

Traverse Mountain Elementary

Tiger Times



THIS MONTH AT A GLANCE

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Jan 3	School Resumes	Jan 16	Living Planet Aquarium 4th Grade
Jan 8	Ski Utah Dominguez 5th and Mendenhall	Jan 17	School Community Council 3:45pm
Jan 11	PTA Meeting 10am	Jan 18	Lead Team Meeting 1:30pm
Jan 11	Ballet West Assembly 1:15pm	Jan 21	MLK Jr. Day—No School
Jan 15	Ski Utah Dominquez 6th and Cowley	Jan 22-25	Invention Fair

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Traverse Mountain Elementary Community,

January is an exciting time of year for our students at Traverse Mountain Elementary. It's a great time to set goals and make New Year's Resolutions. We are also looking forward to meeting with parents and reviewing individual student goals during our parent conferences coming up the first week in February.

During our next School Community Council meeting on Thursday, January 17, we will spend time discussing and reviewing our school safety plan. If you ever have comments, suggestions, etc., you can contact any member of the council. Their email contacts are listed under the PTA/SCC Tab on our website.

The PTA is the nation's oldest, largest and highest-profile volunteer organization working on behalf of public schools, children and families. The PTA motto is "Every child, one voice." The PTA volunteers at Traverse Mountain Elementary work in our school and communities to improve the education, health and welfare of all children and youth. The PTA meets the first Friday of each month (January 11 this month) to discuss the activities that our children will be involved in. They are currently putting together nominations for next year's executive board.

We appreciate these two important groups of parents working to help our school be a great place for students and encourage everyone to get involved.

We look forward to working together as teachers, parents, and students in realizing our goals and making Traverse Mountain Elementary the best ever!

Best wishes for a wonderful 2013!

David Stephenson
Principal



Tiger of the Month

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

Kindergarten	
Ethan Allen	He always does his best.
Haley Evers	She works hard and is very happy and nice to others.
1st Grade	
Kyleigh Fairchild	She is always trying her best and never gives up.
Jace Anderson	He is always willing to include others in his group and make them feel welcome.
2nd Grade	
Jaybriel Macon	He always stays on task, is respectful to everyone, and does his very best.
McKinley Brown	She is bright and happy and uses her time wisely.
3rd Grade	
Audrey Cluff	She is very organized and kind and always leads by example.
Jacob Smart	He is always helpful and respectful to those around him.
4th Grade	
Kenia Ainsworth	She is a friend to everyone and works hard in everything she does.
Issac Rice	He always works hard to do his best and tries to make others happy.
5th Grade	
Cecilia Thomas	She has a very positive attitude and is always willing to help around the classroom.
Ethan Wirick	He is a wonderful example and has a way of making everyone feel welcome.
6th Grade	
Autumn Hakes	Her work ethic in class has been much appreciated.
Michelle Shumway	She shares her optimistic attitude toward school with everyone that she is around.

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

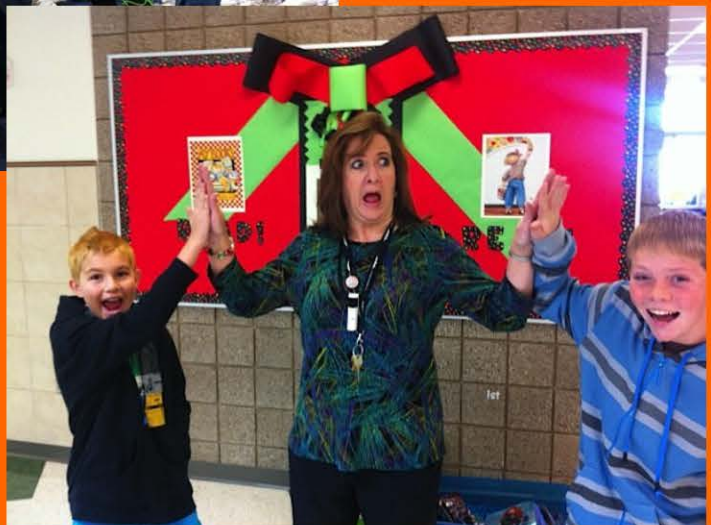
February 12, 26

March 12, 26

April 9, 23

May 14, 28

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Traverse Mountain Elementary
Creativity Fair!!!
January 22-25, 2013

Now is the time to get your creative juices flowing! The Creativity Fair is for students to make and create something unique and fun without the need to spend any money! Anything you have made can be displayed! If you feel like it is creative, then it is! We want to show off your work in the library for all the students, teachers, and parents to see!



Here are some examples:
Duct tape purses/wallets
Sewing/knitting projects
Crafts from wood
(popsicle stick houses, etc.)
Clay models
Paint projects



Creations made from bottles, cans, toilets paper rolls, yarn, etc.

We ask that you consider not bringing anything that is valuable (Legos, money, or things of great worth)!

The school is not liable for any lost or stolen items!!!
Your creation will be safe in the library with the doors locked when the library is closed.

There will be no judging of the projects, it's just for fun!

*If you are interested in participating, you will be given a 12in x 12in space to display. We ask that you don't go any wider than the given space to make enough room for all the displays. Also, please include an index card with your full name, teacher, and a brief description of your display.

Please drop off your displays to the library on Friday January 18.
We are excited to see your amazing creativity shine through your work!

