



Traverse Mountain Elementary

Tiger Times



THIS MONTH AT A GLANCE

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Jan 3	School Resumes	Jan 16	No School—MLK Jr. Day
Jan 6	Breakfast of Champions 5th/6th 9am	Jan 19	SCC Meeting 3:45pm
Jan 9	Online Scheduler Open for Parents	Jan 20	Breakfast of Champions 4th 9am
Jan 9	Steve James Assembly 10am	Jan 23-27	Book Fair
Jan 13	Tiger Buck Store	Jan 23	Preschool Registration Begins Online
Jan 13	PTA Meeting 10am	Jan 25-26	Parent Teacher Conferences
		Jan 27	Tiger Buck Store

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year!

We have enjoyed a long break and are excited to get back to school. I have always enjoyed the beginning of a new year. It represents many things to many people. Some worry about all of the tasks that were left undone in the previous year, some fret over growing another year older and some just dread the January cold. Too often we forget what a opportunity a new year really is to not only improve, but enjoy the journey.

Ellen Goodman once said, "We spend January 1st walking through our lives, room by room, drawing up a list of work to be done, cracks to be patched. Maybe this year, to balance the list, we ought to walk through the rooms of our lives... not looking for flaws, but for potential." That simple quote epitomizes what it is to teach children. As educators we know the importance of looking for the potential in each child who has been entrusted to us. We know that we will not help children achieve great things if we only focus on their flaws. We will continue to look for the potential in every child so that we can help each achieve great things.

On behalf of our entire faculty, I would like to wish all of our families a wonderful New Year.

David Stephenson
Principal

**Parent Conferences are scheduled for January 25th & 26th
Online Scheduler is open for parents starting Monday, January 9th
Link on our website: <http://traversemountain.alpinedistrict.org>
Password for Online Scheduler: tigers



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Tiger of the Month

Congratulations to those students who were named Tiger of the Month for the month of January! When you get a chance, check out the bulletin board across from the office and read more about our amazing students!!

Kindergarten	
Jackson Mosteller	He encourages his classmates to do their best through his good example.
Quincy Larsen	She always works very hard in class and is a good friend to everyone.
1st Grade	
Halle Enger	Halle does her best work on everything and is always trying to improve.
Mauri Anderson	Mauri is an amazing leader in class.
2nd Grade	
Anisten Batzel	Anisten is a peacemaker and has given away her tiger bucks to make others happy.
Caleb Kindred	He is always on task and attentive and takes pride in his work.
3rd Grade	
Wesley Sharp	He builds up his neighbor, makes people happy and is a positive and outgoing person.
Garrett Wyness	He does an awesome job with whatever he accomplishes.
4th Grade	
Jared Detro	He is a caring friend, a helpful student, and a responsible individual.
Paige Lewis	Hardworking, diligent, determined, motivated, responsible, and conscientious.
5th Grade	
Cade Walker	He is always willing to help others and brings a positive atmosphere to the class.
Alyson Leavitt	She is continuously looking for ways to help others.
6th Grade	
Aidan Wiseman	He is helpful and kind to everyone, including the teachers and staff.
Spencer Laudie	He leads by showing how to be respectful and treat others with kindness.

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



Congratulations Traverse Mountain Elementary School PTA Reflections' Program Winners.....

Vinson Amezcua, Aurora Johnson, Tate Weiss, Sophia Telaroli, Makenna Van Orman, Ethan Rohde, McKenzey Hunt, Makayla Almond, Walker Isaacson, Quinci Cardona, Reagan Plewe, Gabriella Telaroli, Brianna Lambert, Rhiannon Gray, Elliott Plewe, Emily Spencer, Miriam Ahlstrom, Grace Sandgren, Grace Young, Wei-Ming McCage, Alyson Leavitt, Coby Sorensen, Leslie Herrera, Nolan Brown, Nathan Snow, Drake Sorensen, Kaleb Payne, Kieryn Funk, Christian Taylor, Rhiannon Gray, Leslie Herrera, Sylvie Dyches, Mya Holyoak and Ava Morrison

This year's Reflections' Program theme was "Diversity Means..." The PTA received many incredible entries in several categories. It is truly wonderful seeing how students can interpret the same theme in so many creative ways! The beauty of art is there is no right or wrong, only self-expression.

The 2011 Lehi Council Reflections' Program award recipients are:

Awards of Excellence

3D Art - Sophia Telaroli

Awards of Merit

3D Art – Aurora Johnson

Literature

Reagan Plewe

The Reflections program may be finished for this year, but it's not too early to start planning ahead! Next year's Reflections theme will be:

"The Magic of a Moment...."

Sounds like the perfect theme for our School!



Congratulations to Mrs. Smith class for turning in 371 Box Tops! She had some great help from the Rhode and Lewis family. In fact, congratulations to the Rhode family who turned in 243 Box Tops, they won the wreath! Great Job! Mrs. Smith's class will be celebrating their Little Caesar's pizza party later this week. Thank you, Thank you!

With everyone's help, we have raised \$ **1,360.70** for our school thus far, but remember our goal is \$2500 and we only have 5 months to earn it!

Next Deadline is Friday, February 24

This coming deadline is the most important of the year! Now is the time to turn in your holiday baking BTs and clean out the pantry with any extras hanging around. It is so important, we are going to spruce thing up a bit.

- ◆ For the 6th, 5th, and 4th grade classes, we are offering an **extra recess** for the grades class that turns in the most Box Tops. For example the 6th grade classes will be competing with the other 6th grade classes, etc.
- ◆ Family/Parent reward is for 50% off cut and color AND a free hair product from Extended Beauty valued over \$120. Charelle Broadhead's salon is located here on Traverse Mountain.



Extended Beauty Salon
Charelle Broadhead
801-882-3527
2780 W. Fox Hunters Loop

PTA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Traverse Tigers,

Happy New Year! I hope everyone enjoyed a fabulous holiday season. Welcome back to the regular routine! No need to worry about catching the winter blahs this month because there are lots of fun things going on here at Traverse Mountain Elementary!

We will be kicking off the fun with the 5th/6th Grade Breakfast of Champions that will be on January 6th followed by 4th grades on January 20th.

The tiger buck store will be on January 13th and January 27th. We are always in need of volunteers to help at the store from 11:25-12:45. If you are interested in helping at either of these dates please contact me at Luvnbmom@msn.com

Finally, the Book Fair is coming up fast and will be held during conferences the last week in January. Come in out of the cold, pick up a great read, and support your child's love of reading. We will also be recruiting volunteers to help so watch for a signup!

Wishing you all the best in 2012!!

Rikke Kotter
Traverse Mountain Elementary PTA President



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

Looking Ahead to February	
2/3	Breakfast of Champs 3rd Grade
2/7-2/10	Kindergarten Registration
2/10	Tiger Buck Store
2/10	PTA Meeting
2/13	Minimal Monday
2/14	6th Grade Dance
2/16	SCC Meeting
2/17	Breakfast of Champs 2nd Grade
2/20	No School
2/23	Cookie Dough Fundraiser
2/24	Box Tops Due
2/24	Tiger Buck Store
2/27	5th Grade DWA Begins



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