

Traverse Mountain Elementary

Tiger Times



THIS MONTH AT A GLANCE

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Apr 1-3	Teacher Appreciation Week	Apr 15	SCC 3:40pm
Apr 1	3rd Grade Field Trip	Apr 22	1st Grade Field Trip
Apr 6-10	Spring Break	Apr 24	5th Grade Maturation Program 1pm
Apr 14	Cookie Dough Fundraiser Ends	Apr 27	Character Counts Assembly 9:45am
Apr 15	Spring Pictures	Apr 28– May 2	All Grades Art Show
Apr 15	PTA Meeting 12:30pm	Apr 28-30	BOGO Book Fair
Apr 15	3rd Grade Talent Show 12:50pm	Apr 29	2nd Grade Program 6:30pm

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

So much has been happening here at Traverse Mountain Elementary. Many of our students have been involved in extra-curricular activities like Knowledge Bowl and Battle of the Books. Both these events require students to be on teams that study and read informational texts and novels, and then compete against other schools in the district by answering questions about what they have read and studied. Our Traverse Mountain teams represented us in an outstanding way and we are proud of them and their efforts.

This month we are focusing our efforts on being courteous. Mrs. Moschetti and Pettit's classes helped us create a video for our Character Counts assembly. Both classes instructed and informed our students what being courteous means through acting out different scenarios. During the monthly assembly we highlighted students throughout the school who exemplify being responsible.

Every day's an exciting day at Traverse Mountain Elementary.

Ilene C. Strong, Principal
Traverse Mountain Elementary



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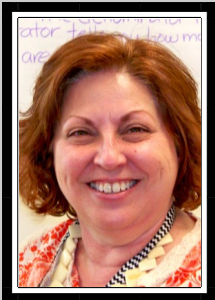




Lisa DuVernay

Learning Lab

If you could have one super power what would it be?	I would like to fly, especially since I don't fly on planes in real life.
Are you a night owl or an early bird?	Early bird.
What are you afraid of?	I am afraid of spiders. I don't know why; I think it's just good sense.
Do you speak a foreign language?	I took a lot of French in school and I have subbed in high school French classes, but in France they speak much faster than I can keep up with.
What are your hobbies?	Sewing, reading, kayaking.
Who is your hero?	My sister. She grew up with disabilities and pushed the limits all the way. She fought for herself without anyone even showing her how.
Do you have a nickname?	Yes, but it's too embarrassing. My older sister gave all the younger ones nicknames.
Aside from food, water, and shelter, what is one thing you could not go a day without?	Reading.
Any pet peeves?	Rude people, especially in traffic.
What is your favorite family tradition	We take turns picking family day and everyone has to participate. You end up doing things you wouldn't usually do.
What is your favorite subject in school?	Grammar
Is there anything you wished would come back into fashion?	Less revealing clothing.



April Leder

3rd Grade

If you could have one super power what would it be?	To fly. When I'm bored or stressed, I would love to take a little break flying around to get a different perspective while feeling the warm sun and a cool breeze on my face.
Are you a night owl or an early bird?	Definitely an early bird. My brain shuts down by 9:30 at night.
What are you afraid of?	Haunted Houses. It seems like everyone of the people who dress up and work there like to follow me around and touch me. I hate it!
Do you speak a foreign language?	No, but I wish I did. I took four semesters of Spanish in college, but I never used it, and have lost any ability I had to communicate.
What are your hobbies?	Spending time with my family, reading (I'm in two book clubs), going for walks with my husband, and scrapbooking.
Who is your hero?	My dad. He was a great example, he had a good sense of humor, and always let us know we were loved.
Aside from food, water, and shelter, what is one thing you could not go a day without?	Sleep! When I'm tired I cannot make myself stay awake. Crawling into my bed is one of my favorite things to do.
Any pet peeves?	I hate when people commit to doing something and then don't do it. Then I'm left feeling like I have to do it.
What is your favorite family tradition	Christmas morning when we wake up early, open presents, eat a big breakfast, and go back to bed.
What is your favorite subject in school?	I love teaching math, but if I were to take a class I would want it to be English. I love reading!
Is there anything you wished would come back into fashion?	People allowing themselves to age gracefully!



