

Traverse Mountain Elementary

Tiger Times



THIS MONTH AT A GLANCE

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May 1	Last Day of Take Home Reading	May 18	4th Grade Utah County Fair 12:30pm
May 1	4th Grade Field Trip	May 20	5th Grade State Fair 1pm
May 4	Show Choir Concert 7pm	May 21	5K/Firetruck Spray 12:45pm
May 5	PTA Café Zupas Night	May 22	Last Day of Preschool
May 5	3rd Grade Program 6pm	May 22	6th Grade Graduation Party 9:30am
May 6	2nd Grade to Bean Museum	May 25	No School
May 7	Cheryl Dominguez Retirement Party	May 26	1st Grade Carnival 10am
May 11-13	5th Grade to Clear Creek	May 27	Field Day
May 11	Kindergarten to Zoo	May 28	Last Day of Kindergarten
May 11	Andes' and Moschetti Class Opera 6pm	May 28	Dance Festival 10am
May 13	PTA Meeting 12:30pm	May 29	Last Day of School 9:15-10:45
May 14	Cook Dough Arrives	May 30	Alpine District 100 Years Celebration

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It's hard to believe that April is over and that May is here and upon us. I hope everyone had a wonderful Spring Break! Even though April was shortened because of Spring Break, it has been a great month here at the school.

Once again, I am overwhelmed with the generosity of our school community. We want to say thank you to all who helped purchase cookie dough through our school fundraiser. With our growing school, these funds will be put to good use. I am also amazed at all those who were so willing to give used shoes to those that are less fortunate in Africa. Miss Northern Utah County, Natalie Jaco and her Little Miss Cambria Jensen-Carpenter (who attends our school) are sponsoring a Miss Utah Shoes for Africa. It's been a wonderful success and it was great watching the collection of donated shoes pile up.

We sure appreciate and would like to say thank you to all those fabulous volunteers who donate their time to help out here at our school. It has such a big impact in helping our students continue to grow and improve. Also, as the Watch Dogs program has come to a close this year, it was a great success and we looked forward to doing it again next year. Again, thank you to all those willing to help out at our school.

This coming month we are focusing our efforts on being interested, not interesting. Thank you Mrs. Schauerhamer and Peterson's classes in creating skits and video clips that helped our students better understand this theme during our character counts assembly.

With May upon us, we can look forward to different grade level singing programs, our spring Show Choir and Ballroom performances, and grade level field trips and end of year school activities. What a wonderful year it's been and I look forward to having an amazing May.

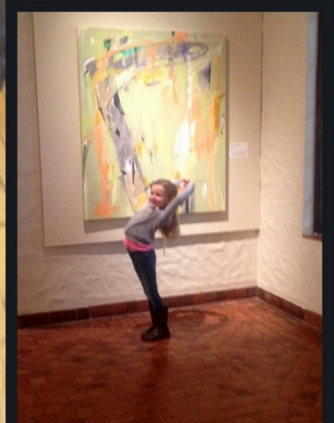
Austin Cowley, Assistant Principal
Traverse Mountain Elementary



Pictures: 3rd Grade Field Trip



Pictures: 1st Grade Field Trip



Pictures: Miscellaneous April Pictures



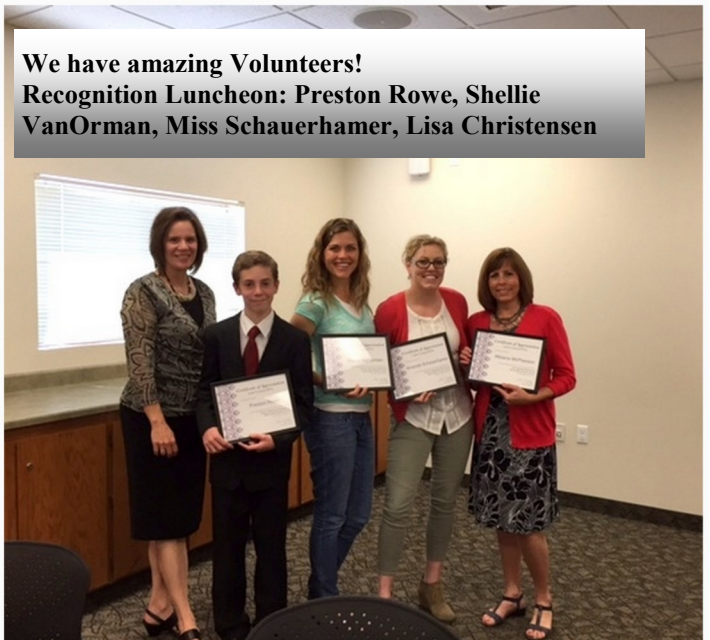
2nd Grade Program



Cookie Dough Winners



Shoe Drive



We have amazing Volunteers!
Recognition Luncheon: Preston Rowe, Shellie VanOrman, Miss Schauerhamer, Lisa Christensen

