

# Traverse Mountain Elementary

# Tiger Times



## THIS MONTH AT A GLANCE

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Nov 1	Reflections Award Night 6:15pm	Nov 15	SCC 3:45pm
Nov 2	PTA Meeting 10:00am	Nov 21-23	Thanksgiving Break
Nov 5	Minimal Monday	Nov 27	NED Show Assembly 9:30am
Nov 6	Lunch with the Principal	Nov 29	Ballroom to Festival of Trees

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Traverse Mountain Elementary Community,

Thank you for doing your part in making our school a great success! We have the best students, faculty, and parents working together to ensure student achievement. Please watch for our annual Stakeholder Report to arrive home on November 19th. This report will highlight some great achievements made by our students.

We are excited about the gains made with our bully awareness program and our Lead Team. Our Lead Team consists of 5th and 6th grade students who applied to be a member. They work in small groups scouring the playground to help students that may be having problems or just need a little help. They are great peer mentors!

I'm often asked if I enjoy my job as a principal. It is a reward and honor to be able to serve as Traverse Mountain Elementary principal! I am able to enjoy being around so many great people everyday. The students are so positive and ambitious about everything they do. There is a great feeling of purpose and joy with our faculty. They are one dedicated group. Parents are very supportive and are available and willing to help out any way they can.

During this season of Thanksgiving, we appreciate all you do!

David Stephenson  
Principal



# Tiger of the Month

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

<b>Kindergarten</b>	
Ella Martin	She enjoys learning and always does her very best. She helps other, too.
Trey Walker	He lokes to do things well and has made great progress because of that.
<b>1st Grade</b>	
Dylan Paulson	He shows respect for his teaher and classmates.
Roxie Hellewell	She is an all around fabulous student.
<b>2nd Grade</b>	
Anthony Leyva	He writes so many adjectives in his journal and makes wonderful drawings!
Tatum James	She is a great example to her classmates and is kind to others.
<b>3rd Grade</b>	
Everett Weston	He is a responsible student who always tries to do his best and is a friend to everyone.
Anisten Batzel	She works hard, is respectful and responsible, and is a fantastic friend.
<b>4th Grade</b>	
Amy Thompson	She is always polite and nice and has a postivie attitude. She is willing to help anyone.
Hayden Fairchild	He is kind, compassionate, and exhibits good manners in all situations.
<b>5th Grade</b>	
Jaydyn Spencer	She is very talented and enjoys sharing her drawings with others.
Cameron Swenson	He has a very positive and is always willing to help around the classroom.
<b>6th Grade</b>	
Nathaniel Fairchild	He is kind, patient, and a hard worker. He is a wonderful friend.
Bethany Enger	She works hard and treats others with kindness and respect.

## Anti- Bullying Week

**We wanted to thank all the businesses who donated to anti-bullying week. The businesses that donated were: Target in American Fork, Wendy's, Arctic Circle in Highland, Cold Stone/Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory in American Fork, Orange Leaf in Highland, Roxberry Smoothies in Highland, Cinemark Movie Theater in American Fork, and Smart Cookie Company in American Fork.**

**We wanted to thank some of the people who donated their time to anti-bullying week, too. We want to thank Mrs. Gremmert, the art teacher for putting in so many hours to help with the poster contest and Mrs. Gifford the librarian for reading stories about bullying to all the students and teaching them to speak up about bullying.**