Ilene Strong

Principal

If you could have one super power what would it be?	Go back in time to anywhere I want to visit. I would start at a time when my four kids were little.
Are you a night owl or an early bird?	Early bird definitely.
What are you afraid of?	UFOs. When I was a little girl, near the family ranch I vacationed at in Northern Arizona, there was a supposed abduction by aliens who returned after two years. I have a fear I will be next.
Do you speak a foreign language?	No.
What are your hobbies?	My grandchildren.
Who is your hero?	Anyone who does what is right especially when all odds are against them.
Do you have a nickname?	Nino. My siblings would always say "Ilene No" and it turned into Nino, which also means little girl in Spanish.
Aside from food, water, and shelter, what is one thing you could not go a day without?	A shower and washing my hair.
Any pet peeves? If so, what are they?	Drivers going under the speed limit where I can't get around them.
What is your favorite family tradition	Going to the family ranch in Northern Arizona. It is miles from anyone and a step back in time to the simple life.
What is your favorite subject in school?	Psychology
Is there anything you wished would come back into fashion?	Music by Chicago.

Mrs. Wirick and Mrs. Lewis (not pictured)



Teacher of the Month

Traverse Mountain PTA has partnered up with Hampton Inn-Thanksgiving Point to bring a new program, Hampton Highlights, to our school! Each month, one of our FABULOUS teachers will be highlighted and receive a free stay at Hampton Inn-Thanksgiving Point! We will select the highlighted teacher based on comments sent to us, from you, of all the great things that your students teacher does or has done this year!! We will keep those comments on file and add them to all new comments. So parents, ask your student their opinion and send us all the ways you think your students teacher is AMAZING and should be highlighted!! Please



Box Tops

We are changing the way we do box tops at the school this year. We will be collecting box tops in individual classrooms. The box tops will be collected several times during the year. And the money earned from the box tops will go right back to the classroom. The amount each classroom collects is the amount that they will get back.

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.

Download a Box Tops collection sheet here:
<http://www.boxtops4education.com/all-about-boxtops/boxtops-downloads>

Looking Ahead to May	
5/1	4th Grade Field Trip
5/4	Show Choir/Ballroom Assembly
5/5	3rd Grade Program
5/6	2nd Grade Field Trip
5/11-5/13	5th Grade to Clear Creek
5/11	Kingergarten to Zoo
5/11	Andes/Moschetti Class Opera
5/13	PTA Meeting
5/18	Character Counts Assem.
5/18	4th Grade Utah County Fair
5/21	5k
5/22	6th Grade Graduation
5/25	No School
5/26	1st Grade Carnival
5/27	Field Day
5/28	Dance Festival
5/29	Last Day of School

PTA Presidents Message

Tigers!! We have had such a fun year so far, February and March were no exception!

We had our 2nd annual Princess Ball! It was a HUGE success! It is so amazing to see those darling little princesses and how their faces light up! I can't begin to express the amount of gratitude towards all the princes who come out to support their princesses and us.

Our Super Hero night at Hang Time was amazing! We had such a great turn out! I love to see how many of our heroes dressed up like their Super Heroes! We truly have an amazing school!!

Our 4th Café Zupas night was another success. We are doing another night on April 14th, so mark your calendars and remember, it is for dine in only (you can ask them for to-go boxes at check out and box your own up to do take out), and make sure you mention you are with Traverse Mountain Elementary!

Red Ribbon Week was so much fun! I hope you all were able to discuss anti-bullying in your homes! Thank you to all of you who participated! Thanks Jillian Plewe for all your hard work putting this together!

With each month, I am constantly reminded how amazing our teachers are! Our Hampton Highlights Teachers of the Month winners for February were Mrs. Parsons and Mrs. Christensen. Our March winners were Mrs. Lewis and Mrs. Wirick! Each of our fabulous winners receives a free night stay at Hampton Inn and suites courtesy of Hampton Inn-Thanksgiving Point, and a free dinner at Texas Roadhouse! I am so grateful to both of our donors for allowing us to show our appreciation to our teachers! If you would like to nominate your child's teacher, please email us at: tmhamptonhighlights@gmail.com!

Our year is flying by, and it is that time to elect our PTA Board for next year! We will be voting at our next PTA meeting on April 15th at 12:30 pm. Please come and help elect next year's board. If you are interested in holding a position, please contact me.

Thank you so much for helping us make this year fantastic!

Stephanie McDonald
PTA President

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