

# Traverse Mountain Elementary

# Tiger Times



## THIS MONTH AT A GLANCE

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| Oct 2-    | Common Days                | Oct 17 | Reflections Due      |
| Oct 3     | Parent/Teacher Conferences |        | SCC 3:45pm           |
| Oct 2     | Kindergarten Field Trip    | Oct 18 | Fall Fundraiser Ends |
| Oct 7     | PTA Meeting 11:30am        |        |                      |
| Oct 10—14 | Fall Break                 |        |                      |
| Oct 16    | Picture Make-Up Day        |        |                      |

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Traverse Mountain Community,

Since the beginning of school I have been in every classroom and read my favorite book "Is Everyone Ready for Fun" by Jan Thomas. I have enjoyed spending time with each student as they have asked me any question they want: "How old are you?" "What is your favorite color?" "Where do you live?" During our visit I tell them there are two special things they get to do with me.

1. I show them a special way to say "hi" to me. I explain that this special wave doesn't require their mouth only their index finger. Ask them to show you our special way of saying "hello".
2. I also explain that I will give them a treat in my office if they give me a high five, knuckles or fuzzy whenever they see me outside the school setting. I have seen students at Walmart, Costco, Home Depot, McDonalds, Texas Road House, Pizza Pie Cafe, the Library and The Legacy Center. If you don't know what fuzzies are, ask your child, I taught them.

It is a thrill to work with your children and a joy to see them progress. My highest priority is that our students feel safe and are able to soar in this educational setting. I am open to any comments you have that can help us become better as we continue to work with your child/ren. United as a team we will

LEAD: Learn, Encourage, Achieve and Dream.

Mrs. Strong, Principal



# Pictures:

## October Happenings

### **Cameron Swenson won a bike from Walk more in Four**



### **Kiva—Eagle Project from Jordan Schenk**





## Other School News

### Take Home Reading

If you have a child in grades K-2nd and have not yet turned in your Take Home Reading form, please do so as soon as possible. The Take Home Reading program has started and your child cannot participate if you do not turn in your signed permission form. Here is an attached permission form or you can pick one up on the wall outside the school office.

To view /print the permission form see the link: <https://drive.google.com/?tab=mo&authuser=0#folders/0B0wVSYe-4UrcVGU2Q3pmME5BNEU>

If you have any questions about this program please contact Lyndsay Detro: 801-793-7979.

### Rewards Programs

Because the families from our community sign up for Smith's reward card and Target's Take Charge of Education card, we have earned \$4400.47 from Smith's and \$307.77 from Target.

Thank you for all the families who participated. It is easy to participate. Just register your card at both of these places. Here are links to get you started.

<http://traversemountain.alpineschools.org/announcements/enroll-smiths-card>

<https://www-secure.target.com/redcard/tcoe/home?catalogId=10051&langId=-1&storeId=10151&krypto=cQcHDksCxhgmutHxyjlq48%2BIHqzAFPvRjj%2BCK5QVyor4h0nGk1rMzYuRJKChjT84PaFeNyM3nAR%0AfuTHK9sZZQ%3D%3D&ddkey=http:redcard/tcoe/home>

### Join the PTA!!

If you have not yet joined the PTA please come to the front office and do so or go to the school website and join from there <http://traversemountain.alpineschools.org/pta>. We would really appreciate your support! Joining the PTA does not require you to volunteer or be at the school for any particular event. It's just a way to help support the school your children attend.



# Alison Smith

4th Grade

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| <b>I became a teacher because:</b>                                    | I always wanted to be a teacher. I love looking for fun ways for every child to learn.   |
| <b>If I wasn't a teacher I would be:</b>                              | I don't know what I would be if I wasn't a teacher. I have always wanted to be a teacher.  |
| <b>Who is someone from history you would like to meet and why?</b>    | I would like to meet Anne Boleyn and Catherine Howard, wives to Henry VIII. They are my ancestors and it would be interesting to get to know them. |
| <b>Did you ever get sent to the principal's office? Why?</b>          | No, I was a bit of a teacher's pet.  |
| <b>What is your favorite book? Who is your favorite author?</b>       | I love to read all kinds of books by a lot of authors. I can't think of a favorite.  |
| <b>What is your favorite food? Treat?</b>                             | I love the barbecue ranch chicken salad at Zupas. My favorite treat is chocolate.  |
| <b>If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go?</b> | I would love to go back to Hawaii.   |



# Christina Ahlstrom

1st Grade

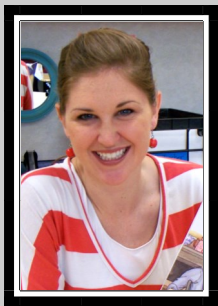
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| <b>I became a teacher because:</b>                                      | I had fabulous teachers when I was growing up. They made learning so fun. I wanted to be able to do the same thing for other students. I love seeing the excitement and growth in my students each year and the growth of former students that I see around the school. |
| <b>If I wasn't a teacher I would be:</b>                                | I can't imagine what I would be if I wasn't a teacher.  |
| <b>Who is someone from history you would like to meet and why?</b>      | I would love to meet Harriet Tubman. I think she was an amazing and courageous woman that truly cared about others and wanted a better life for them.   |
| <b>Did you ever get sent to the principal's office? Why?</b>            | Yes, but it was to get an award.  |
| <b>What is your favorite book?<br/>Who is your favorite author?</b>     | I have lots of favorite books. I love Jane Austen and Robin McKinley.   |
| <b>What is your favorite food? Treat?</b>                               | My favorite food is any kind of warm bread. Favorite treat is pretty much anything in the chocolate family.   |
| <b>If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go?</b>   | I would love to go somewhere up north where I could see the Northern Lights.  |
| <b>Anything else unique about you we can include in the newsletter?</b> | Can't think of anything off the top of my head.   |