Pictures: PTA Recognition Luncheon



Volunteer: Shellie Van Orman

Shellie has always gone above and beyond with more than just being our amazing treasurer. She has graciously donated her time, talents and experience for the last two years. She always has a smile on her face and makes everything she is involved in more enjoyable. She is the first person to go to with anything from ideas to questions. She jumps in without hesitation when anything is needed. We are so grateful to have her on our team this year; she is what has made this year fantastic!

Student: Preston Rowe

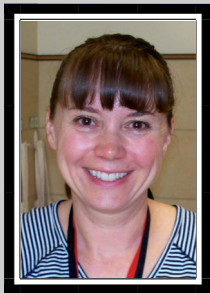
Preston was chosen by his peers and teachers for the Student of the Year award because of several character traits they believe he portrays. These traits include: leadership, kindness, accountability, and respect. Education is a priority to Preston and it shows through his assignments, participation, group work, and attentiveness. He strives for good grades and is always doing his best. Preston is a great example to the students in 6th grade for all of these reasons and he will continue to be successful and accomplish great things.

Teacher: Amanda Schauerhamer

Amanda is by far the biggest teacher supporter of the PTA. She is always willing to not only do whatever crazy idea we throw at her, but always does more. She volunteers to help us with everything we do. She jumped in when our teacher liaison moved, to become our new liaison, without a second thought. She even taught our Prince and Princesses how to dance at our Princess Ball. She participates in all activities with a smile on her face. She is always laughing and makes everyone around her happier just to be near her.

Staff: Lisa Christensen

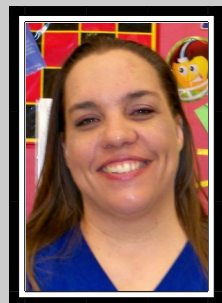
We would like to recognize Lisa Christensen for being so remarkable! Lisa always has such a positive attitude and willingness to work with anybody that walks through our school doors. Her never-ending smile and patients in helping and answering our questions is very much appreciated. She goes above and beyond her required duties to help out the PTA by selling tickets, t-shirts, and teaching us about school procedures and protocols. Putting in the extra time and effort is noticed and we want to say thank you for all you do to make our school run smoothly and in making it a better place for all!



Tonya Worsley

Art Specialist

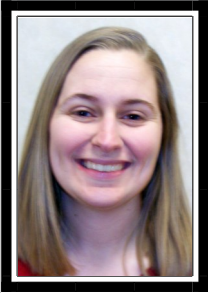
If you could have one super power what would it be?	Super speed! I could clean my house and the art room in 5 minutes flat!
Are you a night owl or an early bird?	I am a night owl, but I strive to be an early bird.
What are you afraid of?	I am pretty claustrophobic. I blame my cousins for trapping me in the bottom of a sleeping bag when I was young (I have to breath deeply even typing about it)!
Do you speak a foreign language?	Sadly, no. When I had Spanish speakers in my classroom, I used to speak fluently in my dreams. Does that count?
What are your hobbies?	Anything spending time with my family: travel, board games, eating, movies, etc.
Who is your hero?	Probably Mother Theresa, for her unflinching kindness and compassion, and her wise words that inspire me to make a bigger impact in my little world.
Do you have a nickname?	I grew up playing sports, so I've had many; mostly variations of the letter "T". So... T, T-bone, TT, etc.
Aside from food, water, and shelter, what is one thing you could not go a day without?	Cherry chapstick and dental floss. It's a tie. I'm not kidding. I really can't go a day without either. I will never apply for Survivor because of this reality.
Any pet peeves?	Crumbs on the counter.
What is your favorite family tradition	The live cut evergreen tree in my home at Christmas.
What is your favorite subject in school?	Well you know I LOVE art, but I also love reading, so my favorite would be art inspired by children's literature.
Is there anything you wished would come back into fashion?	I think poodle skirts are both universally flattering and very comfortable.



