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Reminder

**RPS SCHOOLS CLOSED  
11/9 & 11/10  
FOR NJEA CONVENTION**

**On March 9, 2024 we invite EVERYONE to join us for an elegant, whimsical evening in support of Travell's enrichment programming and the Home & School Association.**

BUT... before we can all enjoy a fun night with friends,  
**WE NEED YOUR HELP** to make it a success.

**How to Help:**

Fancy yourself a decorator? Or simply a solid follower of decor instruction? Sign up for the **decorating committee** and help make the space amazing!

As an auction, we need the goods to auction off! Help us invite community partners to donate goods and/or services in support of our students. We can provide the script and all the details. OR, if you'd rather just go pick up the secured items, we can use your driving skills!

Sign up for the **donation committee.**

Baskets need wrapping - help us assemble all the goodies and certificates into baskets, and wrap them pretty for the silent auction.

Sign up for the **basket committee.**

ALSO...**Everyone has something to offer**...do you teach yoga or dance, etc.? Landscape? Consult? Craft? Share what you do by donating your time and/or services towards a basket for the Silent Auction. Anything goes and we welcome your creativity in donating. Think you might have something to contribute -- let us know: [TravellHSAuction@gmail.com](mailto:TravellHSAuction@gmail.com)

# RIDGEWOOD HOLIDAY SHOP

*By Travell's HSA*

LIMITED EDITION



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BEFORE THE HOLIDAYS!

ORDERS DUE BY  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19th @ 11:59 PM



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# 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

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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).

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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

*FOUR (4) GENEROUS SERVINGS*



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

# DONATE BY 11/17!!



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

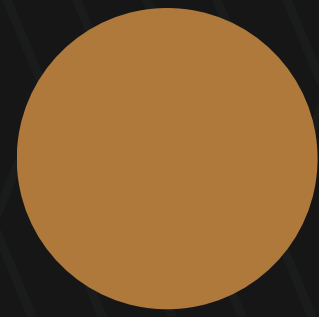
**The Travell HSA Enrichment Chairs & Exec. Board are considering a career assembly where parents would take the lead! Each special guest would speak for 10 minutes on their profession and then answer a few questions.**

**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.*





# 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>**



**Ridgewood SEPAG**

*Formerly the Learning Services Home & School Association*

**[www.RidgewoodSEPAG.org](http://www.RidgewoodSEPAG.org) • [contact@RidgewoodSEPAG.org](mailto:contact@RidgewoodSEPAG.org)**



