

Traverse Mountain Elementary

Tiger Times



THIS MONTH AT A GLANCE

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Oct 5	PTA Meeting 9:30am	Oct 5	SCC Meeting 3:45pm
Oct 7	2nd Grade Field Trip 9:00am	Oct 10-14	Book Fair
Oct 12-13	Parent Teacher Conferences	Oct 12	PTA Chick-Fil-A Night
Oct 13	School Make-up Picture Day	Oct 14	4th Grade Walking Field Trip 9:00am
Oct 20-24	Fall Break, No School	Oct 28	Deadline
Oct 31	Halloween Parades 8:00am/1:30pm		

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Traverse Mountain Community,

First of all, I would like to thank all of you for the warm welcome I have experienced here at Traverse Mountain. This is a fabulous community with dedicated students, teachers, and families. I have quickly learned why Traverse Mountain has a great reputation throughout the district.

We have had a wonderful start to the school year and many great things have already happened at our school. Our PTA food truck roundup was a great success with hundreds of students and community members attending. We thank you for the support. This support will be a great benefit to your students throughout the year.

We have also started our "Character Counts" assemblies which discuss positive examples and ideas to help our students become better friends and family members. Our theme for September was "I Care About Me". Our October theme is "I Care About You". We will discuss ways to become better friends and how to help those around us who may be struggling in different areas. We encourage you to watch for ways to help us emphasize this theme throughout the month.

We want to express our appreciation to all of you who take time to come in and volunteer at our school. The countless hours of service provided is a reflection of your dedication to your students and is worth more than you probably realize. The faculty and staff here at Traverse Mountain are honored to be part of such a dedicated and wonderful community. I look forward to getting to know all of you better and I am excited to be part of Traverse Mountain Elementary.

Paul Finlayson
 Assistant Principal



Other School News

Red Ribbon Week

Monday: Proud to be Drug Free - Wear Red

Tuesday: Team up Against Drugs - Wear Your Favorite Sports Team Jersey/Apparel

Wednesday: Turn Your Back on Drugs - Wear Your Clothes Backwards

Thursday: "Sock It" to Drugs - Wear Crazy Socks

Friday: Our School Chooses to be Drug Free - Wear School Shirt

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 quite a bit of money for our school.

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%2BCK5QVvor4h0nGk1rMzYuRJKChjT84PaFeNvM3nAR%0AfaTHK9sZZQ%3D%3D&ddkey=http:redcard/teoe/home>

Random School Happenings

- Book Fair Signup Here is the link: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b084fa4a7292-traverse2>
- Here is everything you need to know about Reflections The submission deadline is Friday, October 28 and the entry forms and rules are posted at: <http://www.utahpta.org/reflections>
- We're pleased to offer chess club again at Traverse Mountain Elementary for grades 3-6. We meet on Wednesdays after school from 3:30pm – 4:20pm in Mrs. Lawler's classroom, Room #202. We will meet on the following dates: October 5, 12, 26, November 2, 9, 16, 30 and December 7. The cost is \$20.

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.

Pictures: Winning Teachers

Diane Lewis and Christina Ahlstrom were both winners of the PTA class spirit shirt days for September!! They both won some playground equipment for their classrooms.



Nikki Thorpe and Ashley Davis are the winners of Hampton Inn teachers of the month award.



*****Meet Our Amazing Teachers*****



Alison Smith

4th Grade

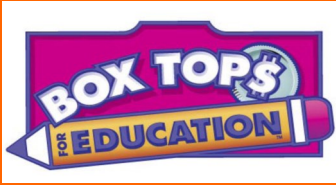
What is your favorite restaurant?	Zupas
What is your favorite store?	Target
What is your favorite scent?	Flowery or fruity
What is your favorite candy/treat?	Dove
What is your favorite hobby?	Reading
What is your favorite flower?	Daisy
What is your favorite drink?	Diet Dr. Pepper
What is your favorite color?	Bright colors
What is your favorite school supply?	Post it notes
What is your favorite TV show/movie?	While You Were Sleeping
What is your favorite thing about being a teacher?	When the kids say, "Oh! I get it!"
Where is your favorite place you have lived?	Northern California
What is your favorite quote?	"If you want to go quickly, go alone. If you want to go far, go together."
Tell us about your family.	I am married to Ryan. We have 5 children, with 3 of them married. We have 2 grandchildren. We love to go camping and play games together.



Sherri Davis

1st Grade

What is your favorite restaurant?	Zupas
What is your favorite store?	Target
What is your favorite scent?	Flowery or fruity
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Box Tops

We are SO excited for Box Tops this year! There are so many fun things that will be happening this year, including being entered into drawings for turning box tops in each week, competitions between each of the grades with Pizza Parties and Ice Cream parties as rewards. Keep an eye out for emails and fliers to explain more information about our competitions and the fun ways you can get involved! It is amazing how much 10¢ can add up!! Please get all your family and friends involved in this fundraiser. Our goal this year is to raise \$2,400 dollars throughout the entire school. The best part is, EVERY penny will go back into your child's grade to help them to get the things they are in need of!

If you have any questions feel free to Email me, Ashlee Gibby, at: Ashleeagibby@gmail.com

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

PTA Presidents Message

Hello TME,

We want to thank everyone who came out and supported our annual Food Truck Round Up and carnival. We had a great night filled with yummy food, kids running around having a blast and the usual Traverse Mountain wind. Every year we are blown away by the support of our amazing community.

This month we have some awesome things to look forward to. The first week of October is Red Ribbon week. We kicked off the week with some amazing assemblies. We introduced our theme for the week which is "YOLO" (you only live once.) We hope to teach the kids how important our bodies are and that we need to take care of them. We need to stay drug free, make good choices and have a healthy lifestyle. We hope that this will lead to conversations that you can have with your students in your home.

We also have parent teacher conferences this month. Along with that we will have our scholastic book fair in the library. If you are interested in volunteering to help with the book fair here is the link to sign up. <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b084fa4a7292-traverse2>

Spirit Fridays are still happening. Every Friday students should wear a school shirt. The top 2 classes will get their own playground equipment for their class. You can purchase this years shirt in the office or we will be selling them at parent teacher conferences for \$10.

Last year the PTA put on a spell a thon as our fundraiser. We had great success and appreciate all who participated. With our earnings we were planning on purchasing an electronic marquee for the school. As we have been in the process of getting that done we have run into a few problems. We are trying to work them out but it might be a longer process then we thought. We feel like it is important for our kids and teachers to see the rewards of their efforts with the spell a thon. At our last PTA meeting we voted to give all of the full time teachers an equal portion of the spell a thon earnings. We all know how hard our teachers work and they don't get paid enough. We will continue to work on the marquee situation but felt our teachers deserved something extra.

At our last assembly we introduced our reflections theme for the year. The submission deadline is Friday October 28th. Here is a link for more information. <http://www.utahpta.org/reflections>

I feel so lucky to work with such great teachers and staff and to interact with all of the amazing students at TME!

Heidi Brown—PTA President

Looking ahead to November	
11/2	PTA Meeting
11/2	SCC Meeting
11/17	Reflections Awards Night
11/22	Chick-Fil-A Night
11/23-11/25	No School, Thanksgiving



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