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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

It's AUCTION YEAR!

Held every other year, this is Travell's largest fundraiser and helps ensure that amazing enrichment programs and other events can continue to be organized for our students.

We are planning an awesome night of fun, festivities, socializing, & dancing for March 9, 2024 but we can't make it a success alone.

HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP

Be sure you tell your friends to buy tickets (starting in Dec.) and join us!



For the silent and live auctions we need items...
...GOOD STUFF!!

- In the past this community has secured vacation homes, BBQ packages, spa days, event tickets....and MORE! Everything is welcome.
- Please see the following two pages for a letter template and a form you can use to solicit donations on behalf of the Travell HSA Auction 2024.





**Ira W. Travell Elementary
Home & School Association
340 Bogert Avenue
Ridgewood, NJ 07450**

October 2023

Dear Friends:

On **Saturday, March 9, 2024**, we are excited to host the Travell School HSA Auction benefiting the enrichment programs at our elementary school. This event is held every two years and includes both a Live and Silent auction.

We would be extremely grateful for you to participate in this event via donation to support the students of our school. Your support and generous donations will make it possible for Travell School to provide enrichment programs and technology needs including community assemblies, field trips, science fairs, geography and history programs, up-to-date classroom furnishing and more. All proceeds support Travell Elementary School.

If you choose to contribute, we invite you to fill out the attached donation agreement form and mail it to Travell School, Attn: Auction, 340 Bogert Avenue, Ridgewood, NJ 07450 or email the completed form to TravellHSAauction@gmail.com.

Travell School HSA's tax identification number is 22-365-9984.

In appreciation and recognition of your donation, you will be listed in our Auction program (print and online), on our school website, on our school social media pages, and in our school e-newsletter, which will all reach hundreds of Ridgewood families.

Your donation will make a tremendous difference to the children of Travell – thank you so much for your consideration.

Kind regards,

Kim Ramirez, Kate Seminak, and Laura Anghelone

Travell Home & School Association
Travell Auction Chairs 2024
TravellHSAauction@gmail.com
<https://www.travellhsa.com/>

DONATION AGREEMENT FORM

TRAVELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HSA AUCTION / FUNDRAISER MARCH 9, 2024

Travell School HSA's tax identification number is **22-365-9984**.

Please print the following information:

NAME of DONOR/Business: _____

(Please list name as it should appear on school website and in promotional materials.)

DESCRIPTION of DONATION:

ESTIMATED FAIR MARKET VALUE: \$ _____ (Donations are Tax Deductible – Please refer to IRS Donation Guidelines)

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS/RESTRICTIONS (such as age restrictions; date restrictions; time limit/expiration date; pick-up/delivery, etc):

(Note: If gift certificate has an expiration date, please list start date as March 9, 2024)

DONATION IS... (please check one) included with this form

this form serves as gift certificate

requires pick-up at: _____

will be delivered to Travell School

DONOR SIGNATURE / DATE:

Please return this agreement to the following address:

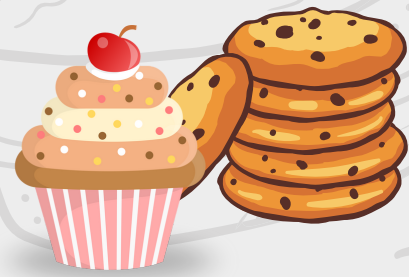
Travell School, c/o Auction, 340 Bogert Avenue, Ridgewood, NJ 07450

-or- email to TravellHSAuction@gmail.com.

All donation agreement forms are **DUE FEBRUARY 10, 2024**.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!

Should you have any questions/concerns, please reach out to Kim Ramirez, Kate Semeniak, or Laura Anghelone, Travell Auction Committee, via TravellHSAuction@gmail.com.



