

# Travell eNews

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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!!*

**TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO ORDER -- TUESDAY JAN 17**

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

Questions? Contact Christina Morbelli at [christinamorbelli@hotmail.com](mailto: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!



# 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!**

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# 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





# SCIENCE FAIR

The word 'SCIENCE' is written in large, colorful, hand-drawn letters. Above the 'S' is a drawing of a planet with rings. To the right of 'SCIENCE' is a drawing of a microscope. Below 'SCIENCE' is the word 'FAIR' in a bold, grey, sans-serif font.

WE INVITE EVERYONE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS YEAR'S SCIENCE FAIR.

READ MORE ABOUT THIS YEAR'S GUIDELINES IN THE FOLLOWING LETTER BELOW

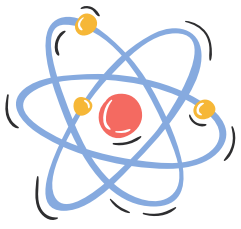


## IMPORTANT DATES:

- DEADLINE TO SIGN UP: **FEB 8th**
- SCIENCE FAIR @ TRAVELL'S GYM **MARCH 3RD**
- SUPER SCIENCE SATURDAY @RHS **MARCH 4TH**

Click [HERE](#) to sign up





# Travell Science Fair 2023



We invite everyone to participate in the upcoming **Science Fair**. Please complete the online [student signup](#).

Dear Parents,

This letter is to inform you of the setup and breakdown procedures for the Science Fair. Please follow the directions to ensure a smooth and efficient dropoff and pickup of Science Fair projects.

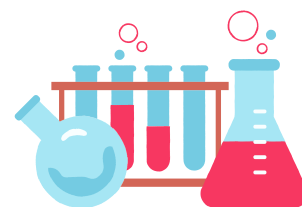
- Projects are to be dropped off at the Travell gym from 4:30 – 6pm on Thursday, March 2. T-shirts will be delivered via classrooms by Thursday morning.
- Please set up your project on your child's grade-level table in the gym.
- Students please wear Science Fair T-shirts for school on March 3.
- Fifth grade students are required to participate.
- Students can have partners but each student must sign up in order to receive their Science Fair T-shirt.
- ALL PROJECTS MUST BE MOUNTED ON STURDY MATERIAL, SO THEY CAN STAND ON THEIR OWN! (e.g. tri-fold, corrugated cardboard, or foam core presentation board, available at stores like Staples)

All classes at Travell will view projects during the day on Friday, March 3rd. Parents are invited to view projects on Friday from 6:15 – 8:00pm.

Grades K-2 from 6:15 – 7:00pm

Grades 3-5 from 7:15 – 8:00pm

All projects MUST be taken home Friday, March 3, after the family visits at 7:15 pm or 8:00 pm depending on your grade time slot. There is no storage available, so please pick-up projects promptly. You can show your project at Super Science Saturday at the RHS:  
[supersciencesaturday.org](http://supersciencesaturday.org)



## Science Fair RULES:

- No fire or any type of open heat source
- No live animals or insects
- No dry ice
- No dangerous or poisonous chemicals (including acetone in nail polish and nail polish remover) (White vinegar and lemon juice are allowed.)
- No food, candy or giveaways allowed during the school day (Food can be part of the experiment)
- No quizzes or contests can be a part of a project
- Please choose age-appropriate projects

**Projects that do NOT adhere to these safety guidelines will NOT be allowed at the Science Fair. There are NO exceptions.**

### Web RESOURCES:

<http://supersciencesaturday.org/> (Look under “Kidzone”)  
<http://www.kids-science-experiments.com/>  
<http://www.pbskids.org/zoom/activities/sci/>  
<http://www.all-science-fair-projects.com/>  
<http://www.sciencebuddies.org/>  
<https://sciencebob.com>  
<http://eastern.scifairs.k12.nf.ca/>  
<http://school.discoveryeducation.com/sciencefaircentral/>

Thank you very much for your participation. Please contact us if you have any questions.

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Science Fair Chairs

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

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**

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

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



# **FRIENDS OF TRAVELL**

Dear Travell Families,

The Travell Home & School Association (HSA), with generous financial contributions from Travell families, supports the school curriculum and further enhances student experience, by coordinating, securing, and presenting enrichment programs and special activities to benefit our children.

In hopes of providing accessible ways for making donations by ALL families, the HSA organizes fundraising opportunities throughout the year. Our primary fundraisers for enrichment programs are the Travell Auction and “Friends of Travell”. These two major fundraisers alternate, with this school year (2022-2023) being a Friends of Travell year.

On behalf of the entire Home & School Association, we thank you in advance for your consideration and support.

Gratefully,

Nancy Joachim-Ventura and Kimberly Ramirez, Travell HSA Co-Presidents  
& the Travell HSA Executive Board 2022-2023

**IN BACKPACKS TODAY, YOU WILL FIND A  
MORE DETAILED LETTER ABOUT THIS  
INITIATIVE AND ITS IMPACT.**

# Join the Travell HSA Executive Board!!!

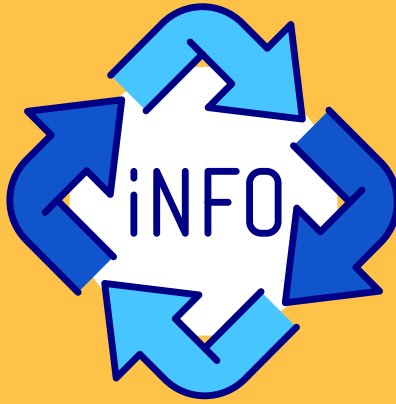
Interested in helping continue the amazing enrichment programming for the Travell students?

 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](mailto:lizhenky@gmail.com)



**ALWAYS BE IN THE KNOW!**

We use GroupSpot as an up to the minute communication tool.

Visit the app store on your smartphone and download GroupSpot. Create your account, search for Travell & request to join.

School Group Name: Travell Elementary HSA  
Invite Code: YzVz





# **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  
VPs of Fundraising: Laura Anghelone & Kate Semeniak  
VPs of Enrichments: Stephanie Fox & Lynn McTeague  
Treasurer: Frank Wang  
Asst. Treasurer: Katie Devlin  
Technical Secretary: Jess Vartughian  
Secretary: Beenu Chaturbedi

**Questions: [TravellHSA@gmail.com](mailto: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

More Information:  
[www.travellhsa.com](http://www.travellhsa.com)  
IG: @TravellHSA  
Facebook: Travell Home & School Association  
GroupSpot



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