



Ira Winthrop Travell's birthday is January 17th.

Travell School will be celebrating his birthday with a Spirit Day. Wear your Travell Wear or blue and yellow, our school colors. Here is some information we have learned about our namesake, Ira W. Travell:

Ira W. Travell was born in Troy, NY on January 17, 1868, to Ira Rose Travell and Elvira Amelia Pierce Travell. The second of four boys, he graduated from Williams College in Williamstown, MA, and married Margaret Belle Ansley in Geneva, NY, on August 22, 1894. He had two children, Winthrop Atwater Travell and Margaret Travell Bennett. Mr. Travell died on June 2, 1946, in the Hackensack Hospital.

Mr. Travell did post graduate work at Cornell, Amherst, Harvard, New York University and Columbia. He was the vice principal of the high school in Malone, New York. He then became the principal of the high school at Plainfield, New Jersey and later at Morristown. In 1912 he became the superintendent in Ridgewood and served in that position until 1930. He was a member of Westside Presbyterian Church and lived on Highwood Avenue. He was said to be a man "of broad education, the superior executive ability and high character."