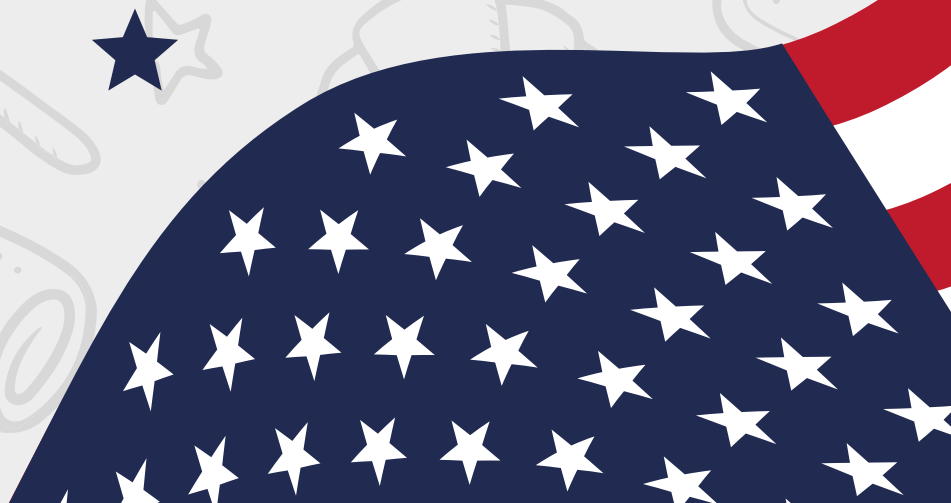
ELECTION DAY BAKE SALE 11/7

[SIGN UP HERE TO BAKE](#)

[SIGN UP HERE TO STAFF
THE BAKE SALE TABLE](#)

Thank you for helping us raise funds for the HSA by contributing baked goods for our Election Day Bake Sale on Tuesday, November 7th!

* All baked items should be individually packaged in grab and go packaging for voters to take with them.



TRAVELL WINTER DRAMA CLUB NOW OPEN!

OPEN TO
GRADES
4-5

PORCH LIGHT STUDIO, STAGE & SCHOOLS,
THE TRAVELL HSA & THE RIDGEWOOD COMMUNITY SCHOOL
present

★ ACT ★
★ SING ★
★ DANCE ★



Disney BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

© Disney

A MUSICAL THEATRE PROGRAM

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS, 3-5PM
DECEMBER 7* - FEBRUARY 9

EXTENDED DRESS REHEARSALS FEBRUARY 6 & 7, 3-6PM

PERFORMANCES FEBRUARY 8 & 9 @ 7PM

Act, sing and dance while #buildingcharacters with Porch Light!
Our unique in-school program integrates fun and engaging theatre
workshops with rehearsals for a full production all within your school!
All experience levels welcome!

*Auditions are held on the 1st day for students in grade 5 only (4th graders will not audition).

REGISTER ONLINE @ PORCHLIGHTPRODUCTIONS.ORG/ENROLL



ENROLL
NOW!

\$285 per student
includes FREE t-shirt!

PORCHLIGHT

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

NO COOK NIGHT!

Thursday, 11/16

Sponsored by Best of Everything



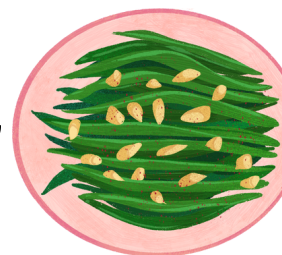
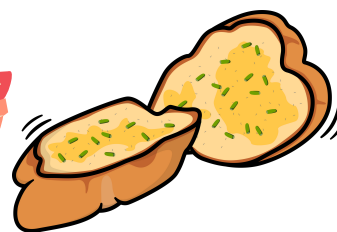
Enjoy an evening free from cooking AND support enrichment programming by the HSA.

PACKAGE A (\$55).

Chicken Parm
Penne Vodka
Salad
Garlic Bread

PACKAGE B (\$55).

