



Traverse Mountain Elementary

Tiger Times



THIS MONTH AT A GLANCE

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Dec 9	Choir to Provo Town Center Mall	Dec 16	Box Tops Due
Dec 9	Tiger Buck Store	Dec 16	Christmas Sing 10am
Dec 9	PTA Meeting	Dec 17- Jan 2	No School—Christmas Break
Dec 13	6th Grade Ski Utah		

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Traverse Mountain Community,

Season's Greetings from Traverse Mountain Elementary School! It's a wonderful time of year as students and teachers prepare for the festive occasions here at the school. Some of the things happening include a tree that was entered into the Festival of Trees by Mr. Rocque's 2nd grade class. Each student designed and created a special frog ornament for the tree and wrote a entry for the tree's blog. One of our custodians, Jaxon Sharp is heading up a Toys for Tots drive as part of his eagle scout project. Please send any new, unwrapped toys to the classroom by Friday, December 9th to participate. Mrs. Smith is energetically getting all of the students ready for our Christmas Sing to be held on Friday, December 16th at 10:00am. We will also have an Angel Tree in the office if you would like to stop in and pick an item to help out a family in need.

This week, Mrs. Gifford has ask that I read with each class during their library time. I am excited to be able to share one of my favorite Christmas stories, The Amazing Christmas Extravaganza. It will be a treat to be surrounded by students and have the opportunity to read with them.

Thank you for sharing your children with us! It is a pleasure to have them in our school and experience their kindness towards others. I express my appreciation to a wonderful faculty dedicated to students and their achievement and love for learning in a safe environment at the school. We all appreciate you as parents and the work you do to help your children, volunteer at the school, and the many ways you support Traverse Mountain Elementary School.

Have a happy and safe holiday season!

David Stephenson
Principal



Photo Highlights From the Past Month



Thanks to all who donated games for inside recess days. The kids will enjoy having them to play with in their classrooms.

Mr. Rocque's 2nd grade class entered the Festival of Trees with their "Frogical Christmas" creation. Congratulations to these creative students for their thoughtfulness during this time of the year.



Laps to London

This year our school will be participating in the Gold Medal School Program. The mission statement of the Gold Medal School program is to "Create opportunities for students to eat healthy, be active, and stay tobacco free". We have the goal to obtain the bronze level status this year. With the bronze level status there are requirements that our school must fulfill to help our school be a place that encourages and develops healthy habits for the children. One specific goal for our students is to walk the "gold medal mile." Walking six laps around the grass of the playground creates the gold medal mile. The Olympics are coming to London this summer, and I love the lessons of dedication, perseverance and goal setting that we all can learn from the Olympic athletes. To draw on that inspiration, we have come up with the goal to walk the distance to the London Olympic games. By walking the "gold medal mile" laps around the grass at the playground before school or during recess breaks the students will track and accumulate the distance we need to get there. This will be ongoing for the entire year and I am excited about making this a fun and rewarding activity for the kids. - Suzanne Tingey

Sub For Santa

Please stop by the school office for a wonderful opportunity to help kids in our community this Christmas! Sub for Santa will have a Christmas tree with various Christmas wishes of 20 youth in Lehi this year. Bring your kids in to grab a candy cane ornament with a Christmas gift description. Unwrapped gifts (with the ornament tag taped on) can be dropped off by December 16th at Lauren Warren's home at 5243 N. Eagles View Dr. in Traverse Mountain or at Lehi City Police Station at 580 W. State St.

If you have any questions please contact Lauren at 801.541.6773 or Aubree at 801.427.2006.

Merry Christmas!



Traverse Mountain is now a participating school with the Target Take Charge of Education program. If you have a Target Card, please be sure to complete the simple process to link our school to your card and a percentage will be donated to our school!

