

Traverse Mountain Elementary

Tiger Times



THIS MONTH AT A GLANCE

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May 2	4th Grade Field Trip	May 21	4th Grade Poetry Café
May 2	Class Request Forms Due	May 21	Cowley and Mendenhall to Space Center
May 2	Last Day of Take Home Reading	May 21	Preschool Graduation 9:30 and 11:30
May 5	PTA Appreciation Luncheon 11am	May 22	6th Grade to Willow Creek 9:30am
May 5	Ballroom Spring Concert	May 22	Traverse 5K 12:30 (Common Day)
May 6	Traffic Committee Meeting 3:30pm	May 23	6th Grade Graduation Party
May 12	4th Grade County Fair 9:30am	May 26	No School
May 14	3rd Grade Program 5:30pm	May 28	Field Day 9:00 (Common Day)
May 16	NOVA Graduation 9:30am	May 29	Dance Festival 1:00 (Common Day)
May 20	Dominguez to Space Center	May 30	Last Day of School 8-10:15

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I want to express my gratitude for the outpouring of support and kindness you have shown toward our school community over this past month. Knowing how important it is to the educational success of your children that the school and home work together, you have been patient and considerate in the process of change. Thank you for asking questions when concerns arise and looking for correct answers when there is doubt. What a pleasure it is to work with such a caring community.

Our mission is: Together as a team we will LEAD: Learn, Encourage, Achieve and Dream. We are all part of the team that is working together to ensure the success of our students and your children.

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



Pictures: Winners of the Limo Ride

These are the students that sold the most cookie dough in the fundraiser.



Congratulations to Bella Dente, Camden Miller, Kiley Randall, Kate McGee, Jayden Guest, Ainsley Schultz, Tristan Masteller, Sophie Humpreys, Kate Heywood, Braydon Jacobson for being the top ten winners and Mrs. Thorpe's class for being the highest selling classroom.



Pictures: 4th Grade Program



Other School News

Lego League

Dear parents of 4/5th grade students interested in the First Lego League Robotics,

We are excited to offer a basic training camp for the First Lego League Club. This short introduction to the Lego League is an excellent opportunity for students and parents to see what robotics and programming are all about. Our school's First Lego League Club is a chance to represent our school in competitions of robotics, programming and problem solving. This program was designed with the help of MIT and Intel to encourage more people to pursue careers in the sciences (computer, mechanical, physical, engineering, etc).

We will have two classes focusing on the main components of Lego League. Lego League is judged on a theme project, robot design and core values of teamwork. If you are interested in learning more about this exciting club, classes will be held: May 7th and May 8th from 3:30-4:30pm

The first 25 students to come in with this paperwork (found here: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/12LQURH2eCj1J-jGbEzjac0kRQ0iXtHupkYpEjaQlung/edit>) will be accepted as we only have space for that many students this year.

Traffic Flow

Do you feel you have some great input on how to help the traffic flow during student drop-off and pick-up times? Please join us at 3:30 on May 6 and help us organize a committee who will formulate the most efficient and safe procedures during heavy traffic times. We want your input. Come be on the committee.

Take Home Reading

The Take Home Reading program is now done for the year. Please make sure your child has turned in his/her Take Home Reading book. If you cannot find the book please put \$10 in a marked envelope to the school with your child. If the book is found we will return the money. Thank you!

If you have any questions or concerns please contact

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Amanda Schauerhamer

5th Grade

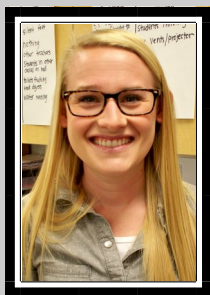
I became a teacher because:	I love working with children. It is the best feeling in the world when you see a child's face light up because they finally are understanding a new concept.
If I wasn't a teacher I would be:	A few years ago I said a candy taster. Not going to lie that would be awesome. But really if I hadn't been in the Elementary program I would've kept doing ballroom dancing. I have no idea what I would do with that, but it's a ton of fun.
Who is someone from history you would like to meet and why?	Abraham Lincoln!!! I would just want to be there when he gave the Gettysburg Address. I want to know what it felt like to hear him say those words. I want to see the faces of everyone around him as he spoke.
Did you ever get sent to the principal's office? Why?	No
What is your favorite book? Who is your favorite author?	Can that please be books? Clementine and Holes. What I love about Clementine is being in the mind of a child. It makes me think different about each of my students. Holes is an all around amazing book. It has something in it for everyone. When I read that to my students they are always asking me to read longer. Maybe it's because when I read it I don't want to stop, but there are days I think my students would listen to it for hours.
What is your favorite food? Treat?	Chips and salsa. I can't stop eating that when it's in front of me. Along with that I love Mexican food.
If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go?	Disneyland Paris. Not only would I be in Paris, France, I would also be in Disneyland. Learning an new culture in a place I love. I can't think of anything better.



