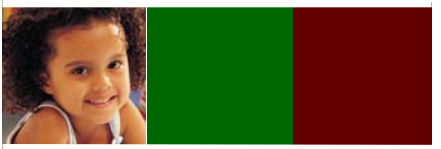


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DECEMBER AT A GLANCE

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| December 11th | Toys For Tots |
| December 17th | 10:00am — Christmas Sing |
| December 18th-January 2nd | NO SCHOOL Christmas Break |

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Season's Greetings from Traverse Mountain Elementary! This is a wonderful time of the year to watch the children participate in various activities from singing, creating gifts, and helping each other in such a kind and loving manner. At this time of year, I consider one of the greatest gifts in our lives is the ability to gain an education. Learning never ends as long as we strive to gain new knowledge and skills. As we held our school's dedication last month, I couldn't help but think about how lucky we are to have a neighborhood public school right here in the center of Traverse Mountain. I am very thankful to be a part of the legacy we all share in making our school the very best.

I recently read an article entitled, Why We Still Need Public Schools. It gave a history of public education from the beginning of our great nation. As I pondered the main themes associated with why we need public schools today, I considered how we are at the forefront of our own legacy, and as we use these themes to guide our purposes, we will help children reach success in all aspects of their lives.

1. To provide universal access to free education.
2. To guarantee equal opportunities for all children.
3. To unify a diverse population.
4. To prepare people for citizenship in our society.
5. To prepare people to become economically self-sufficient.

John Dewey, a great educational philosopher stated in 1907, "What the best and wisest parent wants for his own child, that must be the community want for all of its children." As I have witnessed parents, teachers, and students work together, I believe that this is the wish for all students at our school. I believe in each child at Traverse Mountain Elementary. The emotional and academic growth of each student is notable and inspiring. Thank you for sharing your children with us and letting us witness the change that occurs day by day with them!

Happy Holidays to all!

David Stephenson
 Traverse Mountain Elementary Principal



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Did you know?

The most snowfall within 24 hours in the U.S. was 63 inches and occurred in Georgetown, Colorado on December 4, 1913. All of a sudden, Traverse Mountain doesn't seem so bad after all!

Community Toys for Tots Event



DATE: Saturday, December 11

TIME: 11:00am to 1:00pm

LOCATION: Traverse Mountain Elementary Gymnasium

Join us in helping needy children have a wonderful Christmas. We are sponsoring a Toys For Tots drive to help the Marine gather toys.

Please bring a new, unwrapped toy to donate and stay for the festivities. Our goal is to gather 200 toys this year. Tell your neighbors—everyone is invited!

HIGHLIGHTS

- 11:00am: Toys for Tots Drive begins
- 11:30am: Entertainment provided by Che Performing Arts Studio
 - A special visitor will arrive during the festivities
 - Bake sale: Enjoy some amazing homemade treats!



Traverse Mountain Elementary Christmas Sing Friday, December 17th at 10:00am

Join us for our first annual Christmas Sing Program. Each grade will perform two numbers. This is sure to be one of the most popular programs of the year. Don't miss it!



CHRISTMAS BREAK

DECEMBER 18 TO JANUARY 2





ABOVE:
Mrs. Magnum's class wins lunch from Chick-Fil-A for having the most Reflections entries.

RIGHT:
Mrs. Dietz's class helps decorate the Christmas tree for the library. Special thanks to Mrs. Romero for volunteering to set up and decorate the tree.



ABOVE:
Mrs. Kim Bahr, 2nd Grade Teacher at Traverse Mountain Elementary was recently awarded the Karl Jones Award for Excellence in Mathematics Teaching from the Utah Council of Teachers of Mathematics. Way to go Mrs. Bahr!



LEFT:
3rd/4th Grade Breakfast of Champions

RIGHT:
6th Grade Pillow Concert



ABOVE:
Kate Leroy was the winner of the 1st Bike for the Ken Garff Road to Success Reading Program!

RIGHT:
Nolan Brown won the "Principal for the Day" during the Fall Carnival. He worked hard and had a good time.



Congratulations to our Reflections winners!

