

# Mountain Lion Minute ★ September 2012 Edition

a monthly publication showcasing school information and highlights.

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## Principal Message

Dear Parents and Students,

What a great start to the new year! There's nothing like seeing all of the preparation come together weeks prior to school opening and then finally be able to greet the kids and fill the halls and rooms with the very reason we exist. Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to work with and serve your children. They are phenomenal.

At Mountain Trails, we value the interaction we have with parents and families of our students. We work hard to communicate the very best information possible. In order to facilitate this effort we would like to do more via electronics. It ensures more direct and instantaneous contact with patrons and can be done quickly and efficiently. We would ask that each of you log in to Skyward and check to see if your email address is current. We will begin sending more information through emails and by posting things on our website at [mountaintrails.alpineschools.org](http://mountaintrails.alpineschools.org). We really would like to cut down on the number of papers that you have to juggle and provide you with the information that you need more conveniently. From here forward, the monthly newsletter and calendar items can be viewed on the school website. Hardcopies will be available upon request. Information from the school will now be communicated via email, Parentlink, the school website and our school marquee. We hate for anyone to be left out, so please log on to Skyward and update your contact information, including your email addresses.

Thank you for all you do to make Mountain Trails a great place to be! I love being a part of your child's education.

Mr. Turner, Principal

## Monday, September 24<sup>th</sup> is a MINIMAL DAY

A Track: 8:00–12:30

B Track: 9:15–1:45

AM Kindergarten: 9:15–11:15

PM Kindergarten: 11:45–1:45

## Upcoming Events

6 September	Hearing Screening (K, 1 <sup>st</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , and 5 <sup>th</sup> )
10 September	Reflections Kick off @ LEAD Time
18 September	Picture Day
24 September	Minimal Day
25 September	Auditions for School Musical "Into the Woods" 3:45–5:30 in the gym
3–4 October	Parent Conferences

## ROAD TO SUCCESS

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## EVERY KID—EVERY DAY

Catch the Fever!

Pick up a book ☺

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# WELCOME TO MOUNTAIN TRAILS!

The following have joined our staff:

Sally Lyde—Kindergarten, Kris Birrell—Reading Recovery

Alisha Boynton—3<sup>rd</sup> Grade, Jolene Durrant—6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Lacy Baldwin—School Nurse, Scott Trinh—School Psychologist

Debi Berkley—Special Education, Mike Hart—Special Education

Arlene Erickson—Speech, Charlotte Lartey—PE Specialist

We are so fortunate to have these individuals at our school. Each is making a positive difference for kids every day!

## School Community Council

When the School Community Council was formed with the opening of Mountain Trails, 6 parents began their two-year term of service. With the beginning of this school year, 4 of the original parents have expressed an interest in serving again for another two-year term. With our announcement at Open House and our Parentlink call, 4 additional parents have expressed an interest in joining as council members. Our hope is to create a greater interest and participatory membership on School Community Council. With the 4 parent members desiring to serve an additional term, and the 4 additional parents expressing an interest to be a part of the council, our parent member numbers would total 8. Eight parent members on the Council will provide a good representation of parent input on important decisions regarding our school and the allocation of funding provided by School Land Trust. At this point, as per State Law, formal elections will not be necessary this year as there will not be a contending race for any of the eight parent member positions for the 2012-2013 school year. At the end of this two-year term, school year 2014-2015, efforts will be taken to solicit participation again from the community to fill the 8 parent member positions now in existence on School Community Council. The following individuals will be representing you for a two-year term as parent members of the School Community Council:

Chantelle Bolinder, Melissa Brockett, Anna Fechter, Brian Hayes, Kiersten Nebeker, Michael Nielson, April Triggs, and Shannon White

If you are still interested in participating as an elected member of the School Community Council, please respond by Friday, September 7<sup>th</sup> by 4:00 pm via email to [dturner@alpinedistrict.org](mailto:dturner@alpinedistrict.org). We will then add your name to a ballot and conduct a formal election on Friday, September 21<sup>st</sup> with mail in voting through Wednesday Folders on Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. Please remember, that School Community Council Meetings are open to the public. You are welcome to attend as your schedule allows.



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