

# Travell eNews

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**PLEASE JOIN GROUPSPOT!!**



It is a real time communication tool and a great way to stay up to speed on all things Travell/HSA related.

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

# 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 ABOUT TO GO  
LIVE!!!**



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

**Thank you so much!!!**

# Travell School

Welcomes

Award-winning Graphic Novelist

## Jason Patterson

November 4, 2022



We are honored to announce that Jason Patterson will visit with all students at Travell School on Friday, November 4th, 2022. He will personally autograph and discuss his two graphic novel series and the process of writing and illustrating for children in this popular and exciting comic format.

Jason Patterson is an award-winning graphic novelist and animator. Jason has been drawing and telling stories with his best friend Dan Abdo ever since high school. They love telling stories with heart, humor and lots of adventure! But most of all their stories show the enduring power of friendship. Dan and Jason created the hit animated series *Rocket Monkeys*. They have directed national and international advertising campaigns. Jason is a regular cartoon contributor to the *New Yorker*. In his emerging reader series, **Blue, Barry and Pancakes** are best friends (a bunny, a worm, and a frog) who get into conflicts and adventures driven by their very different personalities. For older readers, *She-Ra and the Princesses of Power* meets Dav Pilkey's *Dog Man* in this high-octane and uproariously funny graphic novel series about **Barb**, a young Berzerker who has to rescue her fellow warriors from the evil villain Witch Head before he destroys the world!

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 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 THU 10/6**



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

### Book summaries:



#### **Blue, Barry & Pancakes**

(K-2) \$13

One day, when the gang goes to the beach, Barry and Pancakes lose Blue's beloved beach ball. They come up with a plan to get it back, but things go way off course. Now, these pals will have to go inside a giant whale's stomach, crash a pool party on an alien spaceship, and survive Duckzilla's volcanic birthday bash if they ever hope to see Blue's beach ball again!



#### **Blue, Barry & Pancakes: Escape from Balloonina-Book 2**

(K-2) \$13

One day, Blue and Barry are enjoying a quiet afternoon when Pancakes bounds in with a surprise-- she's made a rocket out of balloons! And a whole planet named Balloonina! Blue and Barry agree to take a quick peek at Pancakes' creations, but what's meant to be a fun tour quickly turns into an ordeal as the gang finds themselves trapped by the Balloonians, a species of balloon that's come to life. And if our heroes want to make it home, they'll have to overcome the biggest and meanest Balloonian of all-- BALLOON KONG!



**Blue, Barry & Pancakes: Danger on Mount Choco-Book 3**

(K-2) \$13

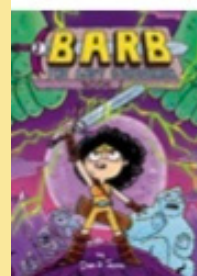
One day, Barry convinces Blue and Pancakes to enter an epic sundae-making contest. Blue and Pancakes just want to have fun, but Barry is in it to WIN IT. He knows exactly how he's going to get the trophy, but it's going to be dangerous. It'll take sacrifice. He might even lose his pals along the way... Like all friends, Blue, Barry, and Pancakes can make mistakes... but at the end of the day, they always have each other's backs. And tops, and sides, and fronts, too!



**Blue, Barry & Pancakes: Enter the Underground Throwdown-Book 4**

(K-2) \$13

One day, Barry and Pancakes want to go to the beach. When they go to grab Blue though, they discover that he's already gone. He's searching for a legendary stone buried deep underground, and didn't invite his best friends to join him! Feeling hurt, Barry and Pancakes decide that they're going to beat Blue to the treasure, but they are totally unprepared for the DANGER that awaits them in the cave of the Jelly Gem!



**Barb The Last Berserker**

(3-5) \$14

Barb is a Berzerker, one of a group of warriors sworn to protect the land of Bailiwick from the scourge of monsters that plagues it. But the fearsome crew seem to have met their match in the nefarious Witch Head. Using power from his magical sword, he tricked the Zerks and took them captive. Only Barb was able to escape—and she took Witch Head's Shadow Blade with her. Now it's up to Barb to free her fellow warriors so they can stop Witch Head from taking over Bailiwick. On the way, she'll battle vampire goat fiends, snot goblins, and a giant with serious foot odor issues (but don't mention that to him—he's very sensitive about it). Luckily, she's got her best friend, Porkchop the yeti, to help her. But the power of the Shadow Blade has a mind of its own, and the deeper Barb gets into her quest, the harder it is to keep the blade's awesome power under control.



**Barb and the Ghost Blade-Book 2**

(3-5) \$14

Barb is a Berzerker, part of an elite crew of warriors who protect the land of Bailiwick from the scourge of monsters. The evil Witch Head has captured all the adult Berzerkers and Barb's the only one who can save them. But she's not alone—Barb's got her own amateur crew of would-be zerks, made up of farmers, monsters, and her best pal Porkchop the yeti.

