

traverse mountain elementary

Tiger times

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MAY AT A GLANCE

- 2 Netsmartz Assembly
- 3 5th Grade to Hope of America
- 3 or 4 1st Grade Walking Field Trip to Cabela's
- 4-5 5th Grade Boys to Clear Creek
- 5-6 5th Grade Girls to Clear Creek
- 5 4th Grade County Fair
- 6 Free Classic Skate Night 5-9pm
- 9 PTA Meeting 9:30a.m.
- 9-26 3rd – 6th Grade End of Year Testing
- 11 6th Grade to Space Center
- 12 5th Grade to Bean Museum
- 13 Kindergarten to Hogle Zoo
- 20 Kindergarten Animal Showcase
- 23-27 Teacher Appreciation
- 27 Dance Festival 1:00 p.m.
- 27 Preschool Graduation 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.
- 30 Memorial Day – No School
- 31 4th Grade Pioneer Assembly

June

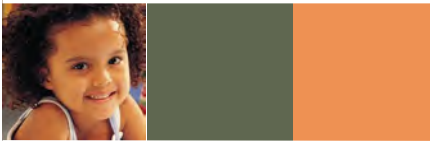
- 1 Field Day
- 3 Last Day of School 8:30-10:00 a.m.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As we wrap up the school year, we express appreciation for the enormous support and dedication demonstrated by everyone associated with Traverse Mountain Elementary. I believe the success of many aspects of our school rests in the balance we have sought this year. Activities, academics, and special opportunities have been very effective and structured towards student success. Thank you to all of our stakeholders for helping set the bar high for our future years. Our legacy has begun and we look forward to celebrating students, teachers, and parents as we finish out our first year.

We look forward to Teacher Appreciation Week. Research points out that a quality classroom teacher is one of the top indicators of student success. Albert Einstein stated, "It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge." Balancing a classroom of young students takes great skill, patience, and determination. I am extremely grateful for the opportunity I have to be associated with such a great group of teachers. Because of them, I have found that I want to work harder and be an integral part of what they do each day with your children. Thank you teachers for your dedication and high expectations for our students! We have a busy schedule between now and May 26th with end of year testing. Please help your children perform their best by encouraging them and getting them to school ready to take these tests. I hope the weekly emails have been effective in keeping everyone informed. We have a database of parent emails and hope that you have been receiving our updates. We will continue updates throughout the summer and ask that you contact the office if you are not receiving these messages. Best wishes for a great month of May!

David Stephenson
Principal



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April Photo Highlights

BELOW: Our TRYathlon athletes at their best!!



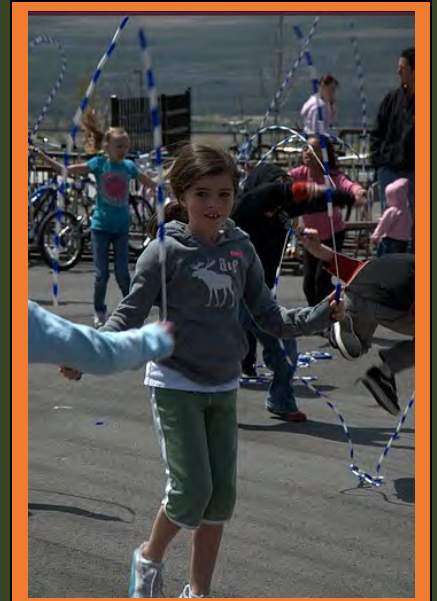
ABOVE: Mckay Christensen talking to the kids about fitness at the TRYathlon assembly! Thanks Mckay!

LEFT: Nacho Libre AKA: Mr. Stephenson showing the kids what he's got!

RIGHT: TRYathlon athlete showing us that 100 hundred jumps is no sweat! Way to go!!



ABOVE: The Man in the Yellow Hat brought Curious George to school to share stories with students. Thanks to Dr. John Patten, an Alpine School District Supervisor for spending time reading with our students!



TRAVERSE TRYATHLON



On April 22nd we had our first Traverse TRYathlon and it was a HUGE success. We feel all of the kids really enjoyed themselves!! A big Thanks to our wonderful Sponsors, MonaVie, Doba and Fairbanks Orthodontics as well as the PTA for providing water bottles and jump ropes for every child. We would also like to thank Megan Pope for heading up the TRYathlon as well as all of the parents who volunteered. We as a PTA are grateful for all of the support we have received.

**Don't forget
Teacher
Appreciation
Week is
May 23rd-27th!**

**Time to give
THANKS to our
Outstanding
Teachers!!**



Don't Forget to order your Year Books. They are only \$10 and will be delivered in time for the last week of school. Send a check with your student written to Traverse Mtn. PTA. Reserve yours today!

Field Day is on Wednesday June 1st!! This years Field Day will be filled with "Beach Time Fun" as we celebrate our last days of school. If you haven't had the chance to help out this year, now is the perfect time. Field Day is a fun event where everyone gets to play and get wet. We are in need of 50 volunteers in order to make this day run smoothly.

Please email, Haley Bye at haleybye@yahoo.com or Stephanie Fairchild at fairchildfam@gamil.com to sign up as one of this years Field Day Volunteers. If you already have signed up through your Room Mom, please email us and let us know!! First come, first pick. The best events are going quick! Sign up today to reserve your spot.

Thanks for your support,
Haley Bye and Stephanie Fairchild
PTA Field Day Co-Chairs

We are starting preparations for the 2011 Fall Carnival. We want it to be the best carnival ever! The fall carnival is going to be our big fundraiser. We are trying to prepare all the baskets during the summer to lighten the financial burdens that come at the beginning of the school year. We are looking for anyone who might have contacts with businesses to donate a basket, can donate some items or are willing to call companies to donate items. We really need everyone's help to make this a success. We can provide a copy of a donation letter that you can give to the business. If you are interested please contact Melinda Lewis 801-404-0935.

Dear Traverse Tigers,

I can hardly believe that the school year is already coming to a close. It's been a wonderful year full of new traditions, friendships and fun. We have started so many new traditions and although it's been an adventure with lots of lessons learned, we as a PTA feel that this year has been a great success. We are grateful for all of the support we have had throughout this year, not only from the wonderful parents but from the Teachers, Staff Members and Mr. Stephenson, as well.

I would like to thank my AMAZING board this year for all of their hard work. I know that without them, this year wouldn't have gone so smoothly. Way to go ladies!! I believe a School is only as good as the people that put the effort into making it that way, Our school is not only good, it ROCKS!!! We have the best Teachers, Students, Staff Members, PTA, SCC, and Parents. Together we make our school Spectacular.

I am so grateful for the opportunity I have had to serve the School as PTA President and I look forward to next year. We are still in need of several Board Positions, particularly of someone to head up Reflections. If you are interested in serving next year please contact me as soon as possible at Luvnbmamom@msn.com

Rikke Kotter
Traverse Mountain Elementary PTA President



Thank you to our talented Mrs. Christensen for volunteering to run the Power Reading program for the fourth and fifth grades! The kids loved attending her Power Reading sessions, and the teachers greatly appreciated the extra help!

Congratulations.....

We as a PTA were able to recognize excellence at our school by nominating an outstanding Teacher, Staff Member, Volunteer and Student for the Lehi Council Awards Luncheon. We congratulate Cheryl Dominguez as our Teacher, Christina Ahlstrom as our Staff Member, Rachele Funk as our Volunteer and Chase Cleveringa as our student. We are grateful for your service to our School and for the example you are to everyone. Way to go!



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