

Traverse Mountain Elementary

Tiger Times



THIS MONTH AT A GLANCE

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Jan 3	First Day Back to School	Jan 4	PTA Meeting 9:30am
Jan 4	SCC Meeting 3:45pm	Jan 9	White Ribbon Week
Jan 11	PTA Chick-Fil-A Night	Jan 13	5th Grade to JA Biz Town
Jan 16	No School	Jan 19	Mother/Son Activity 5:00pm
Jan 21	Ballroom Competition	Jan 30	Spell-a-Thon Kickoff

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Traverse Mountain Community,

Welcome to 2017. We look forward to another fantastic year at Traverse Mountain Elementary.

Good things are happening.

Our fantastic parents and community were able to collect 900 pairs of pajamas for Woodrow Wilson Elementary School in Salt Lake City. Principal Christie Christensen reports the needs of their students are so immense and expresses her sincere gratitude on behalf of her students and staff. Just another perfect example of the generosity of this great community here on the mountain.

Thank you to all the parents, friends and relatives who attended our Annual Christmas Sing. It is always crowded, and the parking is terrible but everyone was kind to each other and the students were darling. Thanks for your effort in making it such a positive experience for your children.

Our entry way was altered to provide more security to our students and staff. The inside door are locked and all visitors are to report to the office when visiting our school. Already it feels so much safer having that extra layer of protection.

We enjoy your children and look forward to working with them each day. Thanks for your part in making Traverse Mountain Elementary such an outstanding school.

Ilene Strong, Principal



Other School News

Traffic

On the parking lot side of our drive through, please DO NOT use it as a drop off. If you are dropping off students, please use the pick up and drop off area closest to the school. The parking lot is for parents who are parking and coming into the school. Also, there are no left turns into any of our parking lots. Please do not use the area between the two parking lot exits to drop off or pick up your children.

Checking In

When visiting the school, whether in the building or on the playground, it is required that you check in at the office and state your reason for a visit and location you will be going.

Opportunity

Each month we make and show a video built on the monthly theme. Hannah Kynerd has done such a terrific job helping us out each month. We are looking for someone who would be willing to help come up with ideas for each video, and then come to the school and help the students film. If you are interested you would come to the school, work with students, think of ideas, and then assist Hannah with what she needs. Please email me if you are interested. istrong@alpinedistrict.org. It really is fun to work with the students on this.

Princess Ball

The PTA is looking for a good date for the Princess Ball (Father/Daughter date night). They are looking at Saturday, April 15, 2017 (a little later than previous years). Last year we ran into some conflict so this year they would like to throw the date out there and see if there are any conflicts before they put it on the calendar. Please respond to this email if April 15, 2017 looks like a bad time for the Princess Ball.

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: Christmas Sing



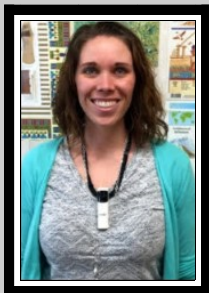
Pictures: Winning Teachers

Suzy Schwanke and Julie Andes were both winners of the PTA class spirit shirt days for December!! They both won some playground equipment for their classrooms.



Kym Turner and Jeanne Holdaway are the winners of Hampton Inn Teachers of the Month Award for December.





Toni Colaizzi

6th Grade

What is your favorite restaurant?	Carraba's
What is your favorite store?	Target
What is your favorite scent?	Vanilla
What is your favorite candy/treat?	Snickers/Lemon Bars
What is your favorite hobby?	Reading
What is your favorite flower?	Lily
What is your favorite drink?	Dr. Pepper
What is your favorite color?	Blue
What is your favorite school supply?	Dry Erase markers
What is your favorite TV show/movie?	Chicago Fire, The Hobbit Series
What is your favorite thing about being a teacher?	Learning from the students.
Where is your favorite place you have lived?	Kanab
What is your favorite quote?	"Treat others the way you want to be treated."
Tell us about your family.	I have been married for 3 years and I have an amazing 8 month old baby named Miles. We also have a 4 year old dog named Milly.



