn about the Ridgewood Special Education Parent Advisory Group (Ridgewood SEPAG, formerly the LSHSA) and meet district special education administrators and special education staff!

Somerville	September 13 @ 8:45am
Hawes	September 19 @ 10:00am
Willard	September 26 @ 8:45am
Orchard	September 27 @ 8:45am
BFMS	September 28 @ 9:00am
RHS/STEPSS	September 28 @ 10:30am
GWMS	September 29 @ 1:00pm
Travell	October 3 @ 8:45am
Ridge	October 12 @ 9:00am

The LSHSA Is Now the Ridgewood SEPAG!

Why the change: Historically, the Learning Services Home & School Association (LSHSA) has served critical roles of support, education and enrichment for Ridgewood's special education community. In addition, the LSHSA has served as Ridgewood's special education parent advisory group (SEPAG)--a state-mandated, district-level, parent-driven group charged with providing input to the local school district on system-level challenges in special education and related services. In an effort to emphasize our expanded focus on this central function (more news to come on our efforts!), we are renaming our organization accordingly.

What this means: Functionally, we will continue to serve families in the same ways we always have: through informal guidance, information meetings, social events, enrichment through scholarships, etc. Most significantly, we will be expanding and improving our capacity to gather parent feedback and to work collaboratively with administrators to put that input into action.

Check out this month's SEPAG newsletter: <https://www.smores.com/g98exw>

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

**Grade 5
Circus
Performance**

**Friday, 10/20, 6:30pm
Travell Gym**





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!



**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**

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 & 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:

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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**



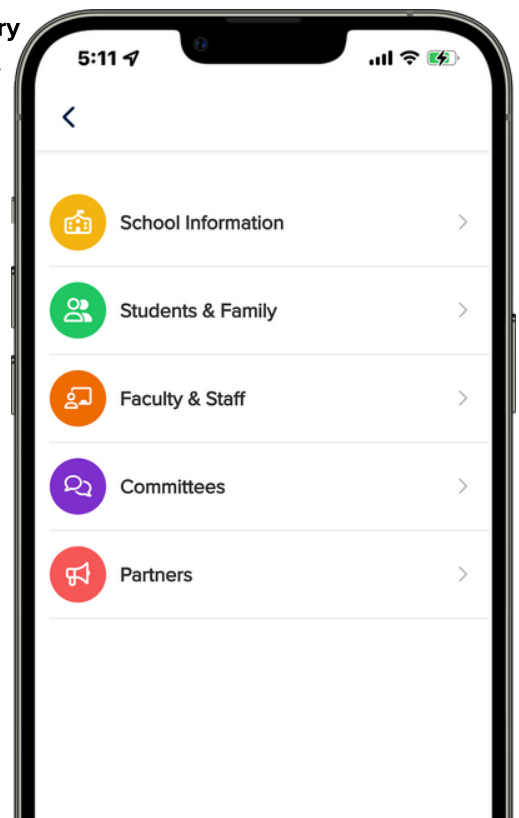
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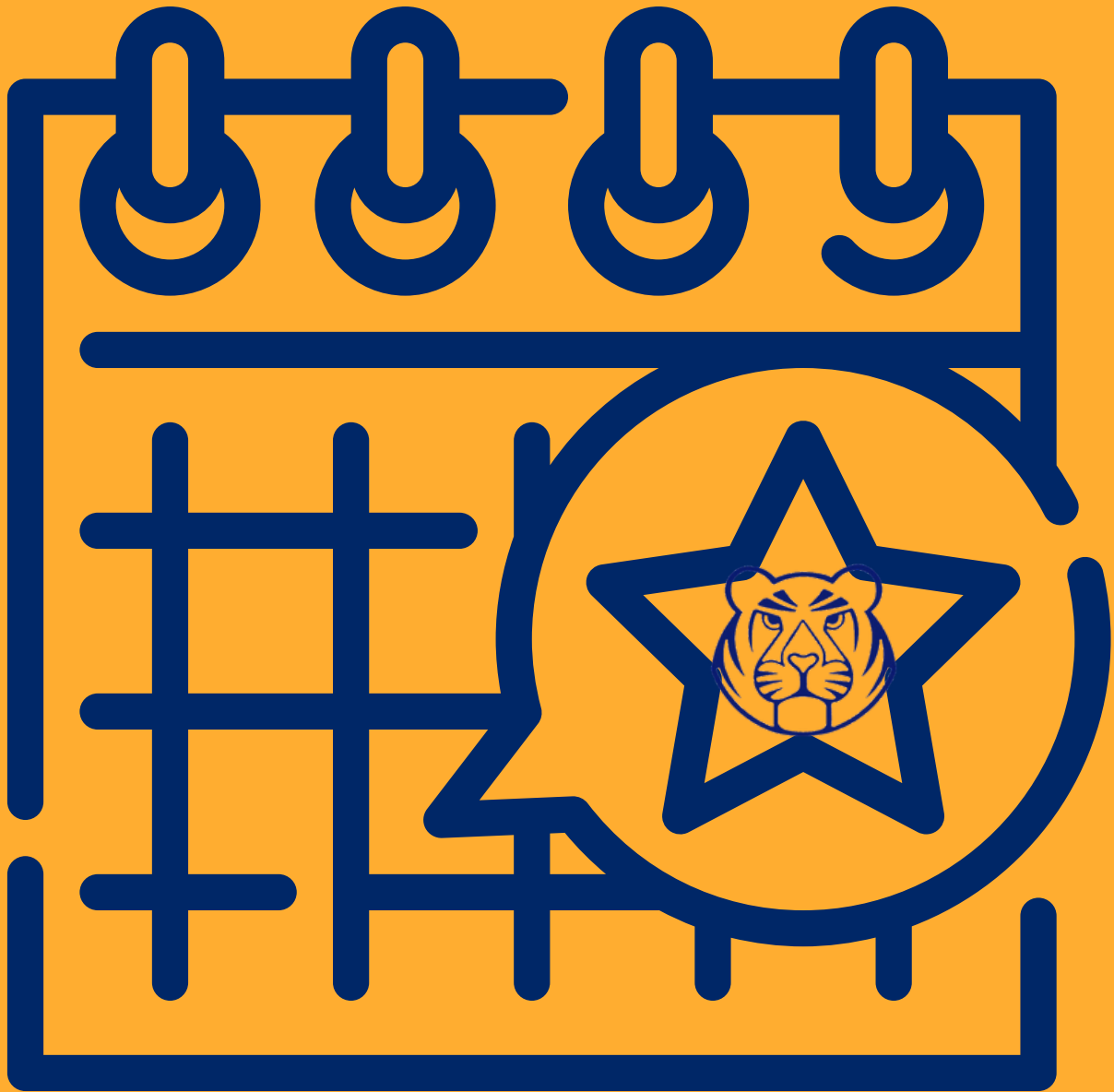
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Invite Code: **z4xn**

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.