

Traverse Mountain Elementary

Tiger Times



THIS MONTH AT A GLANCE

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Sep 2	Labor Day—No School	Sep 11	SCC Meeting 10:00am
Sep 3	Hearing Screening	Sep 18	School Pictures
Sep 5	Room Mother's Tea 3:45pm	Sep 18	Paired Reading Training 3:45pm
Sep 10	Net Smart Assembly 9:30am	Sep 20	Fall Carnival 4:00pm
Sep 11	Vision Screening 9:00am	Sep 24	Road to Success 1:00pm

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Traverse Mountain Community,

We are off to great start of the school year. Our teachers in all classrooms are working together everyday toward student achievement. This year we are continuing with Double Dosing. For 30 minutes, four days a week, students who struggle with certain concepts are invited to attend double dosing. These students meet in grade-level small groups to receive extra help in re-teaching, reviewing or reinforcing key concepts in our core curriculum. This year certified teachers from each grade level will be working with their own grade level students. Sessions are held before and after school. It is funded with Trust Land and District Double Dosing money. Weekly, during Monday collaboration, teachers are reviewing the progress of each student and making a plan to meet their needs.

We also have many opportunities in music, art, PE and technology that increases brain power and leads to expanded skills in the academic subjects. Some of our programs include *Design Thinking, Spring School Musical, Paired-Reading, Ballroom, Knowledge Bowl, FIRST Lego League, Spelling Bee, Google Chrome Lab, and Hope of America.*

United as a team we will
 LEAD: **L**earn, **E**ncourage, **A**chieve and **D**ream.

Mrs. Strong, Principal



Pictures: Room Mother's Tea



Pictures: Eagle Scout Projects

We want to thank the eagle scouts for the projects they have finished at our school.



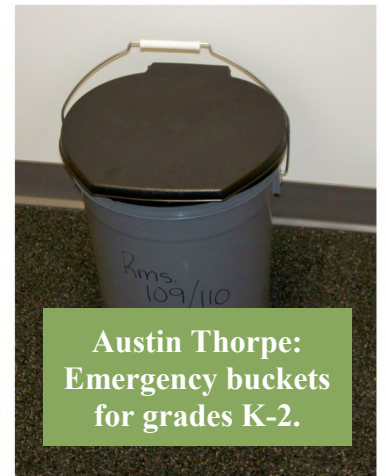
Bryce Collins:
Sign for the front of
the school.



Austin Thorpe:
Emergency buckets
for grades K-2.



Stockton Sharp:
Tree Rings.



Austin Thorpe:
Emergency buckets
for grades K-2.



Isaac Melanson:
Map of the world on
the playground.

Pictures:

6th grade vs. Faculty kickball game



Other School News

Take Home Reading

If you have a child in grades K-2nd and have not yet turned in your Take Home Reading form, please do so as soon as possible. The Take Home Reading program will begin on September 30th and your child cannot participate if you do not turn in your signed permission form. Here is an attached permission form or you can pick one up on the wall outside the school office.

To view /print the permission form see the link: <https://drive.google.com/?tab=mo&authuser=0#folders/0B0wVSYe-4UrcVGU2Q3pmME5BNEU>

Rewards Programs

Because the families from our community sign up for Smith's reward card and Target's Take Charge of Education card, we have earned \$4400.47 from Smith's and \$307.77 from Target.

Thank you for all the families who participated. It is easy to participate. Just register your card at both of these places. Here are links to get you started.

<http://traversemountain.alpineschools.org/announcements/enroll-smiths-card>

<https://www-secure.target.com/redcard/teoe/home?catalogId=10051&langId=-1&storeId=10151&krypto=cQcHDksCxhgmUtHxyjlq48%2BIHqzAFPvRj%2BCK5QVyor4h0nGk1rMzYuRJKChjT84PaFeNvM3nAR%0AfaTHK9sZZQ%3D%3D&ddkey=http:redcard/teoe/home>

Join the PTA!!

If you have not yet joined the PTA please come to the front office and do so. We would really appreciate your support! Joining the PTA does not require you to volunteer or be at the school for any particular event. It's just a way to help support the school your children attend.

Also, don't forget about the carnival coming up this Friday. Punch cards are on sale at the front office. If you would like to sign up to help, here is the link: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B094AA8AC238-atiger>.



Tammy Parsons

Kindergarten

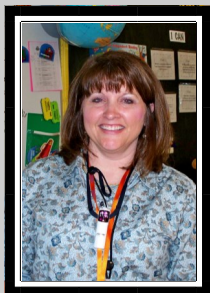
I became a teacher because:	I loved helping in my children's classrooms as they grew up. I went back to school to become a teacher.
If I wasn't a teacher I would be:	An artist!
Who is someone from history you would like to meet and why?	I would love to meet Sacagawea and hear her story and the amazing experiences she had throughout her life and as an interpreter on the Lewis and Clark expedition.
Did you ever get sent to the principal's office? Why?	No, never!
What is your favorite book? Who is your favorite author?	I don't have one favorite book. I love to read all kinds of books from a variety of authors. I do really like the children's books written and illustrated by Audrey and Don Wood. Their stories are fun to read over and over again and the illustrations are amazing!
What is your favorite food? Treat?	I enjoy my mom's fried chicken and mashed potatoes and gravy, but my favorite treat would be almost anything with chocolate involved.
If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go?	The beach, any beach that is warm and beautiful where I can swim in the waves and wiggle my toes in the sand!