# Austin Cowley

## 6th Grade

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| <b>I became a teacher because:</b>                                      | I became a teacher because I want to instill a love of learning to my students. There's nothing better than discovering a new interest through learning.  |
| <b>If I wasn't a teacher I would be:</b>                                | If I wasn't a teacher, I would either be an astronaut or a travel guide visiting all the amazing places around the world.   |
| <b>Who is someone from history you would like to meet and why?</b>      | Leonardo Da Vinci would be interesting to meet. I'd love to hear about his ideas and inventions.  |
| <b>Did you ever get sent to the principal's office? Why?</b>            | Sadly, yes. I really shouldn't say.   |
| <b>What is your favorite book? Who is your favorite author?</b>         | It's more of a favorite series than just one book. The series is the Ranger's Apprentice by John Flanagan. He's also a favorite author of mine. Another favorite author of mine is Louis L'amour. I love his western's, but he wrote another book called The Walking Drum that I've always enjoyed. |
| <b>What is your favorite food? Treat?</b>                               | A favorite food of mine would be lasagna. I can never have enough of it. I don't have a favorite treat, but I already eat too many of them.   |
| <b>If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go?</b>   | I've already been able to visit the Great Wall of China, but I've always wanted to visit Machu Picchu and the ancient pyramids of Egypt.  |
| <b>Anything else unique about you we can include in the newsletter?</b> | Can't think of any.   |



# Jennica Swanson

## 2nd Grade

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| <b>I became a teacher because:</b>                                      | I became a teacher because I love seeing children grow and succeed. They teach me so much!  |
| <b>If I wasn't a teacher I would be:</b>                                | I would love to be an interior designer.  |
| <b>Who is someone from history you would like to meet and why?</b>      | Abe Lincoln. He was such a humble and wise leader with a witty sense of humor.  |
| <b>Did you ever get sent to the principal's office? Why?</b>            | Not ever!   |
| <b>What is your favorite book?<br/>Who is your favorite author?</b>     | One of my favorite children's authors is Barbara Park. Her Junie B. Jones books always get the whole class and me laughing! I also love My Father's Dragon. |
| <b>What is your favorite food? Treat?</b>                               | I love anything Italian! I also love fruit and ice cream.   |
| <b>If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go?</b>   | France or Holland.  |
| <b>Anything else unique about you we can include in the newsletter?</b> | My favorite TV show is "I Love Lucy". I love going on hikes in the mountains and wakeboarding at Lake Powell in the summer.                                 |



# Box Tops

We are changing the way we do box tops at the school this year. Instead of collecting box tops from individual classrooms we are asking everyone to put their box tops in a collection box in the school office. Every Friday we draw three names and those three people win a prize. There are 3 different ways to turn in your box tops:

- 1) Have your student write his name (first and last) on the back of each box top he turns in.
- 2) Put your box tops on a collection sheet and write your name at the top of the collection sheet.
- 3) Put your box tops in a baggie and write your name on the baggie.

Every Friday we will pick three names, one from each of these categories. Turning in box tops to your school is a quick and easy way for our school to earn money. Each year we have earned over \$2,000 for our school to help run programs like Take Home Reading and after school programs. It would be fun to see if we can make this our best year yet!!

Please go online to [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com) and register for an account if you have not done so already and learn about all the ways there are to earn box tops for your school.

## PTA Presidents Message

Hey Tiger Country! We've had an AWESOME start to another great year here at Traverse Mountain Elementary. The PTA has been hard at work planning and preparing for a variety of different activities to help enrich the lives of our students and enhance their school experience.

The Fall Carnival Fundraiser was a huge success in more ways than one. We were able to provide an exciting community event that served hundreds of families AND raise roughly \$6,000! Thank you for coming out to support us in our efforts.

The PTA is currently working on our first annual Monster Mash Halloween Party. The party is scheduled on October 21st and will take place at the school from 6-8pm. We have planned this party with the sole purpose of offering another community building event to our students. We believe that a sense of community is an essential part to a healthy education. We look forward to seeing everyone at the Monster Mash!

We are so excited for everything we have on the calendar this year and have great expectations for success in all of our endeavors. We have a handful of parents who have worked tirelessly this first couple of months to help us achieve our first few successful events! We are in need of many more parents who are willing to invest time and energy into making our school great! If you are interested in helping out in anyway, big or small please contact me ANYTIME! I can be reached at 801-347-5645.

Mindy Widdowson—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 November

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| 11/4        | PTA Meeting 11:30   |
| 11/5        | Municipal Elections |
| 11/21       | SCC 3:45pm          |
| 11/27-11/29 | Thanksgiving Break  |



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