Travell eNews

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Come join us to celebrate the diversity at Travell Elementary at our annual Travell International Expo, highlighting 27 countries in performances, presentations, and food.

TRAVELL INTERNATIONAL EXPO 2023

FRIDAY MARCH 24

Free Event! 6:00 PM Performance for Families and Guests

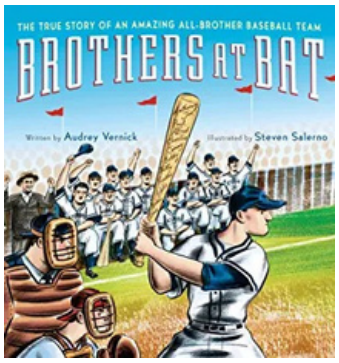
Performances
Countries will be performing a range from traditional to modern dances in Gym. Come watch the what our children have been practicing for the past few months!

Presentations
This year's theme is **HOLIDAYS**. Poster boards will be displayed in the gym during school hours for the students to view with their classes throughout the day and in the 2nd grade hallway after school hours for our families and guests to enjoy. Arrive early to save your seats for the show and browse!

Snack Bar
For nighttime only, the international snack bar will be open after the performances in the Tiger's Den, providing bite sized portions of foods around the world. Bags will be provided.
Tickets will be **$1/ticket** (cash or venmo) with a maximum of 15 tickets per family and will be sold:

- After school by the playground from 3:00-3:30pm on March 23
- At the dress rehearsal from 5-6:30pm March 23
- After school by the playground from 3:00-3:30pm on March 24
- Prior to the show from 5:00-6:00pm on March 24

Questions? Email us at: travell.intl.expo@gmail.com



Travell School welcomes Award Winning Author

Audrey Vernick

April 28, 2023

We are excited to announce that Audrey Vernick will visit with all students at Travell School on Friday, April 28th. She will discuss her books and the process of writing for children in a variety of forms, from picture books to nonfiction to chapter books.

One of Ms. Vernick's favorite parts of being a writer is sharing her books and stories with readers and aspiring writers of all ages. She enjoys visiting schools and shining a light on the dark mysteries of writing and publishing. Because her books include both fiction and nonfiction, she is able to address a wide range of topics that naturally align with many Common Core standards. She employs a variety of high-energy interactive techniques and speaks about her own experiences, with a focus on where authors find their stories and where students might find their own.

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 a personalized or autographed book. (A percentage of the sales will benefit our school!)

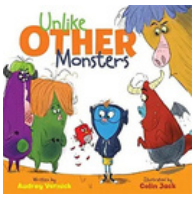
This visit is made possible due to the generous support of the Travell HSA…many thanks!!

Book Orders are due Friday, March 31st

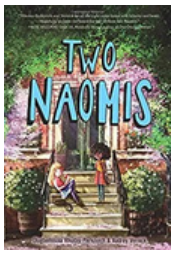
Order online at: https://register.communitypass.net/ridgewood

Scarlet's Tale Hardcover (K-3)**$18** When Scarlet was born, her parents did the usual counting. Two eyes. One nose. Ten fingers. Ten toes. Also: one long, fluffy, fuzzy, furry tail. That was a surprise! Celebrate the power of differences with this funny and heartwarming children's book about a little girl who faces her fears on the first day of school -- and learns to love what makes her unique.

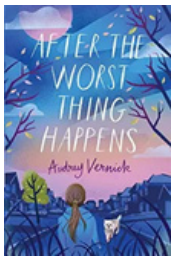
Bob, Not Bob! Hardcover (K-3)**$18** Little Louie is stuck in bed with a bad cold. His nose is clogged, his ears are crackling, and his brain feels full. All he wants is his mom to take care of him, but whenever he calls out for her, his stuffed-up nose makes it sound like he's summoning slobbery dog Bob instead! This silly but sweet picture book will make kids laugh out loud as Louie tries to make himself understood. They won't be able to help joining Louie in crying out, "Bob, not Bob!"



Unlike Other Monsters Hardcover (K-3)**$18** Zander is a monster. Monsters don't have friends. They prefer to scare children and eat their raisin bread alone. Then one day Zander meets a bird, and the unexpected happens. They start to spend time together, and Zander is reminded of how he's unlike other monsters. But does the fact they share secrets and hang out mean this is a fledgling friendship? And what will the other monsters think?

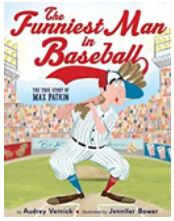


Two Naomis Paperback (Gr 3-5)**$10** Other than their first names, Naomi Marie and Naomi Edith are sure they have nothing in common, and they wouldn't mind keeping it that way. When Naomi Marie's mom and Naomi Edith's dad get serious about dating, each girl tries to cling to the life she knows and loves. Then their parents push them into attending a class together, where they might just have to find a way to work with each other—and maybe even join forces to find new ways to define family.

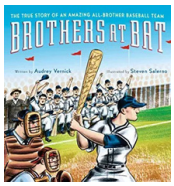


After the Worst Thing Happens Paperback (Gr 3-5)**$10** Army Morand feels like her life has been blown to bits when the worst thing imaginable happens--her beloved dog dies. It was an accident, but it was also Army's fault. She can't seem to stop hiding from everything and everybody including her best friend JennaLouise. This is a bittersweet story about a girl surprised by the force of a growing need inside her to reach out and lend a hand while trying to escape the swirling sadness of her own sudden loss. In the end, it is about finding love and hope and friendship in very surprising places.