April Leder

3rd Grade

I became a teacher because:	I love kids and I like to learn. I wanted to be able to pass on what I know.
If I wasn't a teacher I would be:	An interior designer.
Who is someone from history you would like to meet and why?	Nelson Mandela for standing up for what he believed in even when he stood alone.
Did you ever get sent to the principal's office? Why?	Never. When I was a student only "bad" students were sent to the principal. I was a good kid.
What is your favorite book? Who is your favorite author?	Maniac Magee by Jerry Spinelli.
What is your favorite food? Treat?	Grilled chicken salad from Café Rio. Cupcakes from Cravings.
If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go?	I've traveled a lot. It's one of my favorite things to do. I've been to Egypt, Greece, Peru, France, Italy and Spain. My next destination will be Australia and New Zealand.
Anything else unique about you we can include in the newsletter?	I love to learn so I have two master's degrees and an elementary math endorsement.



Justine Smith

5th Grade

I became a teacher because:	I love to learn to learn, and I love working with kids!
If I wasn't a teacher I would be:	An accountant.
Who is someone from history you would like to meet and why?	Abe Lincoln. Besides the fact that he has done so much for our country, I like that he was just a humble man with a good sense of humor. I would love to talk with him and listen to stories.
Did you ever get sent to the principal's office? Why?	No
What is your favorite book? Who is your favorite author?	I don't think I could pick one favorite book. My favorite author since I was little was Roald Dahl.
What is your favorite food? Treat?	Thai curry, and anything Italian. Chocolate and peanut butter make a good combo or anything fruity and chewy.
If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go?	France. I loved learning about French History in school and I have always wanted to go there.



Angela Chipman

1st Grade

I became a teacher because:	I was going to UVU and driving on the freeway. I just started crying and felt very strongly that I needed to switch majors and become a teacher. I called my mom and cried and that day went and switched majors when I was almost graduated in another major.
If I wasn't a teacher I would be:	I have no idea. Probably stay home and start a family or work from home.
Who is someone from history you would like to meet and why?	I would love to meet Abraham Lincoln.
Did you ever get sent to the principal's office? Why?	I got bit by a dog on my way to school once. I was swinging my backpack and the dog thought I was teasing it. So he came over and bit me. So the crossing guard came over and picked me up and took me to the principal. He called my mom and my mom came and got me. I wasn't in trouble, but still felt like I was!
What is your favorite book? Who is your favorite author?	I don't read for pleasure a lot (I know.....gasp!). I love reading articles and magazines. Not much of a book reader.
What is your favorite food? Treat?	I love Texas Roadhouse. I love their salads, rolls, and a diet coke! YUM!!
If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go?	I would go to New York and Europe.



Box Tops

IMPORTANT!!! We'd like to solicit one last push to collect all the box tops we can before the end of the year! Please send them in a baggie with your child to school, or put them in the collection box in the office. For every 10 we collect, we'll get a dollar donated to our school and that can add up fast! If you put your child's name on the baggie they'll have a chance to win cool prizes so please send them in asap! Thank you, PTA.

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

PTA Presidents Message

YAHOO! It is May! Is it possible that we have already blown through the 2013-2014 school year!?! What a year we have had!

The students, faculty, staff AND community have experienced A LOT of change this year. We all know that whenever there is change, there is always a fair amount of stretching required. Stretching that can take us out of our comfort zone, but ultimately brings an added measure of strength. As the 2013-2014 TM Elementary PTA President that is what I am happy to report on for this year.

I have witnessed an added measure of strength to our school and community. We have come together MULTIPLE TIMES this year for the enrichment of our students and their education. I have seen parents and teachers collaborate in MANY different ways to create a more dynamic learning environment. And best of all I have observed hundreds and hundreds of students walking through the halls with genuine smiles on their faces day after day.

We can measure success at school with all kinds of data and statistics, but I believe the happiness and enthusiasm of the children is an equally important part of a successful school. To the best of my knowledge, I am happy to report, we are thriving in EVERY category at Traverse Mountain Elementary.

The opportunity I have had to work closely with the Traverse Mountain Elementary faculty and staff has been a privilege and an honor! We are such a FORTUNATE community to have this specific group of people serving our children. They truly are an ELITE group of educators.

I have loved serving as the PTA President this year. It has been a very humbling experience. As a PTA Board we have learned valuable lessons and are prepared to raise the bar even higher next year.

From the bottom of my heart...THANK YOU...for supporting this tremendously successful year!

Mindy Widdowson, PTA President



Miss Lehi, Dania Rice is collecting shoes for the orphans in Brukina Faso, Afrca. Shoes can be brought to school and placed in the donation box until Tuesday, May 6.

Click [here](#) to see her flyer.



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