Balsamic Chicken Savoy
Green Beans
Salad
Roasted Potatoes

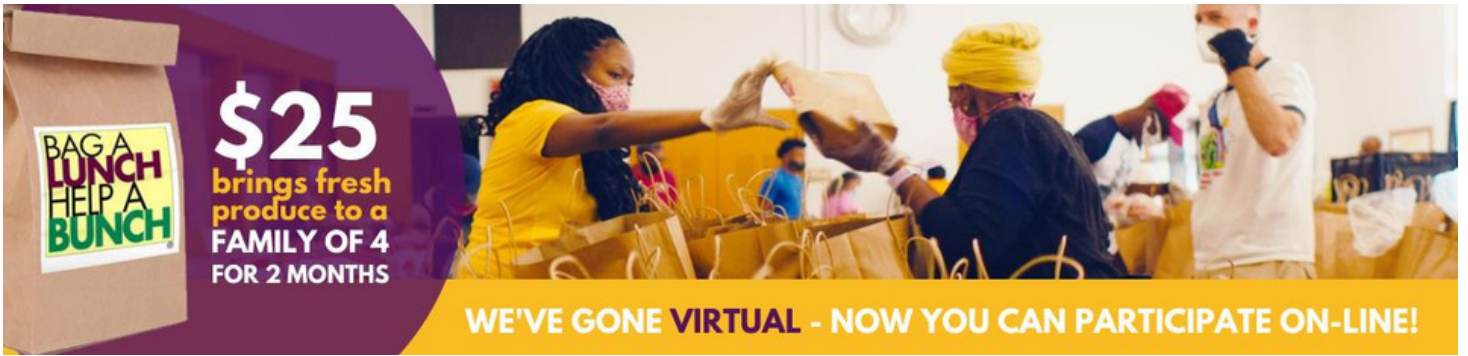


Call 201-670-7575 to order

Order by 10am on 11/16

\$10 per package will be given back to Travell

Pick up between 3:30-6pm



Let's do our part to feed our neighbors. We are proud to partner with Table to Table to raise money for their annual *Bag a Lunch, Help a Bunch* campaign. The great thing about this program is that for every \$1 donated, we can provide 10 meals! This food nourishes thousands of children, families, seniors, and people simply trying to make ends meet.

WHAT IS BAG A LUNCH?

Bag A Lunch, Help A Bunch is a grassroots campaign that asks individuals, employees in businesses and students in schools to donate the equivalent of one day's lunch money to help Table to Table fight hunger in our communities.

WHY DONATE?

Nearly 2 million people in New Jersey are hungry, including 1 in 5 children. Every day, more families are lining up at food pantries and soup kitchens waiting for Table to Table's deliveries. This year, Table to Table will deliver more than 39 million meals. As background, Table to Table is New Jersey's first food rescue organization. Committed to feeding our hungry neighbors in northern NJ, Table to Table rescues healthy, fresh and perishable food from over 200 donors (grocery stores, food distributors, and restaurants) and delivers it, same day, free of charge (!) to over 250 community organizations, including food pantries, shelters, daycare/after school programs, senior adult centers and programs serving the working poor. In doing so, this organization nourishes the community, while also helping our environment.

DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT

All school donations, up to \$30,000, will be matched by *The Bernard and Geraldine Segal Foundation*. PLUS, the school in Northern NJ that raises the most will receive *The Bag a Lunch, Help a Bunch Bernard and Geraldine Segal Foundation Award for Student Philanthropy*, which recognizes the altruistic efforts within a school community. The winning school will be promoted through social media and publicity. Hurry, the match deadline is November 17, 2023!

DONATE: Click [HERE](#) to learn more and to make your contribution today.

TRAVELL CAREER DAY

ASSEMBLY

The Travell HSA Enrichment Chairs & Exec. Board are considering a career assembly where parents would take the lead! Each special guest would speak for 10 minutes on their profession and then answer a few questions.

BEFORE planning, we want to see how many of **YOU** might be interested in sharing your career with students at Travell. We would love **ALL** types of careers to be showcased.

IF YOU WOULD CONSIDER PARTICIPATING IN THIS ASSEMBLY, PLEASE COMPLETE THIS INTEREST-GATHERING SURVEY.

With exact details to come, we are using this initial survey to gauge interest. Completing this survey does not lock you into presenting but does help us assess community interest.



COLLECTION BIN LOCATED OUTSIDE MAIN ENTRANCE!!

RECYCLE BEYOND THE BAG

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



FROM THE STORE



✓ Produce bags

✓ Store bags

✓ Ice bags



FROM YOUR PANTRY



✓ Ziploc® & other reclosable bags

✓ Cereal box liners

✓ Case overwrap

✓ Bread bags



FROM YOUR FRONT DOOR



✓ Newspaper sleeves

✓ Dry cleaning bags

✓ Bubble wrap

✓ Plastic e-commerce mailers

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



NexTrex™

trex.com/recycling 1-800-Buy-Trex



Presented by the Travell Green Team

COLLECTION BIN LOCATED OUTSIDE MAIN ENTRANCE!!