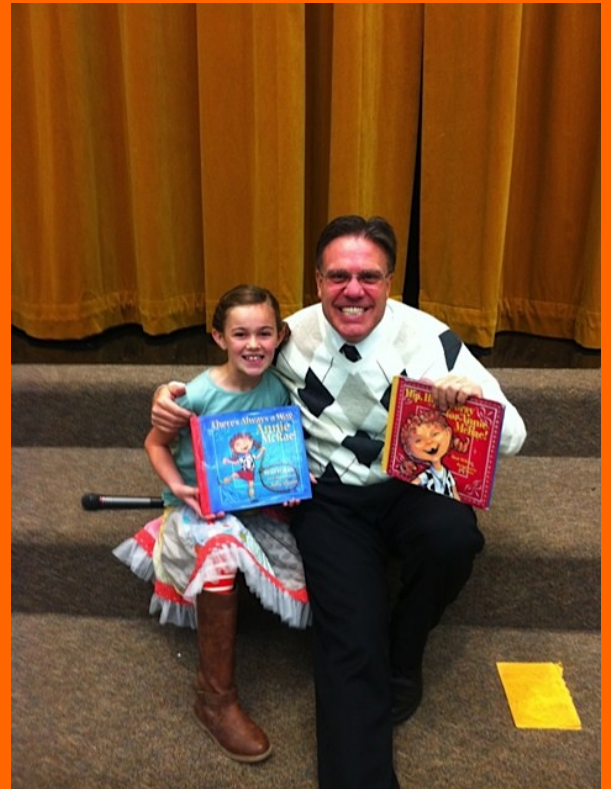
**We also want to thank Keilara McCormick (Miss Teen Utah) for coming in to encourage the students to be bully-free. She also let us film her for a video that encouraged that kids to speak up when they see bullying. She was really cute with the kids and spent time talking to them and getting to know them.**



# Pictures



Fifth and sixth grade students have been participating in an after school program called Design Challenge. Mrs. Mendenhall has been leading the group with some great critical thinking activities.



Brad Wilcox spent the entire day at Traverse Mountain on October 22. He gave two assemblies, modeled writing lessons in various classrooms, and conducted a professional development meeting with teachers after school. Go Tiger

Mike Forsyth provided an "Inspired Assembly" for our school during Bully Awareness Week. He challenged the students to be considerate of others.

Three students got to participate with Mike Forsyth in the assembly. They did a great job!





# Pictures



**Fifth and sixth grade students serve as Lead Team members. They work in pairs to help students at recess resolve conflicts and they provide many other services to help out the school. Go Lead Team!**

**Look at our cute little afternoon preschool kids singing about witches, pumpkins, and ghosts.**



**Harward Farms brought 900 pumpkins to our school on Monday, October 29th. Each student was excited for this kind surprise. Thanks to parent Aimee Bryan for setting up this special event!**

# Table Talk

Dear Parents,

We will focus on being thankful as the character trait for November. You will receive the "Table Talk" note in your email. Please review it with your child and sign the attached form. Thank you for your support!

The PTA

Child's First and Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

We have completed the "Table Talk" discussions about being thankful.

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please return this portion to your child's teacher.)



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**Discuss:** What are some things you can say and do for others that others would appreciate?

**Discuss:** Share some things that people have said to you or done for you that you appreciate. Discuss ways that you can let others know that you are thankful and appreciative of what they say and do for you. Make a plan to show your appreciation.

# THANKFUL

fold

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**Character Table Talk Directions:** At home, "Table Talk" discussions can be folded, placed in the center of the table at meals or other times so that each week discussions can reinforce good character. Thank you for working together to help our children develop good character.

**Discuss:** Our character word is THANKFUL. Being Thankful has two parts. One is being grateful for all that we have and what people say and do for us. The other part is taking the time to show our appreciation by telling others or writing a note. Make a list of things that you are thankful or grateful for.

