



Traverse Mountain Elementary

Tiger Times



THIS MONTH AT A GLANCE

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Mar 1	PTA Meeting 10am	Mar 18-20	School Musical Dress Rehearsal
Mar 4	Minimal Monday	Mar 21-23	School Musical
Mar 11-15	Teacher Appreciation Week	Mar 21	SCC 3:45pm
Mar 13	Maturation—5th Grade 1:15pm	Mar 29	2nd Grade Program
Mar 14	2nd Grade Dental Presentation	Mar 29	Cookie Dough Orders Due
Mar 15	Cookie Dough Begins	Mar 29	PTA Meeting 10am

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Traverse Mountain Community,

Good old Dr. Seuss rhymed, “And will you succeed? Yes indeed, yes indeed! Ninety-eight and three-quarters percent guaranteed!” We are all fortunate to be part of a great team at Traverse Mountain Elementary where we strive to motivate students to succeed. At our recent Faculty Meeting, we spent time discussing how to motivate all students. Our thoughts turned to individual students and how important it is to push our students to succeed and remain a constant motivation for each student. This can be difficult as we know each student learns and is motivated in different ways. Thank you for working with your child's teacher to help increase success and motivation so that all students are inspired to do their best work and that they feel the satisfaction of hard work.

We hope you have noticed the little white/yellow duplicate Behavior Reports that have come home notifying you of positive behavior and sometimes areas that need improvement. We track these daily and are nearing our 2,000th positive report returned to the office. Way to go Traverse Tigers! It is our favorite time of the day in the office when students bring their slips at 9:30am and we get to have a short visit. We appreciate our teachers for taking the extra time and effort to complete the reports. We hope they are making a small difference to motivate your children!

Our website has a new menu called, "Our Stories". Check it out today at <http://traversemountain.alpineschools.org>. If you have a short, positive story you would like to share, simply send me an email. We also post these on our Facebook page, so be sure to like us!

We are looking forward to a successful and motivating three months as we finish out the school year.

Sincerely,
David Stephenson
Principal



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Pictures



The Ballroom Teams has been very successful this year. They earned gold and silver at the UVU competition and one of the team's will be competing at BYU on March 9th. Good Luck!



The fifth grade held their Wax Museum recently. Students enjoyed dressing up and presenting information about a famous person.

Congratulations to Drew Eden and Jordyn Whitaker who will represent our school at the district storytelling competition. (No Photo)

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Students enjoyed participating with Ballet West at a recent assembly.



Table Talk

Dear Parents,

We will focus on cooperation as the character trait for March. 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 cooperation.

Parent's Signature: _____

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



fold

Discuss: Why is cooperation important?

Discuss: How can you be cooperative with your family? Your friends? At school?

COOPERATION

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 COOPERATION. Cooperation means working well together and getting along with others. Think about your week and share examples of *cooperation in action*.

Discuss: How do the following words help us to be cooperative: teamwork, positive attitude, compromise, being fair?

fold



Box Tops

Everyone did such an amazing job turning in those box tops!! We earned over \$1300 for our school just from this deadline alone. Turning in those box tops goes such a long way in getting money for our school. It was a tight race, but Mr. Millward's class came in first place and won the pizza party!! The top four classes were:

- Mr. Millward—1,494 box tops
- Mrs. Mangum —1,360 box tops
- Mrs. Sonda Smith —1,336 box tops
- Mrs. Rohde—1,018 box tops

Keep turning in those box tops. Even though we hit our deadline for the year, we will still be collecting box tops through the end of the year (they will count for next year). Check your box tops and turn in any that expire over the summer!

PTA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

First off, I would like to thank everyone who helped out with all our activities last month. We had a lot going on and I am so grateful to all those who gave of their time and talents. We had the opportunity to help at the book fair, to provide dinners to our wonderful Traverse Mountain staff during parent/teacher conferences, and to help the 4th grade teachers and their students in making their iBook publications. If you didn't get a chance to participate in any of these, be sure to take advantage next year – it is so very worthwhile and fun!

Speaking of our incredible school staff, I want to make sure that everyone is aware of our Teacher/Staff appreciation week that is coming up March 11th-15th. This is the opportunity for us and our children to show our teachers and other school workers how grateful we are for all that they do for us. I would encourage every family to think of something they can do to show their gratitude. It can even be as simple as a heartfelt card or a hand-drawn picture. Our teachers work so hard for the good of our children and they deserve to know how valued and loved they are. I personally cannot say enough about how impressed I am at how hard everyone at the school works and how thankful I am for everything they do. Honestly, I think this is one of the most important things that any of us can all participate in this year. Show our school staff some love!

This school year is zooming by, and it has been so great so far. Let's make these last couple of months just as fabulous. Thanks to all of you in our great community. You are all amazing!

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 April

4/1-4/5	Spring Break
4/10	Spring Pictures
4/11	SCC 3:45pm
4/12	TM 5K
4/17-4/19	5th Grade to Clear Creek
4/17	Shake Out 10:15am
4/19	1st Grade Plant Fair
4/25	2nd Grade to Clark Planetarium
4/26	4th Grade Poetry Cafe



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