

Traverse Mountain Elementary

# Tiger Times



## THIS MONTH AT A GLANCE

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Dec 12	PTA Reflections Award	Dec 20	Christmas Sing (8:30 and 10)
Dec 20	Common Day	Dec 23- Jan 5	Christmas Break

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Merry Christmas to Traverse Mountain Students and Parents. I am so thankful to be working with each person associated with our school. I love my job and coming to work every day.

During the month of November our staff was treated like royalty. Each day in November a family in our community picked a day to shower us with all kinds of treats and goodies. Thank you to the following families who made us feel so appreciated by these great acts of kindness:

Michael and Gen Brenny  
Keith and Jenny Hester  
Brad and Julie Bettinson  
Michael and Andrea Johnston  
Jimmy and Brooke Walker  
David and Tricia Logan  
Brandon and Andrea LeRoy  
Donald and Joanne VanBuskirk  
Mike and Valarie Andrus

David and Kimberly Kosorok  
Reno and Sunny Mahe  
Eric and Sunny Schriever  
Jon and Mindy Widdowson  
Aaron and Tamara Snyder  
Thomas and Trisa Ellis  
Rodney and Tawnya Hyde  
David and Emily Bradley

On behalf of the whole staff, we want to thank the Traverse Mountain Community for being so generous and giving to our school. We feel so appreciated and loved.

Mrs. Strong, Principal  
LEAD: Learn, Encourage, Achieve and Dream.



# Pictures: Hour of Code

All of our first through sixth graders were able to participate in the Hour of Code during the week of December 9-13 to help celebrate Computer Science Education Week. The students used visual coding to program an angry bird to get through a maze to reach the naughty pig. They had to use logical and computational thinking to figure out how to get the bird to move the right direction using the fewest commands possible. It was a challenging but very fun experience! To learn more about the Hour of Code or Computer Science go to [csedweek.org](http://csedweek.org)



## Pictures: Reflections Award Winners



### **Top Left:**

Eleanor Martin won 1st place in the primary division for 3D art and will be advancing to region.

### **Top Right:**

Abigail Boyles received the Award of Merit for her 3D art in the intermediate division.

### **Left:**

Bradin Rohde won 1st place in the middle division for his film production and will be advancing to region.

# Other School News

## New Curriculum Meeting

The Lehi High School Community Council is hosting a meeting about the new curriculum testing (SAGE) on **Wednesday, January 15 at 10am in the Media Center at Lehi High**. David Smith (Alpine District Director of Research and Evaluation) will be presenting information about how the testing is different from previous end-of-year testing, and demonstrating examples of the types of questions students will be asked. Anyone is welcome, and we are encouraging PTA/PTSA board and School Community Council members to attend, since they are usually the individuals concerned parents contact with questions. We hope that by explaining the information before the testing begins, we can alleviate concerns. Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Thanks!  
Karen Ashman  
[801-768-9543](tel:801-768-9543)

## A Big Thanks!

We would like to thank Dippidee (in AF by Costco) for their generous donation of treats for the Teachers and Staff Annual Christmas Party. Visit their website for more information ([www.dippidee.com](http://www.dippidee.com)) and to check out all their delicious cupcakes, cookies, cakes and other amazing creations and help support this wonderful business that supports our school!

## Creativity Fair

It's almost time for the Traverse Mountain second annual

## Creativity Fair

It is time to get your creative juices flowing! The Creativity Fair is for students to make and create something unique and fun without the need to spend any money! You can start a new project or use anything you have already made! If you feel like it is creative, then it is! We want to show off your work in the library for all the students, teachers, and parents to see!

Here are some examples:

- \* Duct tape purses/wallets
- \* Sewing/knitting projects
- \* Popsicle creations
- \* Crafts from wood
- \* Clay models
- \* Paint projects
- \* Creations made from bottles, cans, toilets paper rolls, yarn, etc.

We ask that you consider not bringing anything that is valuable (Legos, money, or things of great worth). The school is not liable for any lost or stolen items! Your creation will be safe in the library with the doors locked when the library is closed.

There will be no judging of the projects, it's just for fun!

\*If you are interested in participating, you will be given a 12in x 12in space to display. We ask that you don't go any wider than the given space to make enough room for all the displays. Also, please include an index card with your full name, teacher, and a brief description of your display.

The fair will take place in January--dates will be announced.



# Annette Farley

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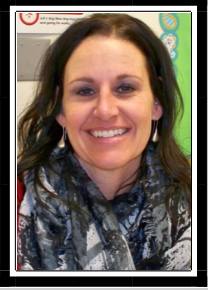
<b>I became a teacher because:</b>	Children are AMAZING! Who wouldn't want to spend all day with them. :)
<b>If I wasn't a teacher I would be:</b>	A tour guide in the jungle or mountains or a ski instructor. I could enjoy nature, work out and talk to people..... so fun.
<b>Who is someone from history you would like to meet and why?</b>	Bob Marley because he ROCKS!!!!
<b>Did you ever get sent to the principal's office? Why?</b>	Nope.
<b>What is your favorite book? Who is your favorite author?</b>	I love "Harry Potter" and "Peter and the Starcatchers".
<b>What is your favorite food? Treat?</b>	Sushi, soups, sandwiches, and salads. Baked goods like yummy cookies and cheese cake!
<b>If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go?</b>	Places that are tropical with a lovely beach but also have fun adventures like: Costa Rica, Hawaii, Jamaica.