**Discuss:** What does the following mean? "Rather than complain about what I do not have, I need to be thankful for the things that I do have."

fold

# Reflections Winners

## Photography

Primary (K-2nd):

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Wes Van Orman
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Abigail Shawcroft

Intermediate (3rd-5th):

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Drake Sorensen
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Jared Detro
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Kelsie Heffernan

Middle/Junior (6th):

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Brooklyn Kotter

## Dance

Intermediate (3rd-5th):

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Paige Lewis

## Film Production

Primary (K-2nd):

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Wes Van Orman

Intermediate (3rd-5th):

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Bradin Rohde
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Audrey Anderson
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Sophie Humphreys

Middle (6th):

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Naomi Melville

## Literature

Primary (K-2nd):

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Emma Hughes
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Amanda Paredes

Intermediate (3rd-5th):

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Kelsie Heffernan
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Grace Young
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Kayla Jester

## Music Composition

Primary (K-2nd):

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Tessa Miller

Intermediate (3rd-5th):

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Kiara Cook
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Jenna Jester
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Haley Richardson

## 3-D

Primary (K-2nd):

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Preston Carter
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Matthew Smith

Intermediate (3rd-5th):

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Ellie Shawcroft
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Makenna Van Orman
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Mariah Tiberius

Middle (6th):

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Quinci Cardona

## Visual Arts

Primary K-2nd):

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Jenna Van De Graaff
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Eleanor Martin
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Kaitlyn Ung

Intermediate (3rd-5th):

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Kaleb Payne
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Mason Tiberius
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Miriam Ahlstrom

Middle (6th):

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Kieryn Funk
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Taylor Smart
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Coby Sorensen





# Box Tops

Congratulations to Mrs. Dominguez' 5th/6th grade class for bringing in the most box tops for September and October. They brought in 904 box tops!! Way to go!! We have earned almost \$1300 so far. Thank you to everyone who has brought in box tops so far. Keep the box tops coming in, though. We have another deadline coming up at the end of February which means there will be another winner!!

## PTA Membership Contest

We are having a PTA Membership Contest. The first class K-2nd and the first class 3rd-6th to get 100% PTA memberships will get a party hosted by Chick-fil-A. To sign up for PTA, contact Rachelle Funk ([rachelle@atomicsmurf.com](mailto:rachelle@atomicsmurf.com)) or Sally Yates ([syates111@gmail.com](mailto:syates111@gmail.com)).

### PTA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We had another great month in October at Traverse Mountain Elementary. We want to thank Somer Schmidt and the Lehi City Police Department for helping make our Red Ribbon week such a great success. The students learned a lot about drug awareness and are committed to staying away from harmful substances. It is such an important life lesson and we appreciate them helping to make this happen.

We also want to express our appreciation to Natalie Dobbin for her great work in organizing our Bully Awareness weeks which included a visit from Miss Teen Utah and a fun assembly with Mike Forsyth. She has been working throughout the year to help us in the character development of our students and we have seen our kids just thrive to become kinder and more respectful with others. The skills our kids are learning through this will help them for the rest of their lives.

We just finished up with our local school level of Reflections this last week. We had so many great artistic entries from our students and it was a thrill to have them share their talents and passion for all the various forms of art. We wish our winning students good luck as they advance to the council level. We also need to give a huge thank you to Jenny Kapp and Jenae Boren for organizing and running Reflections this year. It was a great experience.

And of course we can't forget to thank the amazing teachers and staff at our school who have supported and helped us in the activities we've done this year so far. They are so willing to participate in the programs we coordinate and we can't thank them enough for implementing things in the classroom for us, as well as letting us take up a little of their precious instruction time. Our teachers are the best!

Once again, I have to express my profound gratitude for the support that we get from parents and community members in our school. We could not do it without you and it makes such a huge impact on our kids. What more can I say – thank you, thank you, thank you!

Rachelle Funk: Traverse Mountain Elementary PTA President



Download a 50 count Box Tops collection sheet here:

[http://www.hopepta.org/joomla/images/boxtops/box\\_tops\\_50.pdf](http://www.hopepta.org/joomla/images/boxtops/box_tops_50.pdf)

### Looking Ahead to December

12/5	Ballroom Assembly
12/5	Ballroom Performance
12/7	PTA Meeting
12/17	Children's Chorus
12/18	Christmas Sing for Track A Parents 1:15pm
12/19	Christmas Sing for Track B Parents 9:30am
12/20-1/2	Christmas Break



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