



Traverse Mountain Elementary

Tiger times



THIS MONTH AT A GLANCE

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October 3-7	Book Fair	October 18	Picture Make Up Day
October 4-5	Parent/Teacher Conferences	October 20-21	NO SCHOOL—Fall Break
October 7-24	Happenings Books Fundraiser	October 28	Box Tops Due
October 10-14	Red Ribbon Week	October 31	Halloween Parade 10:00am
October 13	SCC mtg. 3:45pm		
October 14	Red Ribbon Assembly		

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,
 We are looking forward to a great month of October. It's always an exciting time with the Book Fair, Student-led Parent Conferences, Red Ribbon Week, and Halloween. We thank all parents for being a very active part of your child's education and supporting our school in the endeavor of educating our 800 students.

We have incorporated a couple new ways to help students achieve. The first is called Double Dosing. This involves inviting a few students per grade to either come early or stay late depending on which track they attend. For example, if a student attends Track B from 9:15-3:30, we have him/her come at 8:00 for 75 minutes of extra small group instruction with a trained paraprofessional. Grade level teacher teams select students based on end of year tests, current reading/math assessments, and other data gathered each month. A note is sent home from the principal inviting parent permission for students to participate. We anticipate changing student groups approximately each month based on student needs.

A second area involves our desire that students complete their schoolwork. We have a study hall for 4th-6th grade students during lunchtime. If students are missing assignments, they are invited to attend so they don't fall further behind. Mrs. Schwab works with students during this time.

We invite all to come participate in whatever manner you can. Volunteer in the classroom, enjoy lunch with a child and help out during lunch recess, or simply be sure to attend any of the activities we have planned throughout the school year.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone during Parent Conference Week!

David Stephenson
 Principal



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Carnival Photo Highlights



Hand in Hand Let's Take A Stand! Red Ribbon Week—October 10-14

Monday, October 10—Theme: “Lei” off of Drugs!

Hawaiian Theme Day—Hawaiian dress

Tuesday, October 11—Theme: Team Up Against Drugs!

Team Jersey Day—Wear your favorite team jersey

Wednesday, October 12—Theme: Hats Off to a Drug Free Life!

Hat Day—Wear your favorite hat or a silly hat

Thursday, October 13—Theme: Traverse Mountain Tigers May Be Crazy, but They Don't Do Drugs!

Crazy Hair Day

Friday, October 14—Theme: Reach For Your Dreams, Not Drugs

Dress up like what you want to be when you grow up

Photo Highlights from September

BELOW: Best-selling Author Jason Wright visited our school and inspired students during two assemblies to go after their dreams and watch for opportunities in their lives to help make a difference for others.



LEFT: Many parents are volunteering with our Take Home Reading Program which starts up this week.

Laps to London

This year our school will be participating in the Gold Medal School Program. The mission statement of the Gold Medal School program is to "Create opportunities for students to eat healthy, be active, and stay tobacco-free". We have the goal to obtain the bronze level status this year. With the bronze level status there are requirements that our school must fulfill to help our school be a place that encourages and develops healthy habits for the children. One specific goal for our students is to walk the "gold medal mile". Walking six laps around the grass of the playground creates the gold medal mile. The Olympics are coming to London this summer, and I love the lessons of dedication, perseverance and goal setting that we all can learn from the Olympic athletes. To draw on that inspiration, we have come up with the goal to walk the distance to the London Olympic games. By walking the "gold medal mile" laps around the grass at the playground before school or during recess breaks the students will track and accumulate the distance we need to get there. This will be ongoing for the entire year and I am excited about making this a fun and rewarding activity for the kids. - Suzanne Tingey



We are doing *Fabulous!!* Our school has turned in over **\$530** from **Box Tops** just this year!! We have many rewards planned for this school year. First up **FREE** photo shoot with Sandy Whittaker Photography for the top family!

Who's going to win the **FREE** photo shoot with Sandy Whittaker Photography?

Giveaway:

FREE Family Photo Session, 30 Minute Shoot, CD of all images, plus 10 edits

Location within 10 miles of Traverse Mountain

Expires: Dec. 15, 2011

Top Parents

Kristi Jensen 284

Ethan Amezcua family 165

Which class is going to win the Pizza Party for turning in the most box tops?

Top Ten classes

1. Moschetti
2. Lewis
3. Chipman
4. Funk
5. Story AM
6. Wride
7. Stone
8. Bahr
9. Sherri
10. Dominguez

***We have been keeping track of any labeled collection sheets and/or baggies. We have a large list of student that have turned in BT. Please include parent's name and number on BT turned in.**



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Dear Traverse Tigers,

Although the school year is well underway, with many volunteers already making an appearance as classroom or take home reading helpers, PTA committee chair people planning events and committee members working tirelessly to pull it all together, I cannot express in words how truly grateful I am for each and everyone of you that are volunteering to make a difference at our School.

This is especially true in regards to the Fall Carnival. I am so very thankful to each and every volunteer who sacrificed so much to pull off such a HUGE event. I hope that you know that you are appreciated and valued. I am in awe of all of the wonderful support our School has had, not only by the sweet volunteers but also by the community. We had such a GREAT turnout at our Carnival. I am happy to report that we have surpassed our goal of raising \$5,000 dollars for our School. With your help, we raised almost \$7,600!! Wow!! Although we understand that there is always room for improvement, we are grateful for your patience as we figure out what works and doesn't work.

We hope that each year will get better and better as we work together in making our School shine.

If the first month of School is any indication.....I KNOW that this year is going to be AMAZING!!



Rikke Kotter
 Traverse Mountain Elementary PTA President



Did you know.....

By joining the PTA you are not committing to anything **BUT** supporting our school. Without your support we wouldn't be able to do many of the programs and activities we do!! So print out the form and **JOIN!!**

It's less then a JCW Burger!!

Looking Ahead into November

- 7 Reflections Due 4:00
- 14 Minimal Monday
- 17 SCC Mtg. 3:45pm
- 18 End 1st Trimester

- 22 Reflections Assembly 1pm
- 23-25 **NO SCHOOL**
Thanksgiving break



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