Photography

- 1st Place
Level P: Sophia Telaroli
Level I: Rhiannon Gray
Level M: Mylee Owens
- 2nd Place
Level P: Kaleb Payne
Level I: Gabriella Telaroli
Level M: Addie Payne
- 3rd Place
Level P: Kaiden Owens

Literature

- 1st Place
Level P: Sophia Telaroli
Level I: Isaac Taoalli
Level M: Allison Ludlow
- 2nd Place
Level P: Ben Ludlow
Level I: Margaret Rowland
Level M: Addie Payne
- 3rd Place
Level I: Paige Lewis

Music

- 1st Place
Level M: Allison Ludlow
- Film
1st Place
Level P: Andrew Tiberius
Level M: Allison Ludlow
- Theater
1st Place
Level P: Ben Ludlow
Level I: Lindsey Burkner
Level M: Allison Ludlow

Dance

- 1st Place
Level P: Sky Oaks
Level M: Casee Salazar

Visual Arts

- 1st Place
Level P: Kaleb Payne
Level I: Christian Taylor
Level M: Allison Ludlow
- 2nd Place
Level P: Roman Taylor
Level I: Bradin Rohde
- 3rd Place
Level P: Faith Taeoalii
Level I: Jenna Jester

3D Art

- 1st Place
Level P: Kaleb Payne
Level I: Weston Farley
Level M: Addie Payne/Shaustia Isaacson
- 2nd Place
Level P: Andrew Tiberius/Mason Tiberius
Level I: Elizabeth Bagley
Level M: Allison Ludlow
- 3rd Place
Level I: Dyson Frank
- Honorable Mention

Literature

- Level I: Faith Smart
- Visual Arts
Level P: Sky Oaks
Level I: Faith Smart/Aurora Johnson
Akira Muramoto
Hannah Brown

3D Art

- Level I: Lexis Rockwood

DISTRICT MESSAGE

We are fortunate to live in a country that allows free expression of opinion. Because of this freedom we must filter through various available sources to find correct information so that we can make informed and responsible decisions. Because many misconceptions are being circulated about Alpine School District, we would like to offer some information and invite you to research for yourselves exactly what is happening.

You may read the full editorial response that was sent out to the local news media outlets, district employees, PTAs, District Community Council members, legislators, mayors and other local leaders at www.alpine.k12.ut.us.

We invite and encourage anyone that has a concern about Alpine School District to visit any of our 74 schools or departments. If you find something that concerns you, we invite you to talk to the teacher, principal, or others so that your concern can be addressed. We are confident that if you take time to do this, you will find that Alpine School District is accomplishing great things. You will find the best and most dedicated employees that have the students' best interest at heart. Thanks for all you do to support the students of Alpine School District.

PTA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

As our family prepared for Thanksgiving, I was reminded about how very grateful I am for our new school. How wonderful is it that we will never again have to worry about our kids getting stranded on a bus or stress about how we were going to pick them up from school? We have an amazing community and we have truly been blessed. Although we no longer have the worries about how our children will get to and from school in a snow-storm, we do however have concerns about our children's safety as they walk to school. Please remember as the cold weather begins to slow down and make sure to give your self plenty of time to stop. The hills on Traverse Mountain are steep and I personally have learned by experience just how easily cars, SUVs and even trucks can slide thru a stop sign. Please be safe and watch out for our Students!

We as a PTA are very excited for the Holiday Season. Not only will we be sponsoring the 12 days of Christmas for our Teachers and Staff but In the Spirit of the season have decided to participate in the "Believe" Program through Macys. We will be inviting each student at School to write a letter to Santa and for every letter we drop off, Macys will donate one dollar to the Make a Wish Foundation. We would love to have all parents and siblings participate at home by dropping off your letters between December 1st and December 12th. There will be a mailbox to drop of your letters outside the front office. For ideas including printable stationary and other information of the Make a Wish Foundation, you can go to the Macy's website <http://social.macys.com/believe2010/#/santas-post-office>.



Rikke Kotter
Traverse Mountain Elementary PTA President

Don't forget to sign up for the Smiths Earn and Learn Program and earn FREE money for our school while you do your holiday shopping!

Recycling

We now have a recycling dumpster conveniently located at the north end of the parking lot. Please bring any paper product: newspapers, phone-books, or cardboard. Please make sure the cardboard is broken down so it fits into the dumpster and doesn't take excess space. The school earns a small amount of money for participating.



"The child must know that he is a miracle, that since the beginning of the world there hasn't been, and until the end of the world there will not be, another child like him."

- Pablo Casals



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