Cheryl Dominguez

6th Grade

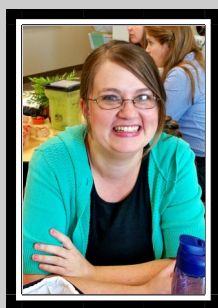
I became a teacher because:	I love to see the light in children's eyes when they finally understand something new.
If I wasn't a teacher I would be:	A business woman, hopefully owning my own company.
Who is someone from history you would like to meet and why?	I would love to meet Theodore Roosevelt. I have read a lot about him and he is the most dynamic person I could ever imagine.
Did you ever get sent to the principal's office? Why?	Yes. I was actually expelled from school in 4 th grade because I wrote a note about my teacher. They probably wouldn't even think twice about it now days.
What is your favorite book? Who is your favorite author?	I love so many, but this year it happens to be "Wonder" by RJ Palacio. My ultimate authors are Terry Brooks, Robert Ludlum, and Rick Riordan.
What is your favorite food? Treat?	I love Mexican food. I love brownies and most things chocolate.
If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go?	I would love to go to the British Isles.
Anything else unique about you we can include in the newsletter?	I happen to be fearless when it comes to spiders. I am totally unafraid of the dark and of dark places.



Diane Lewis

4th Grade

I became a teacher because:	I always admired my teachers growing up and said that I wanted to be a teacher just like my 3rd grade teacher. I love learning and love to help others learn.
If I wasn't a teacher I would be:	A writer, poet, or composer.
Who is someone from history you would like to meet and why?	Abraham Lincoln, George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, and their wives. They all had a great impact on our country. I would be interested in hearing the wife's perspective of these great men.
Did you ever get sent to the principal's office? Why?	No, I was obedient and wanted to please my teachers.
What is your favorite book? Who is your favorite author?	I love so many books. I love realistic fiction, historical fiction, and fantasy. A good fairy tale or clean romance now and then also makes me happy. I think J.K. Rowling really changed the world of children's literature with the Harry Potter series.
What is your favorite food? Treat?	I love a good steak dinner or Italian dish. I also love chocolate, ice cream, and fresh hot baked cookies.
If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go?	Europe—starting in England, then Germany, and Albania, and ending in Italy.
Anything else unique about you we can include in the newsletter?	I have five wonderful children whose names all begin with the letter "J". My husband survived a plane crash, and the journey still continues.



Beth Hansen

Computers

I became a teacher because:	I love kids and I love seeing them grow and learn.
If I wasn't a teacher I would be:	I would be a baker and cake decorator. My husband and I often discuss and dream about someday (many, many years from now) opening a bakery together.
Who is someone from history you would like to meet and why?	I would love to meet many of the founding fathers. I love US history and think they were fascinating and brave men.
Did you ever get sent to the principal's office? Why?	No. As a child I was very shy and a people pleaser. Just the thought of getting sent to the principal's office made me want to cry.
What is your favorite book? Who is your favorite author?	I am a voracious reader, so it is hard to pick just one favorite book. The book I have loved since I was twelve and read more times than I can count is Anne of Green Gables. Some of my favorite authors are Agatha Christie, Kate Morton, L.M. Montgomery, Robin McKinley, and Janet Evanovich.
What is your favorite food? Treat?	Chocolate—the darker the better.
If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go?	I would love to go to Italy.
Anything else unique about you we can include in the newsletter?	I am the second oldest of 15 kids (7 of those are my step-sibling). It makes for some crazy, loud, and fun family get-togethers.



Box Tops

We are changing the way we do box tops at the school this year. Instead of collecting box tops from individual classrooms we are asking everyone to put their box tops in a collection box in the school office. Every Friday we draw three names and those three people win a prize. There are 3 different ways to turn in your box tops:

- 1) Have your student write his name (first and last) on the back of each box top he turns in.
- 2) Put your box tops on a collection sheet and write your name at the top of the collection sheet.
- 3) Put your box tops in a baggie and write your name on the baggie.

Every Friday we will pick three names, one from each of these categories. Turning in box tops to your school is a quick and easy way for our school to earn money. Each year we have earned over \$2,000 for our school to help run programs like Take Home Reading and after school programs. It would be fun to see if we can make this our best year yet!!

Please go online to www.boxtops4education.com and register for an account if you have not done so already and learn about all the ways there are to earn box tops for your school.

Alpine School District Teacher of the Year

Mrs. Mendenhall was honored at the School Board Meeting on September 10 and awarded Alpine School District Teacher of the Year representing the Lehi Cluster. Way to go Mrs. Mendenhall!!



Download a 50 count Box Tops collection sheet here:
http://www.hopepta.org/icomla/images/boxtops/box_tops_50.pdf

Looking ahead to October	
10/2 - 10/3	Common Days for Parent Teacher Conferences
10/7	PTA Meeting
10/10 - 10/14	Fall Break No School
10/14	TM 5K
10/16	Picture Make-up Day
10/17	SCC 3:45pm



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