# 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](https://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**

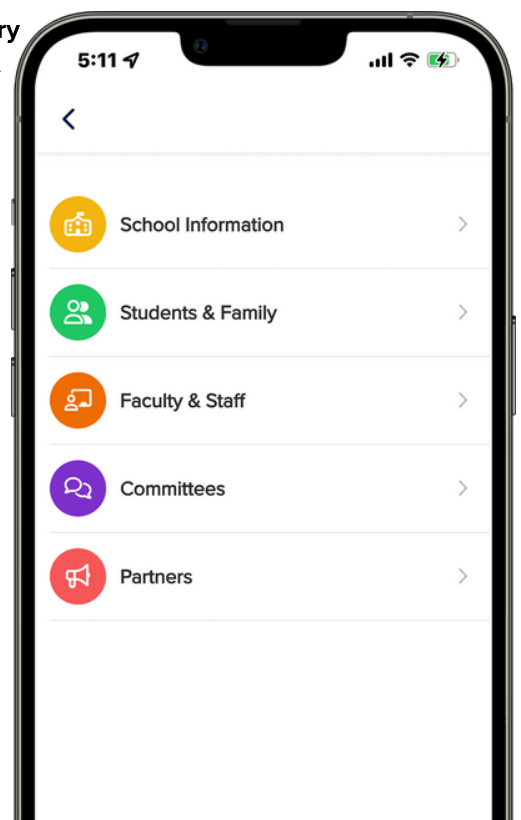
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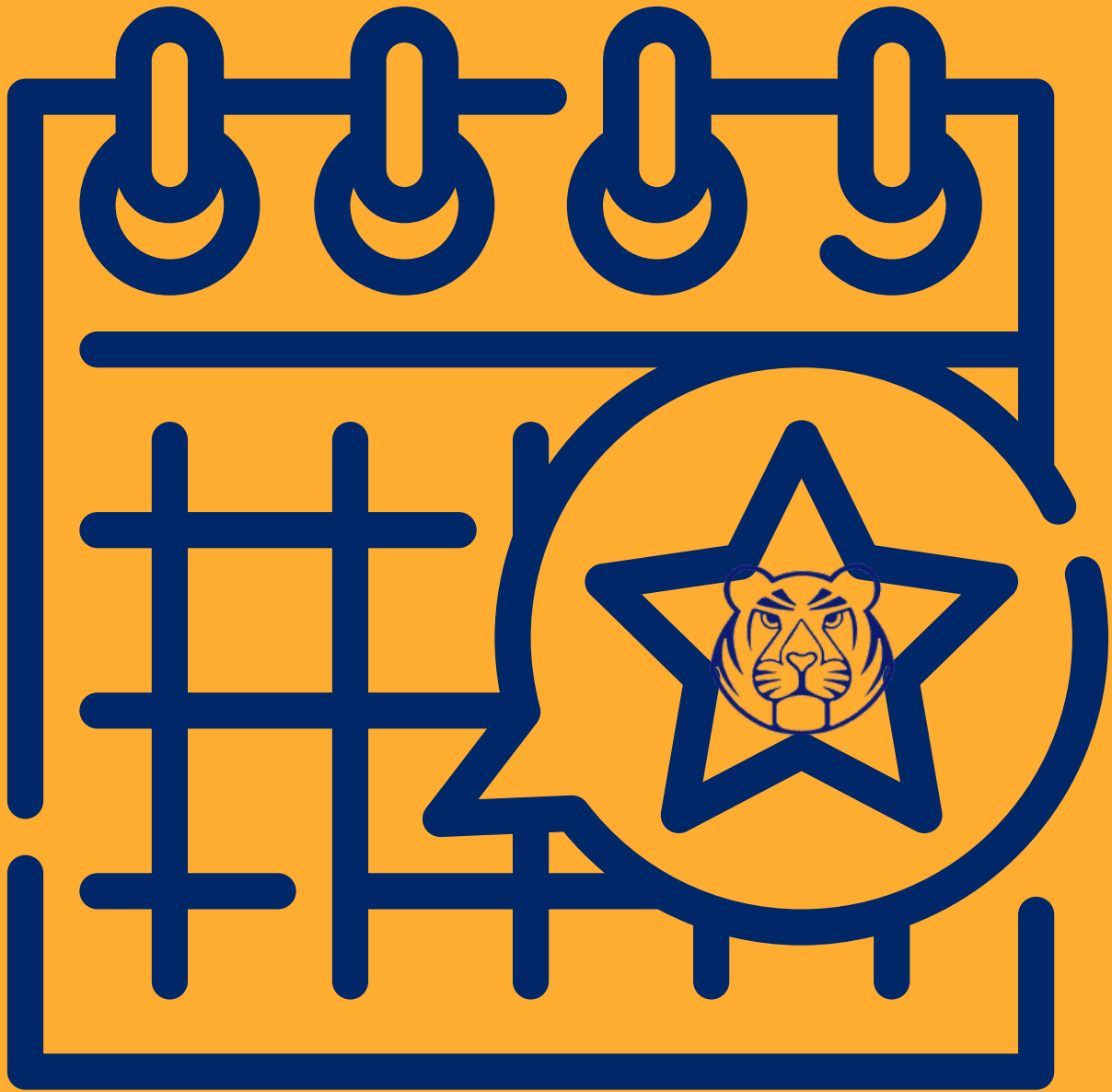
Invite Link: <https://go.groupspot.app/z4xn>

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.**