USED SCHOOL
SUPPLY
COLLECTION HERE!
(COMING SOON!)

PLASTIC BAG
COLLECTION IN
THESE 2 OPENINGS!



Presented by the
Travell Green Team



Join Us for a Special Education Virtual Coffee Chat!



October 26, 2023 at 7:30 pm



Learn from other parents. Share your experiences. Navigating the special education system is far from intuitive. It is common for parents to have difficulty advocating for their children when they “don’t know what they should know.”

Join other parents on Google Meet for an informal Q&A and discussion moderated by Meghann Bierly, the Ridgewood SEPAG’s VP-Education and Engagement.

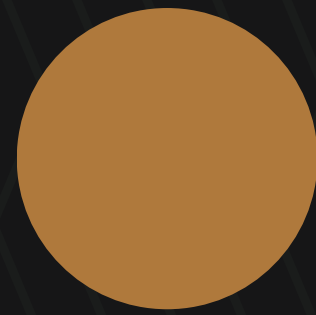
Join on Google Meet

meet.google.com/hdi-vypi-fvp

Ridgewood SEPAG

Formerly the Learning Services Home & School Association

www.RidgewoodSEPAG.org • contact@RidgewoodSEPAG.org



Sensory-Friendly Dinner

Steel Wheel Tavern

51 N. Broad St., Ridgewood

Wednesday, November 8, 2023 ✦ Arrival Window: 4-6pm

*Reduced noise and lighting ✦ Understanding wait staff ✦ Expedited service
Table activities for kids ✦ Contributions from STEPSS students ✦ And
more!*

✦✦ RSVP Required Via Eventbrite ✦✦

<https://RidgewoodSEPAGDinner.eventbrite.com>



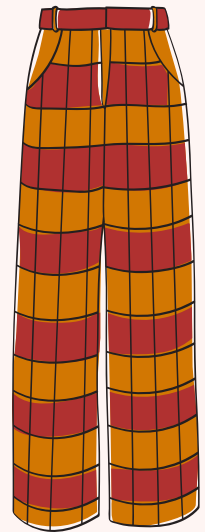
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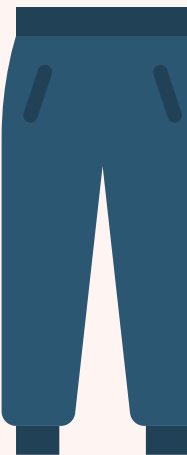
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OUTGROWN YOUR TRAVELL SPIRITWEAR?



THE HSA HAS STARTED A HUMBLE
CONSIGNMENT COLLECTION THAT
WILL BE AVAILABLE TO NEW
FAMILIES, ETC.



Contact Jess Vartughian to donate your
pre-loved gear so it can find a new home.



jvartughian@gmail.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

yearbook

**SUBMIT PHOTOS
FOR THE 2023-2024
YEARBOOK!**

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

Travellyearbookphotos@gmail.com



ANNUAL FAMILY DUES

**DIRECTORY IS
LIVE**



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.



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:

