



Traverse Mountain Elementary Tiger Times



THIS MONTH AT A GLANCE

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Nov 7	Reflections due by 4pm	Nov 17	SCC Meeting 3:45pm
Nov 8	Election Polls @ TM 7am-8pm	Nov 18	Tiger Buck Store
Nov 8	Student Mock Election 12pm	Nov 18	Water Van Assembly for 4th
Nov 11	3rd Grade to BYU Bean Museum	Nov 22	Reflections Awards Assembly
Nov 11	PTA Meeting 10:00am	Nov 23-25	Thanksgiving Break
Nov 14	Minimal Monday	Nov 28	4th Grade Animal Show 10:30

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

I am thankful to be involved in an organization and community committed to success. Success in the school setting comes in many forms. You can witness successes by the second when you walk into our school and see students learning, engaging, and doing new things. As a school, we all work together to ensure success for students as they Learn, Encourage, Achieve and Dream.

I was in attendance at a workshop recently and came across a definition of success that has stuck with me. I have pondered it and want to work together with our faculty, families and students in seeing how we can promote individual success. This is John Wooden's definition of success: "Success is the peace of mind which is a direct result of the self-satisfaction in knowing that you have made the effort to become the best of which you are capable."

We have implemented a couple new ways to promote success at Traverse Mountain. First, students can earn Tiger Bucks for various ways that they demonstrate hard work regarding our school's mission. We have a school store once or twice a month where students can spend their bucks on various items. It has been fun to watch this school wide token economy take place as students count their money and make decisions at the store held during lunch.

Our second area is Tiger of the Month. Two students per grade are chosen per month by a team of teachers. This has been a positive step in our school collaboration as teachers have used the Monday collaboration time to discuss individual students making strides in many areas.

As we approach this season of Thanksgiving, we wish all of our school families a great deal of happiness and success with all of your efforts.

David Stephenson
Principal



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Photo Highlights From the Past Month



Afternoon kindergarten students sing songs during their Halloween parade.

Our new tiger mascots pose next to the new wall ball wall on the playground.



Mrs. Smith's class all returned their Walk More in Four forms and pose by the Championship Golden Tennis Shoe.



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

Tiger of the Month

Congratulations to those students who were named Tiger of the Month for the month of October! If you haven't had a chance yet, check out the bulletin board across from the office and read about our amazing students!!



Kindergarten

Ava Morrison
Andie Bennett

1st Grade

Elle Kohne
Ross Pope

2nd Grade

Rowan Caldwell
Sophia Telaroli

3rd Grade

Maxwell Johnson
Anthony Paredes

4th Grade

Grace Young
Aidan Stephenson

5th Grade

Myah Cain
Samantha Fox

6th Grade

Alex Navarro
Maggie Rowland

Don't Forget To Vote on Tuesday November 8th!!

Voting is open at the Elementary
School from 7am to 8pm.

ASD Special Education Parent Night

The ASD's special education department invites you to attend monthly special education parent nights beginning January 19, 2012 from 6:30-7:30 in the media center of Shelley Elementary School (602 N. 200 W. in American Fork). Our goal is to develop partnerships with parents in our school community through promoting awareness, offering education, and providing support. We hope to foster opportunities for positive communication with parents of students who are currently receiving special education services or who may be referred for special education assessments. The first session will provide a general overview of the district's special education program including information about special education assessments, placement, and services. The remainder of the special education parent nights will cover topics identified by parents in the first session as areas of need or interest. Also, please save the date for February 23rd. The dates for the remainder of the monthly meetings will be determined at a later date after receiving feedback from parents. Please come join us! (Refreshments will be provided.)

ASD Special Education Community Calendar

The ASD's special education department is excited to announce the special education community calendar. This community calendar was created with the intent to connect our parents of students with disabilities to community events and resources. There are many parents and non-profit organizations that have established wonderful support groups and activities that we are happy to advertise. Please check the calendar frequently as new events are added weekly. Visit the Alpine School District special education website at <http://alpineschools.org/departments/special-education>. Under the **Parent** section on the website, click on **Special Education Community Calendar**.

If there are events you would like to add to the website calendar, please contact us at 801-610-8545 and let us know how we can assist you.

Disclaimer: Any fees associated with events advertised on the website are to be paid by attendee(s). It is not the responsibility of Alpine School District to reimburse or provide payment for attendance to any event.



We had a **FABULOUS** last week. As a school we turned in over 4000 box tops!! Congratulations to **Mrs. Moschetti's** class for winning the Little Caesars pizza party by turning in a WHOPPING 1138 Box Tops. Mrs. Story's AM class was not far behind with 1042. Our top parent is Kristi Jensen, who turned in 483 Box Tops. She and her family will enjoy a FREE photo shoot with Sandy Whittaker Photography. Great Job!



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**.



Want to win this wreath? It's specially made for the top 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.

*Special thanks to **Little Caesars** for donating the pizzas for our parties!*

PTA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Traverse Tigers,

We have much to be grateful for here at Traverse Mountain and I love this month where the focus is actually on giving thanks. Just a few things I'm thankful for that I'd like to share with you:

- * I'm thankful for this school where our children can attend safely and get a quality education from a tremendously dedicated and caring staff.
- * I'm thankful that there are hard-working lunch supervisors who make sure, somehow, that our children make it through recess unscathed and eat their lunch everyday. That's a tough job!
- * I'm thankful for the many, many volunteers who generously offer up their time to enrich each student's experience.
- * I'm thankful that tomorrow Traverse Mountain will serve as a place where we as citizens can freely cast our votes in the elections.
- * I'm thankful for a National PTA that is consistently looking at legislation that could impact my child on things I may not even know about yet.
- * I'm thankful for wait, enough about what I'm thankful for (believe me, that list is only the beginning!) What about YOU?

What are you and your family thankful for this year? I encourage you to take time to discuss with your child what he or she is thankful for and share what you are thankful for. An attitude of gratitude is something that could benefit us all these days. Enjoy the bounty of this season!



Rikke Kotter
Traverse Mountain Elementary PTA President

Download a Box Tops collection sheet here:

www.boxtops4education.com/Image.aspx?id=6643

Did you know.....

By joining the PTA you are not committing to anything BUT supporting our school. Without your support we wouldn't be able to do many of the programs and activities we do!! So print out the form below and JOIN!! It's less than a JCW Burger!!

Looking Ahead to December

12/9	Tiger Buck Store
12/9	PTA Meeting
12/16	Box Tops Due
12/16	Christmas Sing 10am
12/17-1/2	Christmas Break
1/3	School Resumes



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