

Traverse Mountain Elementary

Tiger Times

THIS MONTH AT A GLANCE

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Mar 1-2	5th Grade DWA	Mar 15	Common Core Parent Meeting
Mar 1	1st Grade to Scera Theater	Mar 16	Breakfast of Champs AM/PM K-1RtgM
Mar 2	6th Grade to Willowcreek	Mar 19	Patriotic Assembly 10:30am
Mar 2	Breakfast of Champions 1st 9am	Mar 23	Tiger Buck Store
Mar 6	5th Grade to Bean Museum	Mar 26-30	Teacher Appreciation Week
Mar 6	Cookie Dough Orders Due	Mar 26	Minimal Monday
Mar 9	Tiger Buck Store	Mar 26	Talent Show Tryouts
Mar 9	PTA Meeting 10am	Mar 29	5th Grade Maturation 1:15pm
Mar 15	Preschool to Aquarium	Mar 30	6th Grade to Space Center
Mar 15	SCC Meeting 3:45	Mar 30	Tiger Buck Store

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

When used appropriately, I believe technology can help tremendously in our quest to improve learning for all students at Traverse Mountain Elementary. We are looking forward to some great improvements and partnerships regarding how we use technology at our school. First, thank you for supporting our iPad Fundraiser. Remember, if you don't want to be involved with the cookie dough sales, you can still play a part in this fundraiser by donating using the attached tax-deductible form through the Alpine Foundation. Also, many employers have donation programs and we would love to partner with them in this great cause.

Many of you may be aware that our school was selected at the end of last year by the state as a grant pilot for iPad technology. We have integrated this grant into one classroom and our special education department. We are continually amazed at the results as students are engaged in learning activities. Another school in Auburn, Maine completed a study using iPads in half of their schools' kindergarten classes. Following are quotes from that study:

"According to the literacy test results, classes using the iPads outperformed the non-iPad students in every literacy measure they were tested on. It's not just about the test scores, but about the way the kids interact with the iPad and apps that make this program unique. 'We are seeing high levels of student motivation, engagement and learning in the iPad classrooms,' said Sue Dorris, principal at East Auburn Community School. 'The apps, which teach and reinforce fundamental literacy concepts and skills, are engaging, interactive and provide children with immediate feedback. What's more, teachers can customize apps to match the instructional needs of each child, so students are able to learn successfully at their own level and pace.'"

We look forward to keeping everyone informed as we enhance our teaching with technology that will motivate and engage students in learning.
David Stephenson
Principal



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Tiger of the Month

Congratulations to those students who were named Tiger of the Month for the month of February! When you get a chance, check out the bulletin board across from the office and read more about our amazing students!!

Kindergarten	
Dane Housley	He follows the class rules and is a good listener.
Aurora Strongo	She always works hard and is a good friend to others.
1st Grade	
Lukas Bagley	Lukas is a good example of never giving up even when the work is tricky!
Peter Youngstrom	He is always on task and is a great friend to everyone.
2nd Grade	
Dillyn Bawden	She is concerned about others and includes everyone.
Erianna Brown	She is always willing to push herself.
3rd Grade	
Dylan Pantier	He is a leader and builds others up.
Savannah Moller	She excels in all subjects and is always kind to others.
4th Grade	
Kelsie Heffernan	She is creative and self-motivated and shines in all areas!
Coleman Yates	He is responsible, hard-working, and thoughtful of others.
5th Grade	
Abbey Goldfinch	Her grades are exceptional and she is an all around joy to have in class.
Taren Valentine	He is a hard worker, a good example, and shows responsibility.
6th Grade	
Sage Gentry	She is kind and inclusive and never says an unkind word.
Tanner Pulsipher	He is respectful, optimistic, proactive, and a good example.