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**

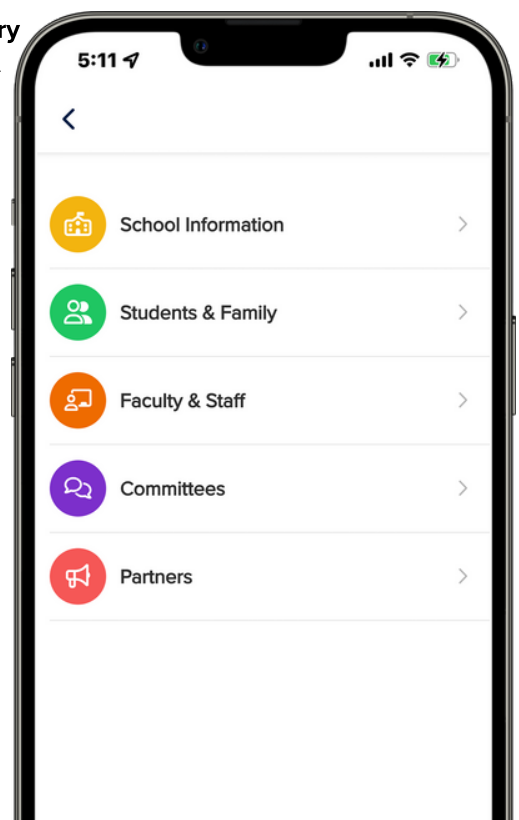
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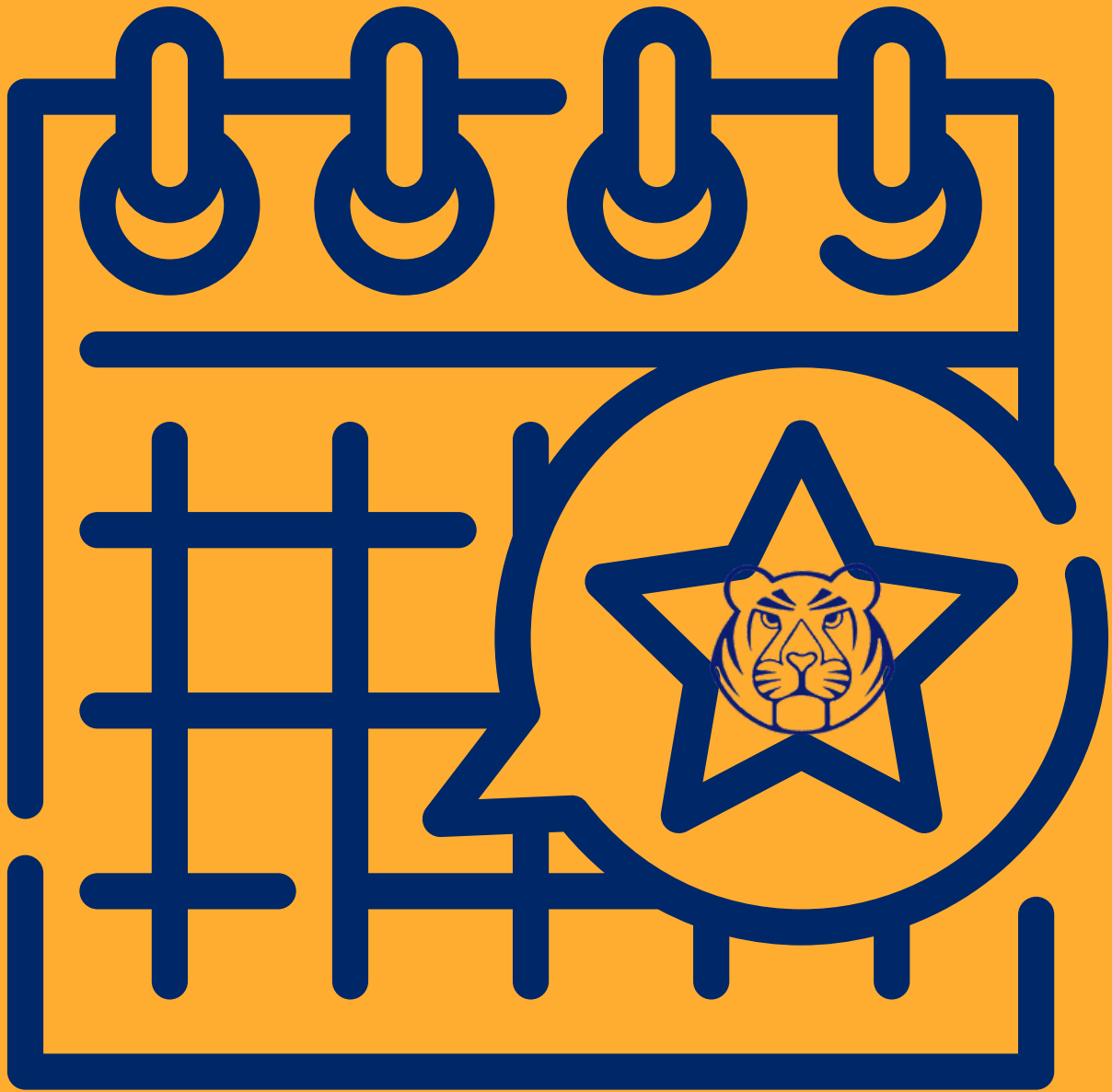
Invite Link: <https://go.groupspot.app/z4xn>

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.