Juli Andes

3rd Grade

What is your favorite restaurant?	Texas Roadhouse
What is your favorite store?	Wal-Mart
What is your favorite scent?	None. I am very sensitive to smell.
What is your favorite candy/treat?	Sees Peanut Brittle
What is your favorite hobby?	Reading
What is your favorite flower?	I love just about all of them. I just can't keep them alive.
What is your favorite drink?	Diet Coke
What is your favorite color?	Green or red
What is your favorite school supply?	Dry Erase markers (thick or thin)
What is your favorite TV show/movie?	The Amazing Race
What is your favorite thing about being a teacher?	Watching the kids succeed at something that was hard.
Where is your favorite place you have lived?	Guam
What is your favorite quote?	"You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you choose. You're on your own, and you know what you know. And you are the guy who'll decide where to go." - Dr. Seuss
Tell us about your family.	I have a husband (David) and three children (Jacob-26, Nathan-24, Rachel-20). Jacob lives in SLC, Nathan lives in Washington DC, and Rachel is on her mission in Chile. She gets back the end of December.

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Christina Ahlstrom

1st Grade

What is your favorite restaurant?	Kneaders and Zupas
What is your favorite store?	Amazon and Target
What is your favorite scent?	Clean Linen
What is your favorite candy/treat?	M&Ms and chocolate covered cinnamon bears
What is your favorite hobby?	Reading
What is your favorite flower?	Sunflowers and daisies
What is your favorite drink?	Flavored water
What is your favorite color?	Purple
What is your favorite school supply?	Glue sticks
What is your favorite TV show/movie?	Pride and Prejudice (A&E version)
What is your favorite thing about being a teacher?	Working with students. I love the things they say and watching their excitement about everything.
Where is your favorite place you have lived?	Lehi
What is your favorite quote?	"Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless." -Mother Teresa
Tell us about your family.	I am married and have 2 children. My daughter is a sixth grader here at TM and my son is a ninth grader at Willowcreek.



Christie Wirick

1st Grade

What is your favorite restaurant?	Pei Wei
What is your favorite store?	Amazon.com
What is your favorite scent?	Fresh
What is your favorite candy/treat?	Snickers, Peanut M&Ms
What is your favorite hobby?	Reading
What is your favorite flower?	Any
What is your favorite drink?	Diet Coke
What is your favorite color?	Blue
What is your favorite school supply?	White cardstock
What is your favorite TV show/movie?	Chuck
What is your favorite thing about being a teacher?	Seeing the kids learn and grow
Where is your favorite place you have lived?	Germany
Tell us about your family.	I have 3 kids, one girl and two boys.



Box Tops

We just passed our first deadline and the 1st grade won the contest!! They have earned a pizza party for all their hard work. We have another deadline coming up in February. Please keep those box tops coming in. It is amazing how much 10¢ can add up!! We earned \$1,015.50 this deadline. That's amazing! 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,

Happy New Years TM Tigers! We hope that you all had an amazing holiday break filled with both fun and relaxation. The month of December flew by but had multiple things that we all participated in. We had another great spirit night at Chick Fil A. We receive 20% of the nights earnings and for this month we received over \$100. The top class was Mrs. Hatch so they will get a visit from the Cow and a cookie and Lemonade party. Our next spirit night is Wednesday January 11. Make sure when you purchase your food that you tell them you are with Traverse Mountain Elementary. Thank you for all our support!

We had our annual Christmas sing and it was such a joy to see all of our students getting into the holiday spirit. We thank the teachers for all their help with that. I know for me it is one of my favorite events of the year.

As we look to the new year we have lots of activities coming up. First of all is our annual Mother and Son Activity. It will be on Thursday January 19th at Hang Time in Orem. The event will go from 5-8. Tickets will be sold at the event and will be \$9 each and will include jumping and pizza. We hope you will put this on your calendar and come for a fun night!

We are also getting ready for our 2nd PTA Spell-a-thon. Last year was a great success! We will have a kick off assembly to get started and will send all of the details home with the students. With the earnings from last year we were able to give each teacher a large amount to use in their classroom We are so grateful for all our teachers do for our students and they can always use extra money. We are also still working on getting an electronic marquee. Hopefully we will be able to see that soon. With the money that this years Spell-a-thon brings in we would like to expand our playground equipment. We hope that everyone will participate this year.

As always we are grateful for your support!

Heidi Brown—PTA President

Looking ahead to February	
2/1	PTA Meeting 9:30am
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Feb 8- Feb 9	Parent Teacher Conferences
2/14	6th Grade Field Trip Cowley/Holdaway
2/15	6th Grade Field Trip Hall/Colaizzi
2/15	6th Grade Field Trip Shaum
2/17	5th Grade Maturation
2/18	Ballroom Competition
2/20	No School
2/21	PTA Chick-Fil-A Night



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