

Welcome to

TRAVELL



MISSION STATEMENT

The Ridgewood Public Schools, committed to a tradition of excellence and innovation, in partnership with the community, provide a rich and challenging learning environment, enabling students to maximize their unique potentials to become life-long learners and productive, responsible citizens.



About Us

Travell School is one of six elementary schools in Ridgewood, New Jersey. Our student body consists of about 390 students in kindergarten through fifth grade. We seek to develop self-confident and capable individuals, as well as to nurture them to become caring, tolerant and responsible citizens.

The Language Arts program and staff development initiatives are committed to developing a literate student body. Our teachers work with literacy experts and one another to differentiate language arts instruction using the workshop model. Children regularly publish personal narratives, essays and information pieces as part of the Writing Workshop. In the Reading Workshop, students read self-selected, leveled trade books so that they read with accuracy, fluency and comprehension for extended periods of time.

The mathematics program combines the practice of traditional skills with a series of problem solving exercises. The goal is for students to apply their knowledge of mathematics to life situations in an accurate, efficient, and thoughtful manner.

Parent Involvement

Parent involvement in the programs and activities at Travell is an integral part of the overall success of our school. The Home and School Association supports many of the co-curricular and enrichment programs offered to our students. Parent volunteers help in the art and library programs, as well as coordinate activities such as the Book Fair, Science Fair and the International Expo. The children benefit greatly from the dedicated efforts of parents and their partnership with the school.



Travell Home School Association (HSA)

Travell HSA presents and funds curriculum enrichment programs and special activities for our children. These funds are made available through your family's generous contributions, **not through taxes**.

Enrichment programs occur throughout the year, from Fifth Grade Circus to field trip transportation; school-wide assemblies and author visits; International Expo; Science Fair; library books; music and classroom equipment; hands-on art courses; new technology; and so much more.



The average cost for enrichment is **\$130** per student

How Do I Help Contribute to Enrichment?

First, please pay your HSA dues. This is vital to helping us plan and budget for the coming year. Make sure you check E-news in September for more information on HSA dues.

Second, check out one of our easy "FREE-Raisers" programs. FREE-Raisers are a passive way for the school to benefit from places where you already spend money. We have programs with Amazon, Stop & Shop, and Box Tops for Education.

Lastly, buy SCRIP cards. SCRIP is a monthly grocery gift card purchasing program.

Descriptions of our most popular FREE-raisers and fundraisers are on the following pages.



What is AmazonSmile?

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support Travell every time you shop. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from eligible items to Travell.

How do I shop at AmazonSmile?

To shop at AmazonSmile simply go to smile.amazon.com from the web browser on your computer or mobile device. You may also want to add a bookmark to smile.amazon.com to make it even easier to return and start your shopping at AmazonSmile. If you use multiples devices you will need to select AmazonSmile for each one.

Can I use my existing Amazon.com account?

Yes, you use the same account on Amazon.com and AmazonSmile. Your shopping cart, Wish List, wedding or baby registry, and other account settings are also the same.

How does Travell benefit?

Travell HSA averages \$390 per year from the program and earns funds throughout the calendar year.



What is SCRIP?

Scrip is Travell's single largest "FREE-Raiser". Families purchase gift cards on a monthly basis—dollar for dollar from any of the following supermarkets:



For example, if you write a check for \$300, you receive \$300 worth of gift cards. And, for every \$100 you spend, you are entered in our monthly raffle.

How do I participate?

Each month your child will receive a flyer and an envelope in their backpack for you to place your order. Complete this envelope with your selections and enclose a check made out to Travell HSA for the amount purchased. Return this in your child's backpack by the due date. Expect your gift cards in approximately 7 days, via the arrangement agreed upon between you and your classroom representatives on the delivery preference sheet. **And remember, you can use the Stop&Shop gift cards for PEAPOD HOME DELIVERY Service!**

How does Travell benefit?

Scrip accounts for about 25% of the HSA's budget, raising over \$5000 per year for the program. **We meet our budget needs if each family purchases \$100 in Scrip grocery cards each month.** The HSA earns 5% of all gift card purchases. So, if your family purchases \$100 worth of gift cards, the supermarket will donate \$5 to the Travell HSA—at no cost to you.

SCRIP Chairperson:
Meghan Agatep
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Free-Raisers



What is A+ Rewards?

The Stop&Shop A+ Rewards program are points earned just by making purchases at Stop&Shop using your loyalty card. The program runs **October to March** and at the end of the program, those points are calculated into a cash total for Travell—all from doing your regular grocery shopping! The HSA earned \$1635 for the 2018–2019 school year.

How do I sign up?

It's easy! A registration flyer will be sent home in backpacks with the first month of SCRIP in September. You can also sign up at www.stopandshop.com/aplus when registration opens in mid-September.

Will I still get my gas points?

Yes! Gas points and A+ Rewards points can be earned on the same card.

Can friends and family enroll?

Yes! We happily encourage your friends and family to enroll and have Travell designated to earn their points.

A+ Rewards Chairperson:
Julie Grant
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Free-Raisers



How Box Tops works



BUY. Find **Box Tops** on hundreds of products like: General Mills, Ziploc, Reynolds, Kleenex, Progresso, Scott's towels, Hefty, Mott's, Annie's, Finish, etc.



