

Traverse Mountain Elementary

Tiger Times



THIS MONTH AT A GLANCE

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Oct 1-5	Red Ribbon Week	Oct 11-15	Fall Break
Oct 3-4	Parent/Teacher Conferences	Oct 17	Picture Make-ups
Oct 3	Kindergarten to Hee Haws	Oct 17	2:30pm Immunization Clinic
Oct 3	Nancy Krulik Assembly	Oct 18	Reflections Due
Oct 5	Red Ribbon Assembly	Oct 18	School Community Council
Oct 10	1st Grade to Hee Haws	Oct 22	Brad Wilcox Assembly

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Traverse Mountain Community,

The month of October is a busy month at Traverse Mountain Elementary. We start off with Parent Conferences and the Book Fair followed by Red Ribbon Week, Bully-Awareness Month, and various assemblies for the students. We will have an author assembly, a writing assembly and day with Brad Wilcox, and a Bully Assembly with Mike Forsyth.

As you have probably noticed, we have a great concern and focus on bullying. We are striving to help students not only see the big, obvious side of bullying, but the little things that can still hurt someone. I had the opportunity to go into every classroom a couple weeks ago to read the book, Just Kidding. It shows how little mean things can add up to really hurting another student.

We have implemented the Tiger Team Behavior Report and have had great success in rewarding students for positive behavior. Please know that if you child receives a negative report, we are simply trying to let you know that we are working with your child to make good choices and we will support them as they make a change for the better.

This month, we will also begin LEAD Team where 5th and 6th grade students will be trained as conflict managers to help younger students learn the steps of conflict resolution, especially on the playground.

We appreciate the help from the PTA and Natalie Dobbins for helping in our focus of making our school a safe environment free of bullying. Without fail, in every classroom I read with, a student would raise their hand and say, "My mom told me, if you can't say anything nice, don't say anything at all." That was my mom's motto, too, and I think we can definitely help our school community become even better by following this advice.

Thanks for supporting our school!

David Stephenson
 Traverse Mountain Elementary Principal



Tiger of the Month

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

Kindergarten	
Isaac Yadon	He is always happy and such a good friend to others.
Holly Moller	She works hard and is one of the best helpers in class.
1st Grade	
Hazel Torgerson	Her attitude and behaviors allow her to learn throughout the day.
Carson Crookston	By encouraging those around him, he has become a great friend to everyone in class.
2nd Grade	
Jackson Andrus	He has a positive attitude and always includes others in class and at recess.
Kiley Almond	She is a great example of a happy, devoted student to her classmates.
3rd Grade	
Cameron Maughan	He is a great leader and helps remind his peers around him to be a good listener.
Kelsey Fitzgerald	She is a good example and stands up for what is right.
4th Grade	
Aliyah Schenk	She is always looking for anyone who needs a friend and is eager to help them out.
Blake Weekley	He is a person of integrity and if there is anything that he makes a mistake about, he fixes it right away.
5th Grade	
Paige Lewis	She is very responsible and respectful and always willing to help others.
Max Enger	He is kind and respectful to others.
6th Grade	
Alvin Gaertner	He works hard and is always trying his best.
Elizabeth Bagley	She gets on task when an assignment is given and stays focused until it is completed.

Take Home Reading

The Take Home Reading Program will be starting up on October 8th. If you haven't returned your blue permission forms please do so ASAP. Please make sure that you mark on there if you are opting in or opting out.

If you have signed up to help volunteer with the Take Home Reading program or would like to volunteer there will be a training meeting on October 3rd at 10am in room 122. Children are welcome. Even if you have helped with the program in the past, please come to the training because there have been changes that you will need to know about. If you can't make the training meeting please contact Janelle Youngstrom at: 801-477-0765, janelley@gmail.com, or jyoungstrom@marykay.com.

Janelle will be in during the first week of the program to help all of the volunteers and answer any questions. She will also be sending out a copy of the volunteers list on October 1st so you can see where you've been scheduled.

Pictures



Thanks to the many parent volunteers that come each day, once a week, or at some-time during the school year and help out in the classroom. We appreciate you!