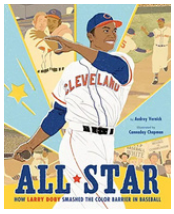
She Loved Baseball: The Effa Manley Story Hardcover (K-3)**$17** Effa always loved baseball. As a young woman, she would go to Yankee Stadium just to see Babe Ruth's mighty swing. But she never dreamed she would someday own a baseball team. Or be the first—and only—woman ever inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame. From her childhood in Philadelphia to her groundbreaking role as business manager and owner of the Newark Eagles, Effa Manley always fought for what was right. And she always swung for the fences.



The Funniest Man in Baseball: The True Story of Max Patkin Hardcover (Gr 1-4)**$18** Max Patkin was pitching in the minor leagues when he was injured and had to leave his dreams behind. He joined the Navy and eventually was able to play again while in the military . . . and this time he got to pitch against superstar Joe DiMaggio. When Joe hit one of Max's throws out of the park, Max threw down his glove, left the mound, and chased Joe around the bases, making faces and imitating his every move. The crowd loved it! And a baseball clown was born.



Brothers at Bat: The True Story of an Amazing All-Brother Baseball Team Hardcover (K-3)**$19** The Acerra family had sixteen children, including twelve ball-playing boys. It was the 1930s, and many families had lots of kids. But only one had enough to field a baseball team . . . with three on the bench! They loved the game, but more importantly, they cared for and supported each other and stayed together as a team. Nothing life threw their way—not even a World War—could stop them.



All Star: How Larry Doby Smashed the Color Barrier in Baseball Hardcover (K-3)**$19** In 1947, Larry Doby signed with the Cleveland Indians, becoming the first Black player in the American leagues. He endured terrible racism, both from fans and his fellow teammates. Despite this, he became a unifying force on and off the field, and went on to become a seven-time All Star. Illustrated with Cannaday Chapman's bold, stylized illustrations, this exceptional biography tells the story of an unsung hero who not only opened doors for those behind him, but set amazing records during his Hall of Fame career.

Questions? Contact Christina Morbelli at christinamorbelli@hotmail.com or 602.466.8697

Ladies' NIGHT

Come join us for FRIENDS, FUN, FOOD & DRINKS

TRAVELL LADIES' SOCIAL

Thursday. April 20th. 7-10PM

The OFFICE
32 Chestnut Ave, Ridgewood
$50 per person
Venmo @TravellHSA

If any questions, contact
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Grade 5 Parents

GRADE 5 PARENTS are invited to attend BF's presentation by **Melissa Straub from High Impact Youth Training Solutions** who helps raise awareness about apps and programs students are using on the internet to communicate.

May 9, 6:30pm

BF Auditorium

HIGH **IMPACT**
youth training solutions LLC

Grade 5 Parents: Mark Your Calendars

BFMS Information Session for Grade 5 Parents

May 15, 7:00pm

BF Auditorium

with BF Principal
+ Asst. Principals
+ HSA members

Come hear all about BFMS and ask any questions you might have as you get ready for your student to begin there in the fall.

FRIENDS OF TRAVELL

January 2023

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. "Friends of" fundraisers are also held at most of the other Ridgewood schools.

AS A RESULT OF FUNDS RAISED, THE HSA WAS ABLE TO COORDINATE & EXPAND ENRICHMENT OFFERINGS THIS SCHOOL YEAR TO INCLUDE:

AND SO MUCH MORE!!!

Author Visits

- Jason Patterson ('22)
- Kelly Yang ('23)
- Audrey Vernick ('23)

Tic Toc Art Docent Program

Drama Club

International Expo

Science Fair

DEI Storywalk

Grade 5 Recognition & Yearbook Party

4th of July Float

Kindergarten Playdates

One School, One Book: Dragons In a Bag

School-wide Assemblies

- Let it Move ('22)
- National Circus Project ('22)
- SkyDome Planetarium ('23)
- Dragons and Ice Sorceress ('23)
- Lenape Native American Presentation ('23)
- Snakes and Scales ('23)

Field Trips

- Turtle Back Zoo (1st)
- Meadowlands Environmental Center (2nd)
- Lakota Wolf Preserve (4th)
- Storm King Art Center (5th)
- Buehler Challenger & Science Center (5th)
- RHS Performance: Clue (3rd - 5th)

Travell HSA’s total enrichment costs are approximately $51,000 per year. **Our fundraising goal for this year’s Friends of Travell is $40,000. We hope to achieve this goal by May 2023.** Additional revenue comes from smaller fundraising initiatives, such as grocery store cards, bake sales, Book Fair, No Cook Nights, among others.

The average cost for enrichment is $150 per student. However, any donation amount is greatly appreciated and tax deductible.

Every dollar makes an impact and helps enrich the experience of our children throughout the school 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

Donations can be made by:

Personal check (please see form sent home)

Venmo @Travellhsa (memo should state: "Friends of Travell" + your child’s/children’s name(s), and class(es))

PayPal (visit www.travellhsa.com)

Please note that Matching Corporate Gifts are most appreciated and encouraged, as well. A form for this is included and can also be found on the Travell HSA website.

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ALWAYS BE IN THE KNOW!

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

Vist 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

GroupSpot

SUBMIT PHOTOS FOR THE 2022-2023 YEARBOOK!

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

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Travell Home & School Association 2022-2023

HSA Executive Board

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HSA General Meetings

Wednesday, September 28, 2022, 7:00pm
Tuesday, December 13, 2022, 7:00pm
Tuesday, March 7, 2023, 7:00pm *(revised date)*
Wednesday, May 10, 2023, 7:00pm

More Information:
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