# Britt Rohde

4th Grade

<b>I became a teacher because:</b>	I wanted to share my love of learning with children. I have always had a passion for learning new things, especially in the sciences and how things work. My seventh grade science teacher inspired me to study the sciences because even "cool girls" can be smart. This stuck with me and I knew that someday, I would want to be there to inspire a young child to follow what they really love.
<b>If I wasn't a teacher I would be:</b>	Environmental scientist or a spy.
<b>Who is someone from history you would like to meet and why?</b>	I have always wanted to meet Cleopatra. I often wonder if she was as intoxicating as history has written her. If she was, she must have shown great wisdom beyond her years and patience. She also had a way to will people with subtle hints. I am also fascinated by the use of medicine and contraptions at that time. It would be a great peek into some amazing mysteries...
<b>Did you ever get sent to the principal's office? Why?</b>	Yes, in third grade I was chasing a boy on Sadie Hopkins day to kiss him and he fell down on the blacktop. He got hurt and I got to visit Mr. Mathis. I knew from then on that I should never chase a boy!
<b>What is your favorite book? Who is your favorite author?</b>	My favorite book is The Celestine Prophecy. My favorite author at the moment is Brandon Mull.
<b>What is your favorite food? Treat?</b>	My favorite food to eat is Mexican. My favorite treat is Mike-n-Ike's and Diet Coke.
<b>If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go?</b>	Lauterbrunnen, Switzerland is my favorite place in the world. I would want to buy a house there and stay.
<b>Anything else unique about you we can include in the newsletter?</b>	I love what I'm doing!!!!!! ;-)



# Mindee Tarr

## 3rd Grade

<b>I became a teacher because:</b>	I love working with kids. Contributing to a child's success is the most rewarding feeling.
<b>If I wasn't a teacher I would be:</b>	Accountant.
<b>Who is someone from history you would like to meet and why?</b>	Amelia Earhart. She was extremely brave and intelligent. She never gave up! Amelia was a greatly respected woman in American history.
<b>Did you ever get sent to the principal's office? Why?</b>	No way, I never dared do anything that would get me sent to the Principal's office. I was the pleaser in my family. My brother got in enough trouble for the both of us.
<b>What is your favorite book? Who is your favorite author?</b>	I don't really have a favorite book or author. I love to read and I read as much as I can.
<b>What is your favorite food? Treat?</b>	Favorite food is Mexican food. Café Rio and Chipotle. LOVE!! Favorite treats are Smart Cookie sugar cookies, hot tamales, Swedish Fish, sour watermelons, and anything with white chocolate.
<b>If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go?</b>	Europe—I would love to visit Italy, England, Germany, and France.



# Ilene Strong

## Principal

<b>I became a teacher because:</b>	I love what I learn about myself as I teach children.
<b>If I wasn't a teacher I would be:</b>	Spending more time with my children and grandchildren.
<b>Who is someone from history you would like to meet and why?</b>	My grandfather Pat Cardon. He built a business from nothing and when people talk about him they tell me how tough and principled he was. I think I would learn more about myself if I could have just one conversation with him.
<b>Did you ever get sent to the principal's office? Why?</b>	Yes, he asked me to be a team builder at Emerson Elementary School in Mesa, Arizona.
<b>What is your favorite book? Who is your favorite author?</b>	Richard Paul Evans. I like how he brings deeper meaning to real life situations in his novels.
<b>What is your favorite food? Treat?</b>	My favorite treat is pie. My favorite flavor of pie is round which means I like every kind of pie that is round. My favorite candy is toffeette from Sees Candies. My favorite food is Mexican, usually a chimichanga.
<b>If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go?</b>	Wherever my kids or grandkids are. Right now that would be Mesa, Arizona or Minneapolis, Minnesota.
<b>Anything else unique about you we can include in the newsletter?</b>	When I was seven years old I fell out the door of a moving truck when my dad turned left at an intersection. This, of course, was before the days of seat belts and car seats. I landed on my back and the tire barely missed my body. I was not hurt and my family was extremely grateful.



# Box Tops

Did you know that you can earn box tops for your school by shopping online???? Follow this link and check it out! <https://www.boxtops4education.com/marketplace>.

## How Does This Work?

- Just choose the store you want (from the hundred's of participating stores), click on its logo and shop as usual.
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  - \* In order to shop, make sure you're on a desktop computer.
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## PTA Presidents Message

Hello Tiger Country!

Christmas is upon us and the energy is buzzing at our cozy lil' school! The PTA has been hard at work planning and preparing for these last few days before CHRISTMAS BREAK. We have some fun things in the works for our dear TM Faculty and Staff! Thanks to the parents who worked hard to make that possible!

We are so excited to support the students this coming Friday at their CHRISTMAS SING! They have worked long and hard to perform for us and the turn out of support is always amazing! The PTA will be there selling our spirit sleeves for a discounted price and giving away tiger shirts this week. Make sure to pick up a pair to stuff in your little tiger's stocking!

And finally, as a PTA we are really looking forward to starting the new year. As always we appreciate and welcome anyone and everyone who is interested in sharing their input and opinions with us at our monthly PTA meetings. We will be sure to post dates and times as the meetings come close!

Merry Christmas from the Traverse Mountain Elementary PTA!



Download a Box Tops collection sheet here:

<http://www.boxtops4education.com/all-about-boxtops/boxtops-downloads>

### Looking ahead to January

1/10	PTA Meeting 9:30
1/15	SCC Parent Meeting
1/16	SCC 3:45pm
1/20	No School



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