Thanks to Farmer Rasmussen for bringing one of his huge pumpkins to show the kids. We had a fun "guess the weight" contest.



REFLECTIONS

The PTA Reflections Contest is a great way for students to showcase some of their artistic talents in visual arts, photography, dance choreography, musical composition, film production, theatre, 3-D art, and/or literature. Your child should have received an entry form/artist statement form from school with a red flyer stapled to it. You need to submit an entry form/artist statement for each project turned in (only 1 per student per category). All entries need to reflect the theme "The magic of a moment..." So, let your child's creative juices flow!! If you have any other questions or want more details about the contest, rules, or descriptions of each category please visit the PTA reflections website at PTAreflections.org and click on the "Get Started" tab on the left.



The flyer features a red border and a white background. At the top left is the PTA logo with the website www.pta.org. At the top right is PTAreflections.org. The main title "Unleash your artistic talents" is written in large, stylized green and red letters. Below the title are seven categories, each with a green label and an illustration: "Visual Arts" (paintbrushes), "Photography" (camera), "Dance Choreography" (silhouettes of dancers), "Musical Composition" (piano keyboard), "Film Production" (film reel), "Literature" (open book and pen), and "3D" (no illustration). The bottom section contains the text "PTA® Reflections 2012-2013 Theme: 'The Magic of a Moment...'", "Deadline for entries:", "For details, contact", and "Share your imagination...enter Reflections". It also includes a note about regional deadlines and a list of regional contacts. A paintbrush is illustrated on the left side, and the Parenting magazine logo and PTA Reflections logo are at the bottom right.

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Unleash your artistic talents

Visual Arts

Photography

Dance Choreography

Musical Composition

Film Production

Literature

3D

PTA® Reflections

2012-2013 Theme: "The Magic of a Moment..."

Deadline for entries:

For details, contact

Share your imagination...enter Reflections
Due dates are set by each Region...

Region Contacts can be found at www.utahpta.org

REGION ENTRIES are due into the Utah PTA Office by 4 p.m., Thursday, January 31, 2013
*Most Local PTA Entries are due to the Council Term by October or November
*Check with your Region!

*For deadlines, rules, Regions or Councils
are not organized, check with the
Individual Development Commission
at Utah PTA

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PTA REFLECTIONS

Anti-Bullying Poster Contest

This year at Traverse Mountain Elementary, we will be having an “Awareness Month” in October instead of just one week of Red Ribbon activities. We will focus on drug and alcohol awareness and bullying awareness. For Bully Awareness Week, we would like students to participate in an anti-bullying poster contest so we can display their posters as we learn more about bullying and its effects. The students will be working on their posters in art class, but if they do not finish them they will need to finish them at home.

The following topics will be discussed during Bully Awareness Week. Students should choose one of these topics as a theme for their posters:

- Be kind. Respect the differences of others.
- Speak up! Try to help others who are being bullied.
- Include everyone...especially students who are left out.
- Report bullying. If you know that someone is being bullied, tell an adult.
- Choose kind words. Even if you are joking, don't say mean things.
- Don't use your computer or cell phone to send mean messages or rumors.
(Cyberbullying-Upper grades)

Please have your posters turned in by October 10th so that we can hang the posters to display throughout the school during Bully Awareness Week. Posters will be displayed if they are handed in after the 10th, but they will not have a chance to be judged for the contest, so try to turn them in on time!

We have had several local companies donate fun prizes for the winners of the contest including: Roxberry Smoothies, Orange Leaf Yogurt, Arctic Circle, and Smart Cookie Company. The art teacher will choose the top 5 posters per class, and those students will get a prize and also will be entered into the final contest for the grade-level prizes. Make sure your name, grade, and classroom teacher are on the back of the poster. Please try to keep your poster positive and have fun helping to spread the word about bullying!



Box Tops

Box tops are an easy way to get free money for your children's school, so please send in those box tops. We are holding a contest to see which classrooms can bring in the most box tops. The teacher in each grade level whose classroom brings in the most box tops will get a gift certificate from Utah Idaho Supply / Map World.