CLIP. Clip **Box Tops** from package



SEND. Send in **Box Tops** monthly or at designated school year submission dates (October, March & May)



EARN. **Box Tops** are worth 10¢ for Travell!

Travell's HSA earned \$541 in the 2018-2019 school year from Box Tops. There are prizes awarded to the Individual and Class winner for the most Box Tops collected!





Travell Fundraising

Travell HSA offers several fundraisers throughout the school year, which allow us to provide additional programs and activities for our children that are not covered by the regular Board of Education school budget (i.e. through property taxes).

We have two major fundraisers that alternate every year: **Friends of Travell** and **Travell Auction**.

Friends of Travell

Friends of Travell is held in alternating years and includes a fundraising campaign that is promoted throughout the entire school year. Parents are invited and encouraged to donate to the Friends of Travell campaign. The HSA typically suggests an amount that is equivalent to the cost per child of enrichment programs, but all donations of any amount are needed and appreciated.

*{ Please note that many companies offer
Corporate Matching Gift donations. }*

Travell Auction

Travell Auction is held every other spring, usually late March or early April, depending upon the school calendar. Parents gather for one fun and festive evening to enjoy a special dinner and auction to raise funds for Travell. The HSA Auction Chairs and Committee solicit donations from Travell families, teachers and staff, local businesses in Ridgewood, neighboring towns, and national corporations. The event includes silent and live auctions, and tricky trays as well as raffle opportunities.

With parent contributions through the Auction, Friends of Travell, and several smaller fundraisers every year, the Travell HSA is able to provide enrichment programs for our children and technology for our classrooms.



Want to Volunteer?

Thank you in advance for volunteering your time and talents! Parent volunteers make the below programs possible. Many parents are uncertain how to get involved due to working fulltime, having younger children at home, etc. Most of the opportunities have flexibility so contact the HSA with any questions. **Sign up on our HSA website!**

Helping our Community

Hospitality
Teacher Appreciation
Week
Travell Cares

Fundraising

Travell Auction
SCRIP Class Rep
Travell Wear

Social Events

Adult Social
Back To School Picnic
Bagel Day
Bingo Night
Ladies' Night / Mens' Night
Scoop Night @
Ben & Jerry's

Special Travell Events

International Expo
Mayfair
Science Fair
Field Day
4th of July Float
& Parade

Books, books, books

Book Fair
Library Committee
Reading Marathon
Book Swap

Use Your Expertise

Creative Committee
Bake Sale
Garden Club
Directory Volunteer /
Directory Ad Sales
School Photos
Yearbook

Working with Students

Art Docent
Class Parent
Drama Club



Travell HSA website

Get all the latest HSA news on our website, with links to eNews, flyers, the calendar, and Facebook and Twitter updates, plus info about events, volunteer opportunities, free-raisers, and Tiger Pass registration.

Visit: <http://travellhsa.wix.com/travellhsa>

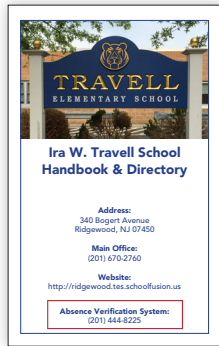
Travell Events Google Calendar

Join our 2020-2021 Travell Events Google calendar! When you join, you can receive reminder alerts for all the school deadlines (Scrip, HSA Directory, bagel day, etc.) as well as events (grade concerts, International Expo, Mayfair, etc.) for the whole school year. The calendar lets you email event chairs and see attached information to events.

Questions? Email travell.calendar@gmail.com



Travell HSA Directory



We've gone paperless! We are excited to report that our directory will be online via your mobile phone, tablet or computer. Once you pay your HSA dues, you will have access to the Travell online directory.

What's in the directory?

- class lists
- contact information for all teachers, staff, HSA board members
- addresses and phone numbers of Travell families
- local babysitters

Look for more information in September E-News!

Questions? E-mail cmalloyronaghan@gmail.com

1st Day School Supplies

Back to school...

Visit the Travell ordering web page to purchase yours today!



More about Travell

Every Tuesday an email (aka e-News) is sent to remind you of all the great activities and goings on at the school. The Travell HSA website is the best way to ensure you are not missing anything.

Absence Verification

If your child will be absent, please call the Absence Verification number at (201) 444-8225 by 9:15 am. Leave a message with your child's name, grade, teacher and symptoms of illness.

Playground Rules

Students **MUST** be supervised on the playground and field before and after school. They should not arrive before 8:30 am or stay after 3:00 pm without an adult supervising them.

Drop Off & Parking

- It is encouraged to walk your child/children to school.
- On occasions when you need to park, please be courteous to our neighbors. Please do not leave your car running and no parking is allowed on Fairfield (field-side).
- Be sure to be mindful of children and parents walking and drive slowly in our school neighborhood
- In the event you are driving and dropping off be sure to pull all the way up to let your child/children out on the sidewalk side for safety

Before & After School Care

Before School Care begins at 7:15 am until the first bell of school; After School Care runs from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

For the 20-21 academic year, AlphaBest Education is the new district provider for Before and After School Care. Jeanette Rysdeck is the regional director and will reach out to families with more information by June 1.

Summer Playdates

We will plan small group meet-ups throughout the summer in accordance with town guidelines. Please look for more information in your E-mail.