Leslee Fisher

Nutrition Services Manager

If you could have one super power what would it be?	Manipulate matter and time so I could make anything happen and at any time. I could feed everyone, no one in the universe would go hungry and I could make money so everyone would always have enough.
Are you a night owl or an early bird?	Night owl definitely...even though I have to be an early bird I really don't like to be.
What are you afraid of?	Loss...family, friends, relationships. I have a fear of living in a world completely alone.
Do you speak a foreign language?	I have dabbled in a few languages: French, Spanish, Sign but I would never say I really speak another language.
What are your hobbies?	Reading, cooking, walking, singing. I used to love to swim and go hiking, but haven't done either for a very long time.
Who is your hero?	My mom. She has lived through so much and contributed to so many lives. I couldn't ask for a better hero.
Do you have a nickname?	Yes, my mom calls me KOOK. I guess I was a bit of a crazy person when I was a kid.
Aside from food, water, and shelter, what is one thing you could not go a day without?	Family.
Any pet peeves?	DISHONESTY
What is your favorite family tradition	Going to the movies on Christmas day as the entire family. We are a very big family so it is rare that we are all together all at the same time.
What is your favorite subject in school?	English and Science
Is there anything you wished would come back into fashion?	Playing outside. Kids today have so much technology that they don't get their bodies moving and breathing.



Rebecca Owens

Special Education Teacher

If you could have one super power what would it be?	If I had one super power I would want the ability to fly so I could travel the world whenever I want.
Are you a night owl or an early bird?	Night Owl
What are you afraid of?	I hate needles and blood. As a kid I always dreaded having to get shots. I am also very squeamish when it comes to blood.
Do you speak a foreign language?	I took six years of German, 3 years in high school and 4 semesters in college..
What are your hobbies?	I love watching movies, playing board games, and spending time with my husband.
Who is your hero?	My hero is a special lady named Heather Nelson. She was an advisor to me at church when I was in high school. She is a fantastic mom and is always willing to listen to everything going on in my life. She also gives great advice. I hope to be like her someday.
Do you have a nickname?	All growing up my sisters called me Barbie because they thought I acted like Barbie would.
Aside from food, water, and shelter, what is one thing you could not go a day without?	I could not live without music and dancing.
Any pet peeves? If so, what are they?	I dislike pencil tapping and knuckle cracking.
What is your favorite family tradition	As a kid, my parents always said the Saturday after your birthday you didn't have to do your chores. I am still trying to convince my husband that we should do the same.
What is your favorite subject in school?	My favorite subject in school was Spanish.
Is there anything you wished would come back into fashion?	Long strand pearl wearing like in the 20's and 30's. I think pearls are so elegant.

Mrs. Moschetti and Mrs. Peterson



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	
6/27	ASD Lehi Parade 100 Year Celebration
8/11	New Teacher Orientation
8/17	Open House/Meet Your Teacher 4pm
8/19	1st Day of School
8/25	PTA Room Mother's Tea 3:30pm
9/2	Back to School Night 6pm

PTA Presidents Message

Tigers!!

I am truly grateful to all of you for allowing me to be your PTA President this year! It has been such an amazing experience and I have loved every minute of it. I really want to thank my Board for all of their hard work and time this year. They are the most fabulous group of ladies and I appreciate everything they have done this year!

We have officially voted our PTA Executive Board in for next year!!

- Jillian Plewe- President
- Heidi Brown- President Elect
- Heidi Buckley- Treasurer
- Deidre Terry- Secretary
- Sally Yates- Membership VP

This group of ladies will do such an amazing job next year and we are so grateful they have volunteered their time to help make next year great!

We had our Regional PTA Award luncheon. Our winners were:

- Teacher- Mrs. Schauerhamer
- Volunteer- Shellie Van Orman
- Staff Member- Lisa Christensen
- Student- Preston Rowe

Thank you so much to all of them for their amazing work and support through out this year!

We had an extremely successful Teacher Appreciation Week! Thank you so much to all of you who helped make your wonderful teachers feel appreciated! I am also amazed at how great all of the doors looked!! With each month, I am constantly reminded how amazing our teachers are! Our Hampton Highlights teachers of the month winners for April Mrs. Moschetti and Mrs. Peterson. 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! We only have one month left for the year, so if you would like to nominate your child's teacher, please email us at: tmhamptonhighlights@gmail.com

I just want to say how great Mrs. Strong, Mr. Cowley, our fantastic Secretaries, Mr. Harrison and amazing teachers have been for helping me so much this year! I can't begin to thank them enough! And most of all, thank you, tigers, for your amazing support throughout the year! You are what made this a successful and amazing year! I hope all of you have had as much of a fun year as I have! Have a fantastic summer!

Stephanie McDonald
PTA President



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