PTA Membership Contest

We are having a PTA Membership Contest. The first class K-2nd and the first class 3rd-6th to get 100% PTA memberships will get a party hosted by Chick-fil-A. To sign up for PTA, contact Rachelle Funk (rachelle@atomicsmurf.com) or Sally Yates (syates111@gmail.com).

PTA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

September was a busy month at Traverse Mountain Elementary and we've already had so many activities happening. Our biggest activity this month was our annual Fall Carnival. I hope that most of you had a chance to come for a little bit and participate in the festivities. It was so much fun. Some people told me that it was the "best carnival we've had at our school so far." We want to give our profound thanks to all those in our community who helped donate items for our silent auction and those that gave of their time and talents to put on such an amazing activity. A special thanks needs to go to our Carnival Chair, Mindy Widdowson and her amazing committee – Aimee Ellis, Missy Sanders, Christy Cook, Heidi Brown, Julie Snow, Amy Wallengren, Trisa Ellis, Emily Robinson, Jillian Plewe, and Debbie Cluff. We are so grateful for all of the teachers who volunteered their time that night and all the other people who helped run the events that made our carnival such a fun experience. And we can't forget to mention the fabulous Kosorok family who did another fantastic spook alley this year. I just can't express my thanks enough for all of you.

October is going to be another great month at our school. We have a book fair coming up the first week where we can all pick up some terrific reading material for our kids and ourselves. We also have red ribbon week October 1st – 5th which we are hoping will be a very beneficial activity for the kids and will teach them a lot of things to keep them safer. We will have our anti-bullying focus for the last two weeks of the month that should help everyone be more aware of how they treat others. Our kids are so lucky to have all these programs to enhance their learning at school.

As always, we as a PTA could not accomplish anything without the wonderful support of the parents and community of our school. Thank you all for taking the time to support us and our teachers at the school.

Rachelle Funk
Traverse Mountain Elementary PTA President

Download a Box Tops collection sheet here:

www.boxtops4education.com/Image.aspx?id=6292

Looking Ahead to November

11/1	Reflections Award Night
11/2	PTA Meeting 10am
11/5	Minimal Monday
11/15	SCC 3:45pm
11/21-11/23	Thanksgiving Break
11/29	Ballroom to Festival of Trees



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LEAD TEAM APPLICATION

5th/6th Grade

STUDENT NAME _____ GRADE _____ TEACHER _____

I HEREBY APPLY TO BE A MEMBER OF THE LEAD TEAM AT TRAVERSE MOUNTAIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Please explain in a few sentences why you would like to be a LEAD TEAM member:

Lead Team Members will assist at the school with lunchtime duties, helping during assemblies, serving as office assistants as needed, and other assignments that will help build leadership opportunities. Additionally, Lead Team members will serve as CONFLICT MANAGERS. Conflict management is a process whereby children use skills they've learned in a workshop to help resolve problems between their peers. This process focuses on resolving conflicts peacefully by listening and repeating the story of the conflict, brainstorming solutions with both parties, and coming to a resolution to which all parties can agree.

IF ACCEPTED, I WILL FOLLOW THE GUIDELINES OF CONFLICT MANAGEMENT AND ATTEND ALL TRAINING MEETINGS. I UNDERSTAND THAT A CONFLICT MANAGER MUST

- Listen to kids in a conflict without taking sides
- Try to understand the thoughts and feelings of kids in conflict
- Listen to each kid's story without judging or blaming
- Listen without interrupting
- Be trusted not to discuss the conflict with other students
- Help kids who are mad at each other work together peacefully
- Help kids in a conflict work out their own agreement rather than tell them how to solve their problem
- Help other people no matter how they look, dress or speak.

HAVING READ THE ABOVE I HEREBY SIGN MY NAME:

(FIRST, LAST)

APPROVAL OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN

HAVING READ THE AIMS AND DUTIES OF LEAD TEAM OUTLINED ON THIS FORM, I HEREBY GIVE MY CONSENT TO HAVE MY SON/DAUGHTER _____ SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE LEAD TEAM.