- Target® Visa® Credit Card, Target Credit CardSM and eligible Target Business Card® accounts can sign up for the Take Charge of Education program by calling 1-800-316-6142 or by visiting [Target.com/tcoe](https://www.target.com/tcoe) or an in-store kiosk. The primary cardholder of a Target Check CardSM can sign up for the Take Charge of Education program by calling 1-800-316-6142.
- Designate an eligible K-12 school, and Target donates an amount equal to one percent (1%) of your Target Visa Credit Card, Target Credit Card, Target Check Card or Target Business Card purchases (minus returns and sales tax) at any Target store and Target.com, and one-half percent (1/2%) of your Target Visa Credit Card purchases made (not including cash advances, balance transfers, and purchases of other cash equivalents, and minus returns and sales tax) everywhere else Visa credit cards are accepted.
- Target will track purchases made on participating Target Visa Credit Cards, Target Credit Cards, Target Check Cards and Target Business Cards and will distribute the accumulated donations to schools in March and September.



Cold Hard Facts

By this time last year we collected: 15,018
 This year we collected: 12,368
 The difference: -2,650



Want to win this wreath? It's specially made for the parent that brings in the most Box Tops before December 16th. Thanks to "Wreaths by Pania." Remember to write the parent's name and phone number on each baggie and/or collection sheet turned in, so we can keep track.

Class totals (year to date)

Bahr:	552	Nelson:	262
Chipman:	797	Parson AM:	450
Ms. Christi:	73	Parson PM:	134
Dominguez:	209	Rocque:	127
Funk:	991	Schauerhamer:	326
Grimes/Ahlstrom:	388	Ms. Sherri:	486
Harris:	222	Smith:	526
Lawler:	309	Stone:	441
Lewis:	879	Story AM:	1059
Mangum:	439	Story PM:	222
Mendenhall:	106	Van Orden:	219
Millward:	170	Walker K.:	255
Moschetti:	1154	Walker S.:	753
Murdoch:	467	Wride:	352

Top Classes (Nov & Dec)

Walker S.	259
Smith	218
Story PM	112
Mangum	81
Sherri	75
Murdoch	55
Stone	53
Harris	44
Walker K.	34
Chipman	31

Top Families (Nov & Dec)

Rohde	218
Kimball	88

Looking Ahead...
 Have holiday shopping to do? Why not shop through Box Top Market Place! You can shop with Barnes & Noble, GAP, Best Buy and Snapfish for holiday cards, just to name a few. Log on to **BTFE.com** and click on Marketplace to see list and links to stores. Next **deadline** is right before winter break on **Dec 16th**.

PTA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Traverse Mountain Parents and Students:

It is hard to believe that December is already here! (I guess time really does fly when you're having fun!) 'Tis the season for giving and celebrating, and Traverse Mountain Elementary has some of the most amazing students, parents and staff to celebrate.

Thank you to the PTA Board & volunteers for the wonderful activities done for our school. You are much appreciated for your service.

Thank you students & parents for your support of the Box Top Program. All the money obtained from this program goes back to the PTA to implement many programs and activities for the students. Remember, we will be collecting Box Tops throughout the year so "keep clipping and trimming those box tops".

We are fortunate to have a staff of wonderful teachers and to show our appreciation for the teachers, the PTA will be providing a special luncheon for them on December 14th. If you are interested in helping with it please contact me at Luvnbmom@msn.com

I really enjoy being your PTA President! Thanks for letting me be a part of your students' lives and working with the school personnel. Not only does the principal, David Stephenson, do everything he can to advance the education of our students, but he also supports the PTA 100%. I am grateful to him for listening and helping us "implement" the many programs we want to do this year. It's exciting to be at the School and observe the education of our students.

Thank you again to everyone for making Traverse Mountain a GREAT School that we can be proud of and to our wonderful staff of Teachers and Principal and behind the scene workers.

Rikke Kotter
 PTA President



Download a Box Tops collection sheet here: <http://www.boxtops4education.com/Image.aspx?Id=5240>

Looking Ahead to January

1/3	School Resumes
1/6	Breakfast of Champions 5th-6th (9am)
1/9	Steve James Assembly (10am)
1/13	Tiger Buck store PTA Meeting (10am)
1/16	No School
1/19	SCC Meeting (3:45pm)
1/20	Breakfast of Champions 4th (9am)
1/23 - 1/27	Book Fair
1/25 - 1/26	Parent/Teacher Conferences
1/27	Tiger Buck Store



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