

Traverse Mountain Elementary

Tiger Times



THIS MONTH AT A GLANCE

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Dec 3	School Musical Parent Meeting 4pm	Dec 17	Children's Chorus/Sub for Santa
Dec 5	Ballroom Assembly 9:30am	Dec 18	Christmas Sing Track A and PM K 1:15pm-2:15pm
Dec 5	Ballroom Performance 6:30pm	Dec 19	Christmas Sing Track B and AM K 9:30am-10:30am
Dec 7	PTA Meeting 10am	Dec 20- Jan 2	Christmas Break

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Traverse Mountain Elementary Community,

One of the best parts of the school day happens at 9:30am when students bring their Tiger Team Positive Behavior Reports to the office. It is fun to visit individually with the students and read about what they have done. We are tracking these forms and so far have had 1,381 turned in. Congratulations to our students for their positive actions in making our school a great place to be! We are sending home a copy of the yearly Stakeholder Report. We are excited about the information contained in the report, especially the academic achievement by students. Based on their achievement scores and growth, our school's score is in the 99th percentile in the state! This is a great achievement made possible because of students, parents, and teachers working together for the success of individual students.

The NED Show was a great opportunity for students to not only get a free yo-yo, but an important message. NED stands for: Never give up, Encourage other, and Do your best. We will continue to reiterate these important principles as we continue on into the remainder of the 2013 school year.

We are happy to provide a more enjoyable Christmas Sing by having two sessions for parents. Parents of Track A students should come on Tuesday, December 18th @ 1:15pm. The program will end at approximately 2:15pm, just in time for you to take your students home. Afternoon preschool and kindergarten student will also perform in this session. Parents of Track B students should come on Wednesday, December 18th @ 9:30am. This is right after you drop off your students, so you can just stay for the program. Morning preschool and kindergarten students will perform in this session.

Here's wishing you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

David Stephenson
Principal



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Tiger of the Month

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

Kindergarten	
Nathan Crump	He is a hard worker and always does his best.
Halle McGuire	She works well with others and is always very happy.
1st Grade	
Dodge Collins	He always tries his best and is a great example.
Claire Griffin	She is the first person to help out when others are having a bad day.
2nd Grade	
Jace Olson	He is a model of hard work and manners.
Abigail Shawcroft	She is a hardworker and loves to learn new things.
3rd Grade	
Caleb Wallengren	He comes to school everyday prepared and ready to work hard.
Kaitlin Hanks	She is an especially good listener and always does her best.
4th Grade	
Leah Brand	She is kind and respectful to everyone around her.
Merick Johnson	He is a good listener and tries hard to do his best.
5th Grade	
Emily Stott	She is full of positivity and makes others happy, too.
Kiara Cook	She is a positive kid who is always smiling and laughing.
6th Grade	
Andy Lopez	He is very respectful and kind to staff and students and an excellent leader.
Grace Baker	She is a hard worker and has a "never give up" attitude.

Lehi City Council Meetings

The Lehi City Council meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at 7:00pm in the Council Chambers located at 153 North 100 East. City Council Agendas can be viewed at the [Lehi City Public Meetings link](#). The dates of those Tuesdays are as follows:

December 11, 24

January 8, 22

February 12, 26

March 12, 26

April 9, 23

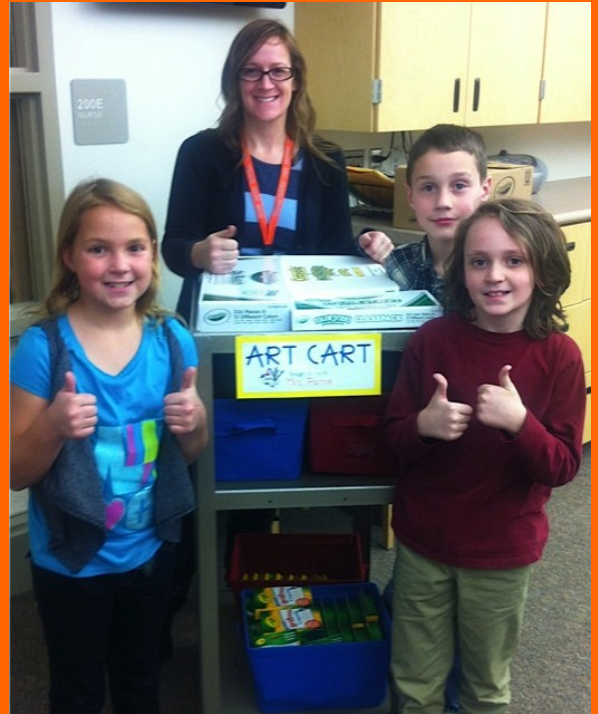
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Pictures



The lunch ladies started a flashmob of the YMCA for Mr. Larsen's birthday.

The NED Show was a hit! Jessica was a great performer teaching the kids what NED stands for: Never give up, Encourage other, and Do your best. Congratulations to each student for earning a yo-yo!



Mrs. Payne won a \$3000 grant for our school. The 4th grade will be creating iBooks with the grant. We also received \$500 in Crayola products.

5th Grade students show their Native American displays.



Table Talk

Dear Parents,

We will focus on caring/kindness as the character traits for December. 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 caring.

Parent's Signature: _____

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

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Discuss: How do the following words relate to caring: being kind, sharing, and helping?

Discuss: Our character word is Caring. Caring means to show interest and concern for others – to be friendly and considerate. What are some ways you can show others you care?

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.

CARING

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CARING

Discuss: Empathy is an important word that relates to caring. Empathy is understanding and caring about another person's thoughts and feelings. It's like putting yourself in their place. Think back over your week and put yourself in someone else's place who may have had a difficult time. Discuss how you may have thought or felt if that were you. Share how you can help and show the person you care.

Discuss: What is your plan for this week to show others you care?

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Box Tops

Keep sending in those box tops!! We have another deadline coming up in February with another pizza party on the line.

PTA Membership

Thank you to everyone who has joined the PTA. It goes a long way to supporting our school! The winners of the PTA membership contest are Mrs. Lawler's Class with 70% and Mrs. Schwanke's class with 65%. Thank you!!

PTA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Wow – another month has flown by. I can't believe how fast this year is going. I want to thank all those who joined the PTA during our recent membership drive in November and thanks to those who have signed up for PTA throughout this entire school year. Having the support and unity of so many parents really helps the success of our school.

Often during the month of December, people reflect more on giving and sharing with those around them. I want to pay tribute to those who are so giving at our school – not just during this time of year, but always. We have such amazing teachers and staff that provide so much extra time and effort to do enriching activities outside of the school hours. Our kids are so lucky to have so many extra opportunities for learning and growth because of them.

I would also like to recognize all the parents who give of their time to come to the school and help in the classrooms so the teachers are able to do more for our kids. I see so many of you in the halls of the school everyday reading with kids, or helping with spelling tests, and a myriad of other things. I cannot say enough about how lucky our students are to have such dedicated parents.

I wish I could adequately express my appreciation for the tremendous efforts that I see going into the lives of our children. I hope that I can give in such a significant and meaningful way like all of you. Thank you for your great example to me and to the students of our school. It is the best gift anyone could ever receive and I am extremely grateful for that. Thanks a million!

Rachelle Funk



Download a 50 count Box Tops collection sheet here:

http://www.hopepta.org/joomla/images/boxtops/box_tops_50.pdf

Looking Ahead to January

1/3	School Resumes
1/8	Ski Utah 6th Grade
1/11	PTA Meeting
1/15	Ski Utah 6th Grade
1/17	SCC 3:45pm
1/21	No School
1/22	Invention Fair
1/25	



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