



Traverse Mountain Elementary Tiger Times

THIS MONTH AT A GLANCE

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May 1	Chick-Fil-A Night	May 3	3rd Grade Program 6pm
May 4	Kindergarten Field Trip	May 9	PTA Appreciation Brunch 9:30am
May 10	PDQ Day	May 11	Parent Bullying Meeting 9:30am
May 14	6th Grade NOVA Graduation	May 18	Annual 5K 9:15am
May 22	SWIG Day	May 24	Annual Dance Festival
May 28	No School	May 30	Kindergarten's Last Day of School
May 31	Last Day of School		

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Traverse Mountain Community

When I was younger I spent a lot of time skiing. I learned a lot of life lessons while on the slopes, and many of them the hard way. From checking for loose clothing on a ski lift, or staying in bounds, to changing conditions, I learned a lot of valuable lessons above 8,000 ft. During this time of the school year however, I think about one lesson I learned the hard way, and how it can apply to the end of a school year.

One day I was skiing at Sundance as an over-confident 7th grader. My friends and I liked to ski under the lift so people could see us. This, I learned, was not without its dangers. At the end of one spring day I was nearing the end of a run under the lift. I looked ahead at the run, which required at least three more turns in order to stay in control. You see, the reason skiers turn is not just to avoid obstacles such as rocks, and trees, but they also turn to keep their speed at a manageable pace. On this particular run under the lift at the end of the day, I looked ahead and saw three more turns. My legs were tired, and I thought maybe I didn't need to commit to all those turns. So, I let go, stopped turning, and let my speed pick up. This, it turned out, was a big mistake. After skipping the first turn, I was close to being out of control. When I was where I should have been making my second turn I was out of control. I tried to fix my mistake by that third turn, but by then it was far too late. I hit a bump, got thrown onto one ski, spun around, caught an edge, and under the lift where everyone could see, crashed into a poof of snow, bent poles, flying goggles, and an over-confident 7th grader.

The lesson I learned there was this: when you can see those finish lines in life, do not forget to do the simple things required to help you finish. Had I made those three simple turns, I would not have fallen nor spent the next 15 minutes gathering up my equipment. As we approach the end of the school year, let's make sure we stay in control. Do the simple things that help us finish strong.

Lewis Young
Assistant Principal



Other School News

PTA Awards

Teacher—Beth Hansen

Beth is our Educational Technology teacher and is a dream teacher. She quietly goes about doing her job and is a master at engaging students. If you ask her to do anything, she does it to perfection, and better than you could imagine. Beth willingly takes on other assignments and tasks. She is in charge of all the WIDA and SAGE testing,, she is the specialty teachers' team leader, our onsite technical support advocate, and she maintains our school's website.

Student—Sidney Eden

We are proud to select Sidney Eden as our student of the year. Sidney excels in everything she does; particularly writing, math, & art. Sidney puts 100% into her work. She knows the value of education and knowledge and sees how it will benefit her future. She crafts characters and settings in her writing that immerse you in the worlds she creates. Her use of language is outstanding. I have no doubt Sidney will be an accomplished author in the future. However, the best thing about Sidney is her nature. She is kind, humble, compassionate, happy, non-judgmental and selfless in her actions to others. She will reach out and lift so that everyone can smile just like she does. Sidney exemplifies joy and you cannot help but be happy when you are in her presence. If only the world had more Sidney Edens.

Volunteer—Jeneece Western

Jeneece is one of those moms that are a familiar face around our school. She is always volunteering her time to help everyone - teachers, students, parents! Last year she voiced an opinion that the PTA should switch up how we run our mother/son and father/daughter after school events. But instead of just voicing an opinion, she took the initiative to head the committee. She made these events happy memories our community will never forget! During the mother/son party, our principal noticed what a great volunteer she is and asked, "Where has Jeneece Western been? She is fantastic!" We as a PTA couldn't agree more. On top of all of this, she is a fantastic mother of 4, a wife, a good friend, and a current nursing student! Thank you Jeneece for all you do!

Staff—Aidan Baller

Aidan works as the head sweeper on the school's custodial staff. I don't know what we would do without him! At every event, he not only does his job but he goes above and beyond to ask what else he can do and makes sure he is on call if we need him. He unlocks doors, grabs things for us, and if necessary, works along side us! He is a happy worker and never shows any complaints while on the job. It is fun to see how he knows the students and interacts with them. When asked to nominate a staff member from our school, Aidan was an easy pick. He has been a valuable and fun asset to us as PTA all year.