Any Questions email: Amy Wallengren- bwallengren@msn.com
Trisa Ellis- trisaellis@gmail.com



Box Tops

Keep sending in those box tops!! We have another deadline coming up in February with another pizza party on the line. Please send them in any way you can—on a sheet or in a baggie. We will take them any way that you send them!



Spencer Ahlstrom and Wei-Ming McCage competed in the First Lego League Challenge on January 5th. It is designed to get children excited about science and technology. Teams participate in the Challenge by programming an autonomous robot (which they design/build out of Legos) to score points on a themed playing field and developing a solution to a problem they identified in accordance with the Challenge theme. The competition was the culmination of 4 months of work by the students.

Their team finished 1st overall out of 20 teams, and also won the Robot Performance Award. The team qualified for the Utah State competition on January 26th.



PTA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope everyone had a great Christmas break and enjoyed a lot of fun times having your kids at home. But it's good to be back at school where the kids are studying hard and continuing to learn and grow. We hope that the next half of this school year is as great as the first half.

We have some fun activities planned over the next few months. Our first activity this year is a Creation/Invention Fair where students will be able to bring anything they have created on their own at home to share with the rest of us at school. This is the first year we are doing this and we hope that it is a lot of fun for everyone who participates.

Looking forward, we also have another book fair that parents have the opportunity to help with during parent/teacher conferences, meals for teachers during that week, and we are getting ready for our teacher appreciation week in March. And there are lots of other things coming up as well, so be sure to keep an eye out for sign ups and information on those things.

As always, I have to take a moment to express my gratitude to all the individuals who have volunteered this year at our school. We couldn't get anything done without your help. So, thank you! I also would like to encourage anyone who is interested, to sign up to be on the PTA board next year or head up one of our great programs. I can't convey to you how fulfilling it is to work closely with the students and teachers at the school and how much joy you can get from doing so. I have loved being such an integral part of the lives of students at Traverse Mountain Elementary and I hope that many of you take the time to experience the same thing.

I am so grateful for all the people that I get to work with at the school and for the amazing students who work so hard to succeed there. We have the best kids in the world! And the best staff! Traverse Mountain Elementary rocks!

Rachelle Funk
PTA President



Download a 50 count Box Tops collection sheet here:

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

Looking Ahead to February

2/1	PTA Meeting
2/4	Parent/Teacher Conference Week
2/4	Minimal Monday
2/6	Kindergarten Registration
2/18	No School
2/21	SCC 3:45pm



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AMERICAN MOTHERS

FIFTH GRADE ESSAY CONTEST

“What My Mother Means to Me”

Eligible Students: Must be in **fifth grade** or its equivalent

Title of Essay: “What My Mother Means to Me”

Time Frame:

November 1	Essay Competition begins
February 1	Final date Essays can be accepted by the teacher
February 10	Essays due from teacher to State Association
March 15	State winning essay sent to the National Chair
March 25	National judging
April	National Winner contacted and announced

Requirements: **Handwritten neatly using black ink**, one side only of 8 ½ x 11 inch notebook page.
Use one inch margin all around.
150 words or less (not including title).
Use of dictionary permitted, but essay must be student’s own work
Mother’s specific identity must not be revealed in essay.
Student’s **name must not appear** on any pages except Entry Form.
Completed Entry Form must be attached to the top of essay.

Judged on:

- Content and focus** – How well the essay tells the reader about the writer’s mother.
- Organization** of essay.
- Word choice and style** – How creatively and well words are used.
- Sentence fluency** – How well the writer says exactly what is intended.
- Mechanics** – Obey rules of writing, spelling, punctuation and grammar.

Judged by:

- State winners are selected by a state team of judges.
- Only the first place essay will be forwarded to the national judges.
- National judges select the national winners.
- Decision of the judges is final.

Winners: National winner receives a monetary prize

*If you cannot find information concerning the State Association in your area,
please contact the National Office at info@americanmothers.org*



FIFTH GRADE ESSAY CONTEST
“What My Mother Means to Me”

ENTRY FORM - PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Essays cannot be considered without this form

STUDENT: Print Full Name _____

Are you in the fifth grade or its equivalent? _____ Yes _____ No Age _____

Home address _____

Family Telephone Number: Home _____ Work _____

Parent's Email: _____

Do you attend school? _____ Yes _____ No Are you home schooled? _____ Yes _____ No

Name of school _____

School address _____

Print your teacher's name _____

<p>AUTHORIZATION OF RELEASE FORM: We understand and agree that this entry will now become the property of and all copyrights will belong to American Mothers, Inc.® (hereafter AMI). The entrant grants permission for AMI to publish in its magazine or promotional materials as well as on its internet site, all or part of the submitted essay and to use the entrant's name (and photo, if the parent permits). Winning entries, and the names of all the final essay winners, will be used all without royalty or other consideration to the entrant.</p> <p>Release of entry _____ Yes _____ No Photo will be made available _____ Yes _____ No</p> <p>Signed by parent _____ Date _____</p>

SIGN BELOW to verify essay is completely the student's own work; he/she copied nothing.

Student's own signature _____

Parent's name, printed _____

Parent's signature: _____

TEACHER/PARENT: STAPLE THIS ENTRY FORM TO THE FRONT OF THE ESSAY

If you do not know your local representative, please contact the National office: 877-242-4264
info@americanmothers.org

Turn into your teacher by Feb. 1st