PARENT/GUARDIAN _____ DATE _____

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT MR. STEPHENSON, dstephenson@alpinedistrict.org or 801-610-8725



Immunize Your Family Against the Flu

- September

Friday 21: Mt. Mahogany Elementary (PG) 3:30-5:30

- October

Friday 5: Sharon Elementary (Orem) 3:30-5:30

Monday 8: District Office 11:00-1:00

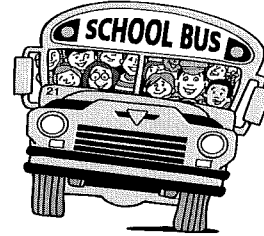
Monday 8: Lindon Elementary 2:30-4:30

Wednesday 17: Traverse Mt. Elementary 2:30-5:30

Tuesday 23: Vista Height Middle 3:15-5:30

Insurances Accepted:

Medicaid/Medicare	PEHP
Humana/Choice Care	DMBA
Select Health/Chip	Blue Cross Blue Shield
Select Health	Altius
United Healthcare	Educators Mutual
Molina	CIGNA



Immunizations Offered:

Adult and Child (4yr& older except flu) required and recommended vaccines

North County Office: 599 S. 500 E. American Fork

801 851-7331– Walk-In's and Appointments welcome

Form available online <http://www.utahcountyonline.org/dept/Health/flushots/>

Dear Parents, The character trait we will focus on for the month of October is Responsibility. Please complete the attached "Table Talk" discussions with your child and return the completed form below to your child's teacher. Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

Traverse Mountain Elementary PTA

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Child's First and Last Name: _____

Child's Teacher: _____

We have completed the "Table Talk" discussions about responsibility.

Parent's Signature: _____

(Please return this portion to your child's teacher.)



fold

Discuss: How does making a commitment and being dependable relate to being Responsible?
Discuss: How can we be responsible with our behavior and what we say and do? How can we be good problem solvers? What are some other examples of responsible actions?

RESPONSIBLE

fold

RESPONSIBLE

Character Table Talk Directions: At home, "Table Talk" discussions can be folded, placed in the center of the table at meals or other times so that each week discussions can reinforce good character. Thank you for working together to help our children develop good character.

Discuss: Our character word is RESPONSIBLE. Being Responsible means to recognize and follow through with what is expected of one's self and things we need to do. What are some jobs or responsibilities you have at home?

Discuss: What are some ways that we can be responsible at school – in the classroom? On the playground? On the bus?

fold

Make up Picture Day Is Coming!!

va viene el día de los retratos!

Wednesday, October 17, 2012

Traverse Mountain Elementary

Photographers will be set up between: 9:30-10:00

(Afternoon kindergarten please come between these times)

(Sorry not set up for groups. Lo siento no estamos preparados para tomar grupos.)

All students are photographed for office files and administration purposes, even if they are not buying a picture package.

Selected images may be used for samples.

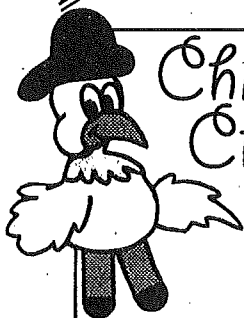
Todos los estudiantes son fotografiados para archivos de propósitos y oficina administrativos. Aún si no van a comprar un paquete de retratos, las imágenes seleccionadas pueden ser usadas como muestras.

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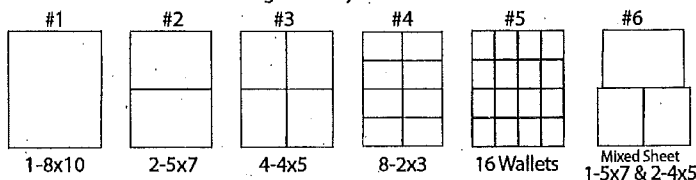
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4-2x3
8-Wallets
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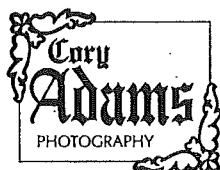
1-8x10	\$7
2-5x7	\$7
4-4x5	\$7
8-2x3	\$7
16 Wallets	\$7

Cash, or Check. Please bring money on picture day or pre-pay online.

Efectivo, Cheque, o Tarjeta de credito. Por favor de traer el dinero en el día de los retratos

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