Health News

March is National Nutrition Month. We can use this month to re-evaluate the foods that we eat and the nutrition basics that we teach our children. Did you know that the government supports a new nutritional guideline? The new "MyPlate" replaces the food pyramid, gives more emphasis to fruits and vegetables and shows a visual representation of the balance of foods we should put on our plates and into our lives. More information and helpful suggestions can be found at www.myplate.gov. One way to help our kids really learn about nutritional choices is to bring them into the kitchen - let them help plan for, shop for, and cook the meal. When kids are apart of the food creation process they are more willing to try new things and eat healthy foods.

As the weather warms up this month, I would like to remind everyone about the "Laps to London." Our goal is to record enough cumulative miles to reach the distance to London, the site of the 2012 Olympics. That is about 6-7 miles per student over the course of the school year. We have about 3 good months left to reach this goal. Please encourage your students to get together with friends, walk some laps, and records those laps walked on their "Laps to London" recording sheet. Thank you for your support in reaching this goal.

-Suzanne

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WILL OFFER



FLU SHOTS FOR ALL AGES

BILLED TO INSURANCE

\$10 FOR NO INSURANCE OR INSURANCE THAT DOES NOT PAY

7TH GRADE TDAP *

BILLED TO INSURANCE

\$14 FOR NO INSURANCE OR INSURANCE THAT DOES NOT PAY

KINDERGARTEN IMMUNIZATIONS AVAILABLE *

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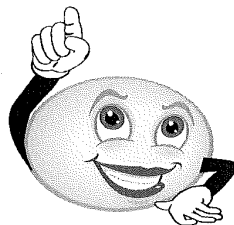
MARCH 6TH 3-6 PM

MARCH 15TH 5-7 PM

PLACE:

VISTA HEIGHTS MIDDLE SCHOOL

AF JR HIGH



WE ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING:

MEDICAID/MEDICARE

SELECT HEALTH / CHIP

UNITED HEALTHCARE

BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD

EDUCATORS MUTUAL

HUMANA/CHOICE CARE

PEHP

ALTIUS

DMBA

NO INSURANCE



* IF INSURANCE DOES NOT PAY FOR CHILDHOOD IMMUNIZATIONS WE CAN ONLY PROVIDE FLU & TDAP

* BRING IMMUNIZATION RECORDS



Mrs. Nelson receives congratulations from the Alpine Foundation as a nominee for Accent on Excellence.

Congratulations to all of the Traverse Mountain Elementary Storytellers! They all told their stories at a recent school festival.



Parents dance with 6th graders during the annual 6th grade Valentine's Dance.



Other School News

Yearbook

Calling all yearbook pictures! Email your pictures to Taisley Weston at taisleywestonphotography@hotmail.com or if you have a ton email her and she can get them on a disc or a flash drive!! Just email her to arrange for pick-up of the disc. Thanks for your support!! This years yearbook is going to be AMAZING!!! Look for more information to come home about pre-ordering your yearbook.

General PTA Meeting

Join us for our General PTA Meeting on March 9th at 10a.m

We will be electing the new executive board for the 2012-2013 school year. The following individuals have graciously volunteered to be on the board! We are very excited and think they will do a fantastic job!

President: Rachelle Funk

President Elect: Jenny Hester

Treasurer: Rochelle Allred

Secretary: Lyndsay Detro

Leadership VP: Haley Bye

Membership VP: Sally Yates

Legislative VP: Esther Rowland

Fundraising/Grant VP: Shauna Day

If you would also like to help out by being on the 2012-2013 PTA Board as a chair please signup online at: <http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/60B0E4AACA82E5-pta20122013>

T-Shirts

We have an abundance of Youth Large and adult t-shirts of all sizes that we are reducing the price of to \$6.00. We also have several hoodies available for \$15.00. We have Youth Small which runs like an Extra Small, perfect for Pre-school and Kindergarten and Youth Medium which runs like a small, perfect for 1st-2nd graders. Please contact Rikke Kotter at Luvnbmom@msn.com if you are interested.



Congratulations to Mr. Van Orden's class for winning the pizza party for January and February. They brought in 716 box tops!! Way to go!