This ragtag gang must infiltrate Maug Horn, the monster capital where only monsters are allowed, and find Franny Fire Fingers, who they hope will lead them to the Wise Wizards and the power to fight Witch Head. But when even the powerful Shadow Blade sword is no match for the evil Barb encounters, she must learn that her true power comes from her own heart.

Questions? Contact Christina Morbelli at [christinamorbelli@hotmail.com](mailto:christinamorbelli@hotmail.com) or 602.466.8697

**Book Sales Extended  
through Thursday 10/6**

# Reminder!

**Travell's DEI Committee is meeting  
this Thursday, Oct. 6th at 7:30pm**

**If you'd like to join us,  
reach out for details at  
[travell.dei.committee@gmail.com](mailto:travell.dei.committee@gmail.com)**

DIVERSITY

EQUITY

INCLUSION

The Travell HSA presents

# "COCKTAILS & COSTUMES"

The Fall Parent Social

Oct. 22, 2022 7:30 - 10:30pm  
225 Sollas Ct.

DJ, Drinks, Appetizers, Costume Contest & Prizes

\*\*\*Costumes encouraged, but not required\*\*\*

Venmo \$35 per person to @TravellHSA.

MAKE SURE TO INCLUDE IN THE NOTES:

Your Last Name + "Parent Social" + # of Tickets

Ticket Sales Close October 14

For additional payment methods, contact Karen Shahadi [karen.fasano@gmail.com](mailto:karen.fasano@gmail.com)



OPEN TO ALL  
TRAVELL PARENTS -  
HANG WITH OLD  
FRIENDS & MAKE  
SOME  
NEW ONES!

# Travell Girl Scouts Annual

## Campfire

Fairfield side of  
Travell on the blacktop



October

14

Please Join us for a celebration of our amazing Travell Girl Scouts.

Let's kick off the season with a fun, song filled campfire. Please prepare a song to sing with your troop. The theme is Friendship.

Bring a towel to sit on and a flashlight.

7-8pm  
Grades  
K-5

Hosted by the 5th grade troop. Any questions contact Jen Tesseyman, Denise Ryan, Kim Ramirez, Shelley Saber or Liz Henry.



# HALLOWEEN COSTUME DRIVE

Collecting new or gently used Halloween costumes and accessories. Donations will go to the Families for Families Charity. Drop off box is in front of Main Office at Travell until 10/21. Collection by 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Girl Scout Troop 97697. All sizes accepted.

# WANTED:



## HALLOWEEN COSTUMES

Contact [Troop97697@gmail.com](mailto:Troop97697@gmail.com) with any questions





LAST YEAR WE COLLECTED 12 POUNDS JANUARY - JUNE !  
THIS YEAR'S GOAL IS 30 POUNDS!!!

We're collecting  
**Aluminum Can Tabs**  
to donate to



**Ronald McDonald House®**  
of Central & Northern New Jersey

Send in your can tabs to help!  
Soda! Seltzer! Beer! As long as it's aluminum, we'll take it!

The class with the most collected tabs  
will win extra recess!!

Ronald McDonald House  
has operating costs estimated at \$60 per night per guest.  
The organization makes every effort to waive all fees  
for those who can't afford it.

**DONATE**



***[www.travellhsa.com/greenteam](http://www.travellhsa.com/greenteam) to learn more about this program***

**Through Travell's Green Team, we are continuing to collect pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House of NJ. Last year we collected 12 pounds in just 6 months!! Our goal this year is 30 pounds, so start collecting!**

**Each month the class with the most tabs will win an extra recess.**

# RECYCLE BEYOND THE BAG

Recycle your household bags & wrap into Trex's Earth-friendly composite decking and railing!



✓ Produce bags

## FROM THE STORE

✓ Store bags

✓ Ice bags



✓ Ziploc® & other reclosable bags

## FROM YOUR PANTRY

✓ Cereal box liners

✓ Case overwrap



✓ Bread bags



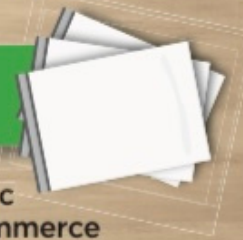
✓ Newspaper sleeves

## FROM YOUR FRONT DOOR

✓ Dry cleaning bags

✓ Bubble wrap

✓ Plastic e-commerce mailers



Plastics must be clean, dry and free of food and organic residue



**NexTrex**  
NexTrex.com 540-542-6930



[www.travellhsa.com/greenteam](http://www.travellhsa.com/greenteam) to learn more about this program

Travell continues to participate in the Trex Plastic Film Recycling Challenge for schools. Last year we came in 20th place out of 530 having collected 168 pounds of plastic film/bags!!

The entire program diverted 323,586 lbs from landfills across the US.

Collection bins are outside the main office & in the corridor behind the gym.

# Travell Home & School Association 2022-2023

## HSA Executive Board

Presidents: Nancy Joachim-Ventura & Kim Ramirez  
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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:  
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# **SUBMIT PHOTOS FOR THE 2022-2023 YEARBOOK!**

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

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