

Travell eNews

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School Group Name: Travell Elementary HSA

Invite Code: YzVz





Travell School
Welcomes Award-Winning Author
Kelly Yang
February 8, 2023



We are honored to announce that Kelly Yang will visit virtually with students in Grades 4 & 5 at Travell School on Wednesday, February 8, 2023.

Author visits are a wonderful opportunity for young readers, writers, and artists to meet the creators of the books they read. Consider extending this learning experience through the purchase of an autographed (bookplates) book. (A percentage of the sales will benefit our school).

This visit is made possible due to the generous support of the Travell HSA...many thanks!!

Book Orders due January 17th, 2023

ORDER ON TIGER PASS: <https://register.communitypass.net/ridgewood>

Questions? Contact Christina Morbelli at christinamorbelli@hotmail.com or 602.466.8697

**Pre-Order Kelly Yang's Newest Title:
(Release Date 2/28/23)**



From the *New York Times* bestselling author of *Front Desk* comes a gripping middle grade novel about a young girl who leaves China to live with her parents and sister, after five years apart, and learns about family, friendship, and the power of being finally seen.

Book summaries:



Finally Seen Hardback (Grades 4-5) **\$18**

When ten-year-old Lina Gao steps off the plane in Los Angeles, it's her first time in America *and* the first time seeing her parents and her little sister in five years! She's been waiting for this moment every day while she lived with her grandmother in Beijing, getting teased by kids at school who called her "left behind girl." *Finally*, her parents are ready for her to join their fabulous life in America! Except, it's not exactly like in the postcards.



Front Desk Hardback (Grades 4-5) **\$17**

Mia Tang has a lot of secrets: Number 1: She lives in a motel, not a big house. Every day, while her immigrant parents clean the rooms, ten-year-old Mia manages the front desk of the Calivista Motel and tends to its guests. Number 2: Her parents hide immigrants. And if the mean motel owner, Mr. Yao, finds out they've been letting them stay in the empty rooms for free, the Tangs will be doomed. Number 3: She wants to be a writer. But how can she when her mom thinks she should stick to math because English is not her first language?



Three Keys Hardback (Grades 4-5) **\$18**

Mia Tang thinks she's going to have the best year ever. She and her parents are the proud owners of the Calivista Motel, Mia gets to run the front desk with her best friend, Lupe, and she's finally getting somewhere with her writing! But as it turns out, sixth grade is no picnic...1. Mia's new teacher doesn't think her writing is all that great. And her entire class finds out she lives and works in a motel! 2. The motel is struggling, and Mia has to answer to the Calivista's many, many worried investors.3. A new immigration law is looming and if it passes, it will threaten everything -- and everyone -- in Mia's life.It's a roller coaster of challenges, and Mia needs all of her determination to hang on tight. But if anyone can find the key to getting through turbulent times, it's Mia Tang!



Room to Dream Hardback (Grades 4-5) **\$18**

Mia Tang is going for her dreams!

After years of hard work, Mia Tang finally gets to go on vacation with her family -- to China! A total dream come true! Mia can't wait to see all her cousins and grandparents again, especially her cousin Shen. As she roams around Beijing, witnessing some of the big changes China's going through, Mia thinks about the changes in her own life, like . . .

1. Lupe's taking classes at the high school! And Mia's own plans to be a big writer are . . . stuck.
2. Something happened with Jason and Mia has no idea what to do about it.
3. New buildings are popping up all around the motel, and small businesses are disappearing.

Can the Calavista survive? Buckle up! Mia is more determined than ever to get through the turbulence, now that she finally has ... room to dream!



Key Player Hardback (Grades 4-5) **\$18**

The Women's World Cup is coming to Southern California, everyone is soccer-crazy -- especially Mia Tang! The U.S. is playing China in the finals, and Mia feels like her two identities are finally coming together. Less exciting, though? The fact that her P.E. teacher wants Mia to get out of the soccer field, too -- or fall short of the grade she needs to earn a spot at journalism camp. But as always, Mia Tang is ready with a plan: she'll track down the two women's teams, interview them, and write an A-grade article for P.E. instead! It's not so easy, though, finding professional athletes in Pasadena -- or bringing two identities together, even during a game. As Mia aims for her goals, she'll have to face prejudice, discrimination, and her own fears. But if anyone can find a way to win, it's Mia Tang!



New From Here Hardback (Grades 4-5) **\$18**

When the coronavirus hits Hong Kong, ten-year-old Knox Wei-Evans's mom makes the last-minute decision to move him and his siblings back to California, where they think they will be safe. Suddenly, Knox has two days to prepare for an international move—and for leaving his dad, who has to stay for work. At his new school in California, Knox struggles with being the new kid. His classmates think that because he's from Asia, he must have brought over the virus. At home, Mom just got fired and is panicking over the loss of health insurance, and Dad doesn't even know when he'll see them again, since the flights have been canceled. And everyone struggles with Knox's blurting-things-out problem. As racism skyrockets during COVID-19, Knox tries to stand up to hate, while finding his place in his new country. Can you belong if you're feared; can you protect if you're new? And how do you keep a family together when you're oceans apart? Sometimes when the world is spinning out of control, the best way to get through it is to embrace our own lovable uniqueness.