Lolly Hatch

Kindergarten

What is your favorite restaurant?	Red Lobster
What is your favorite store?	Target
What is your favorite scent?	Coconut-island
What is your favorite candy/treat?	Anything Reese's and sugar cookies
What is your favorite hobby?	Playing indoor soccer and going to movies.
What is your favorite flower?	All
What is your favorite drink?	Pepsi, Mt. Dew, Dr. Pepper with coconut
What is your favorite color?	Hot Pink
What is your favorite school supply?	Over the ear kids headphones
What is your favorite TV show/movie?	The Office
What is your favorite thing about being a teacher?	There are many, but one of my favorite things is watching a student light up when they learn something new!
Favorite place you have lived?	I was born and raised in Pleasant Grove, but now live in Springville! I love both cities!
What is your favorite quote?	"A person's a person no matter how small."
Tell us about your family.	I have a husband and 2 little boys who are the joys of my life!



Paisley Streuper

6th Grade

What is your favorite restaurant?	Café Rio/Costa Vida/Chick-Fil-A
What is your favorite store?	Target
What is your favorite scent?	Anything fall scented from Bath and Body Works
What is your favorite candy/treat?	Reese's/Pretzel M&M's
What is your favorite hobby?	Reading
What is your favorite flower?	Peony/Ranunculus
What is your favorite drink?	Mountain Dew
What is your favorite color?	I don't have one.
What is your favorite school supply?	Glue sticks/markers
What is your favorite TV show/movie?	Gilmore Girls
What is your favorite thing about being a teacher?	Spending time with awesome kids!
Favorite place you have lived?	Utah!
Tell us about your family.	Oldest of 4. 2 brothers and a sister.



Ilene Strong

Principal

What is your favorite restaurant?	Texas Roadhouse
What is your favorite store?	Costco/Walmart/Home Depot
What is your favorite scent?	Anything vanilla
What is your favorite candy/treat?	Sugar cookies/donuts
What is your favorite hobby?	Grandchildren's ball games
What is your favorite flower?	Roses
What is your favorite drink?	Peach Sprite Zero
What is your favorite color?	Green
What is your favorite school supply?	Scented hand soap for the faculty bathrooms.
What is your favorite TV show/movie?	Sappy Christmas movies on the Hallmark channel.
What is your favorite thing about being a teacher?	The children I interact with every day.
Favorite place you have lived?	At the base of the Wasatch Mountains.
Favorite quote?	Children are not a distraction from the more important work. They ARE the most important work! (C.S. Lewis)
Tell us about your family.	Husband, 4 kids (all married) with 11 grandchildren.



Chris Barkdull

PE

What is your favorite restaurant?	Texas Roadhouse
What is your favorite store?	Gardner Village
What is your favorite scent?	Vanilla and cinnamon
What is your favorite candy/treat?	I really love any kind of treat, but Kim Kosorok's PB cookies with a reese's candy in the middle and Dunford chocolate donuts.
What is your favorite hobby?	Running, traveling, spending time with family.
What is your favorite flower?	Gerbera daisy
What is your favorite drink?	Water
What is your favorite color?	Most colors
What is your favorite school supply?	Prizes for our drawings
What is your favorite TV show/movie?	I have too many to choose.
What is your favorite thing about being a teacher?	I love getting to spend my days with amazing children everyday.
Where is the favorite place you have lived?	Lehi
What is your favorite quote?	Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away.
Tell us about your family.	I am married to a man that has the same name as me. We have 2 girls and 2 boys—21, 18, and 16 year old twins. I love my family more than anything.



Box Tops

Don't forget to keep collecting those Box Tops over the summer. A little bit goes a long way and it's free money for our school.

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 Traverse Mountain Community!

At our last PTA meeting, our Leadership VP, Lyndsay Detro, shared this on change: "The secret of change is to focus all of your energy not on fighting the old, but on building the new."
- Socrates

My hope is that as we transition with the end of the school year, we can follow this message. Personally as a mother, it's hard to see this school year end. It's been a great year! I have loved serving as PTA president, being where all of my kids are, and being involved in the community. I invite you to be a force for good and join in and even try something new this next year. As you personally help build the new, I know you'll feel so much better than fighting what can't be controlled; the old!

Thank you so much for all of you that I've had the privilege of meeting with and working side by side with. See you around next year!

Sarah Bennett—PTA President

Looking Ahead	
8/16	Meet the Teachers 4pm
8/20	First day of School
9/3	No School
10/18-10/22	Fall Break
11/21-11/23	Thanksgiving Break
12/20-1/2	Christmas Break



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