Class	TOTAL
Mr. Van Orden	716
Mrs. Parson AM	485
Mrs. Bahr	483
Mrs. Murdoch	415
Mrs. Grimes/Ahlstrom	356
Mrs. Smith	353
Mrs. Wride	322
Mrs. S. Walker	300
Mrs. Story AM	215
Ms. Funk	187



PTA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Wow it's March! We have some really great events happening during these last few months! First, March 9th at 10am is our General PTA meeting where we will elect the PTA executive board for the 2012-2013 school year. We invite all parents to attend! If you are interested in serving on the executive board or as a committee chair please contact me at Luvnbmom@msn.com and let me know. We LOVE seeing new faces!!! You can also signup online at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0E4AAC82E5-pta20122013>

March 26th is the TRY-outs for our 2nd annual Traverse Mountain Talent Show, which is such a fun event for our kids to participate in. Last year we were overwhelmed with the amount of talented kids who tried out and we really look forward to seeing them again. This year we will have judges that are not affiliated with Traverse Mountain and will reduce the time allotted for each participant. Look for a sign-up in the front office and a flyer to go home with more details. The actual Talent Show will be on April 1st but the kids that do not make it into the Talent Show will again this year have an opportunity to sign-up to perform during lunch that week.

On March 26th We will also be kicking off our Teacher Appreciation Week. As a PTA we have a week worth of fun planned for our AMAZING teachers!! Look for information from your child Room Mom on how you can help make your child's Teacher feel loved and appreciated. Traverse Mountain Teachers ROCK!!

In April we will be having our 2nd annual TRY-athlon and are looking for businesses to again help sponsor this awesome event. We will be making this year's TRY-athlon bigger and better!! Please contact myself or Rochelle Allred at allred.rochelle@gmail.com if you are interested in helping in any way.

We are also looking for someone to help head-up this year's Field Day in May! Please let me know if you can help!!

Thank you for your support!

Rikke Kotter

Traverse Mountain Elementary PTA President

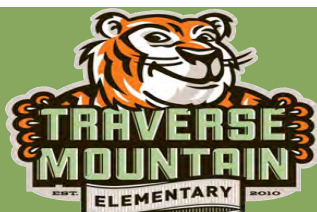


Download a Box Tops collection sheet here:

www.boxtops4education.com/Image.aspx?id=5240

Looking Ahead to Cr tln

4/2-4/4	Talents During Lunch
4/2	Talent Show
4/4-4/6	Uwo o gt'Clear Crk'Tgi
4/4	Spring Pictures
4/6	2nd Field Trip
4/6	PTA Meeting
4/9-4/13	Spring Break
4/17	Earthquake Drill
4/19	SCC Meeting
4/20	4th Field Trip
4/20	Tiger Buck Store
4/20	TRYathlon
4/23-4/25	5th to Clear Creek
4/27	Tiger Buck Store
4/30	Adobe Assembly



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Yes, I would like to make a difference in the life of a child by contributing \$_____ to the Alpine School District Foundation.

I would like my gift used for the following purpose(s);

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| <input type="checkbox"/> STARS Summer Reading Program | <input type="checkbox"/> Literacy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> STARS Endowment: Fund | <input type="checkbox"/> Meritorious Staff Recognition |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Endowment Fund: | <input type="checkbox"/> Foundation General Fund |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Endowment Fund: Undesignated | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ school _____ classroom |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Technology Laboratories | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Traverse Mountain school <u>undesignated</u> program |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Language Arts Materials | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

I would like information about how estate planning can help reduce my taxes and enable me to make a major contribution to the Alpine School District Foundation.

ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE and will be promptly received

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Make all checks payable to the Alpine foundation. Thanks for you support of students.
Please call 801-610-8403 for additional information.

Mail to: Alpine School District Foundation – 575 North 100 East-American Fork, UT 84003

If you prefer, you may deliver your donation to the school and we will forward on to the ASD Foundation.