Yes We Will Hardback (Grades K-5) **\$19**

From creating beautiful music like Yo-Yo Ma to flying to outer space like Franklin Chang-Diaz; from standing up to injustice like Fred Korematsu to becoming the first Asian American, Black and female vice president of the United States like Kamala Harris, this book illuminates the power of Asian Americans all over the country, in all sorts of fields. Each spread is illustrated by a different renowned Asian American or Asian artist. Alongside the poetic main text, *Yes We Will* includes one-line biographies of the person or historical moment featured on the page, with extended biographies at the end. Readers of different ages and needs can use the book in different ways, from classroom discussions to bedtime readalouds and more. *Yes We Will* answers the question, can we accomplish whatever we dream? With love, courage, determination, and lots of imagination, we can--and we will!



Father/Daughter

Square Dance



Its that time of year again!!!

*Time to put on your boots and spurs and lasso your dad
for the Travell Girl Scouts Me and My Guy Square Dance!*

Friday, January 27, 2023

Kindergarten, First, and Second Grades
7:00 - 7:45

Third, Fourth, and Fifth Grades
7:45 - 8:30

\$ 15.00 per Girl Scout

*Please return this letter, with your payment of \$15.00 per Girl Scout (guest is free) to your troop leader.
The check should be made payable to your troop and handed in by no later than January 20, 2023.*

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ance will be held in the Gym and dessert will be served.

Child (s) Name (s) _____

Name of Father/Mother or Special Guest _____

Address _____ E-mail: _____

Phone Number _____ Total # of People _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Troop Leader: _____ Troop Number: _____

Grade: _____

TRAVELL SCHOOL PRESENTS

BINGO

night

Thursday Feb 2nd
at the Travell School Gym
7-8pm

*Bring the
whole family*

Food and beverages available for purchase. Bring your own water bottle to be green

Registration Now Open
Use Google Link
Register by 1/24

NO COST TO PLAY
Just bring a gift for the prize table



FLOWERS FOR YOUR PERFORMER!



Pre-order flowers from Beers Flower Shop in Ridgewood. Each Bouquet is \$35 and will be delivered to Travell School for February 9th and 10th Drama Club Production of Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory.

Pick up in the Tigers Den before the performance.

[ORDER HERE](#)

Venmo Travell HSA \$35 for payment and put: "Flowers" + your child's name and your preferred pickup date 2/9 or 2/10

Flower order will be submitted by
January 23rd so order now!

TRAVELL HSA
PRESENTS



Yankees vs. Minnesota Twins

Makes a
great gift!

Come see
Captain Judge in
action!

\$85/ticket

All tickets come with a backpack, hot dog & beverage.

Please venmo @travellhsa with: "YANKEES" + name, class,
of tickets and best email.

Tickets will be mobile and transferred to you in April.

SATURDAY, APRIL 15 - 1:05 PM

**YANKEE STADIUM - FIELD LEVEL,
SECTION 131**

***Please note** the RBSA opening day parade and activities are scheduled for the following
Saturday, April 23rd!*

Join the Travell HSA Executive Board!!!

Interested in helping continue the amazing enrichment programming for the Travell students?

 Everyone is welcome 

The Nominating Committee welcomes candidate interest for the following HSA Executive Board roles for the 2023-2024 term:

Co-President
Vice President

If you would like to learn more about the scope of serving on the board and the impact of volunteering in this way, please reach out to Liz Henky, Nominating Committee Chair.
lizhenky@gmail.com



SUBMIT PHOTOS FOR THE 2022-2023 YEARBOOK!

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

Travellyearbook2023@gmail.com



HSA Annual Dues & 2022-2023 Directory

The Travell HSA annual dues help fund enrichment programs organized and sponsored by the Home & School Association (One School, One Book; Circus; Science Fair, International Expo, etc).

Payment of your annual dues will also grant you access to the 22-23 Directory (on the GroupSpot app).

THE DIRECTORY IS LIVE!!!

Dues (\$35 per family) can be paid on Community Pass (“Ridgewood HSA - Travell Elementary School”).

Thank you so much!!!

Travell Home & School Association 2022-2023

HSA Executive Board

Presidents: Nancy Joachim-Ventura & Kim Ramirez
VPs: Meg Agatep & Jen Tesseyman
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Technical Secretary: Jess Vartughian
Secretary: Beenu Chaturbedi

Questions: TravellHSA@gmail.com

HSA General Meetings

Wednesday, September 28, 2022, 7:00pm
Tuesday, December 13, 2022, 7:00pm
Wednesday, March 1, 2023, 7:00pm
Wednesday, May 10, 2023, 7:00pm

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