



Traverse Mountain Elementary

Tiger Times



THIS MONTH AT A GLANCE

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Nov 5 Reflections Award Night
Nov 14 PTA Meeting 7:30pm

Nov 21 SCC 3:45pm
Nov 27-29 Thanksgiving Break

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Holiday time in elementary schools is some of the most exciting and rewarding in a child's education. While we continue to press forward with our curriculum maps and teaching, we also enjoy and celebrate the rich and prosperous traditions of our history.

Our Halloween parade was a huge success. Thanks to all the parents, grandparents, friends and relatives who enriched our holiday experience by attending our parade. It is the only day of the year we get to dress up and enjoy the many characters of our culture.

Thanksgiving brings a reminder of our nation's beginnings and we enrich our education experience by learning about those brave men and women who came from Europe and almost starved to death until the Native Americans taught them how to be successful in their new land. Each classroom honors and learns about this part of history in their own unique way.

As the weather turns colder and the storms come and go, we continue to practice and address safety procedures to ensure the safety of each student. We ask parents to be courteous, cautious and kind as we interact with each other at the school.

Traverse Mountain Elementary continues to be highly thought of by those both inside and outside our boundaries. It is a pleasure to be a part of everything that is good and great here at our school.

Principal Ilene Strong

LEAD: Learn, Encourage, Achieve and Dream.



Pictures:

Baby Shower for Mrs. Walker our wonderful 3rd Grade Teacher



Pictures: Halloween Parties



Pictures: Recognitions



April was given the Muffet Reeves Teacher of Teachers Award by The Utah Council for Teachers of Mathematics. She received this award for her excellence in professional development of elementary teachers throughout the state of Utah. We are so proud of all her hard work and we feel fortunate to have her expertise strengthen our team and faculty!



The Reflections 1st and 2nd place winners who will be advancing to the next stage in the competition (who were at the assembly).



All those who participated in the Reflections competition (who were at the awards assembly).

Other School News

Advanced Learning Lab

TESTING FOR ALL PROGRAMS- Testing for Advance Learning Lab (ALL) programs was sent to your school this week. "[ALL Testing Flier](#)" is an electronic version of this flier. The testing is in January. Registration for testing is completed online at www.alpineschools.org.

Earn and Learn

Thank you for your continued support as you shop at Smiths and Target. To register for these programs to give a kickback to the school please see our website. [Earn and Learn](#)

Lost and Found

Our Lost and Found pile is getting bigger and bigger. We keep it under the main entrance stairs. Please stop by or have your children check for items that may have disappeared from your house.

Coat Drive

Please see the attached flyer for information about a coat drive. A cardboard box has been placed at the top of the main entrance stairs for collecting these items. [Coat Drive](#)

Stuffed Animal Drive

A Girl Scout in Troop 654 is collecting gently used and new stuffed animals for her Silver Award. The stuffed animals will be donated to Project Teddy Bear which is in association of the Bank of American Fork. They will then donate these stuffed animals to House of Hope, Midvale's Family Support Center, and Orem's Family Support Treatment Center. I will have a marked box near the office at Traverse Mountain Elementary from November 11 to December 6. Please consider donating your extra stuffed animals for this worthy cause. There is no limit on size. Thank you for your contribution.



Jenn Funk

3rd Grade

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| I became a teacher because: | I love learning and I love kids. |
| If I wasn't a teacher I would be: | A nurse. |
| Who is someone from history you would like to meet and why? | I would love to meet Mother Teresa because I think we could all be a little more like her. |
| Did you ever get sent to the principal's office? Why? | Yep. I was sassy to my French teacher (not my proudest moment). |
| What is your favorite book? Who is your favorite author? | My favorite book is either Charlotte's Web or Love That Dog. I love Kevin Henkes books also. |
| What is your favorite food? Treat? | My favorite food is Mexican food. I love eating at Café Rio. My favorite treat is Diet Coke and Tootsie Rolls. |
| If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go? | I love to travel! The next places I would love to go are Jerusalem and New Zealand/Australia. |
| Anything else unique about you we can include in the newsletter? | I am accident prone and I have broken my foot 3 times! |



Steve Millward

5th Grade

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| I became a teacher because: | I loved learning new things, and I wanted to help others learn new things. |
| If I wasn't a teacher I would be: | I would love to be a firefighter. I think you would get a lot of satisfaction from helping others. |
| Who is someone from history you would like to meet and why? | Benjamin Franklin. I think he would be a very funny, intelligent person. He has done so many things to help our Country. It would be awesome to hear all of his stories. |
| Did you ever get sent to the principal's office? Why? | Yes. I was kind of a wild kid in Jr. High. I think I'll just say I can empathize with my students who have authority problems. :) |
| What is your favorite book? Who is your favorite author? | I love reading. My favorite author is Nancy Farmer. |
| What is your favorite food? Treat? | My favorite food is Mexican. Red Iguana is where it is at. |
| If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go? | If I could go to Ireland and golf, that is what I would do. |



Suzy Schwanke

2nd Grade

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| I became a teacher because: | Teachers have had a great impact on me throughout my life. There is always one teacher that stands out among the rest. I want that teacher to be me. If I can teach, inspire and lead then I can find success in the journey of teaching. |
| If I wasn't a teacher I would be: | A nurse. |
| Who is someone from history you would like to meet and why? | Abe Lincoln. |
| Did you ever get sent to the principal's office? Why? | When I was in 5th grade I was chewing gum and got caught blowing a bubble and was put in detention for a week! Detention was a room full of boys who were bad! The first day I hated it. I had to spend all day and lunch with them. By the end of the week they were my friends! I still blow bubbles! |
| What is your favorite book? Who is your favorite author? | One of my favorite books is The Monster at the End of the Book. I really love to read the Junie B. Jones series to my class. It is so much fun to read and laugh! |
| What is your favorite food? Treat? | I like a Café Rio salad with a Diet Dr. Pepper. Chocolate is always good! |
| If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go? | I would love to go to Europe. |
| Anything else unique about you we can include in the newsletter? | I worked for a summer in a small village in Alaska. I slimmed fish and butchered crab! I met a boy from Seattle there and he has been my husband for 28 years! |



Kim Bahr

Kindergarten

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| I became a teacher because: | I love working with kids. They energize me! |
| If I wasn't a teacher I would be: | A children's museum director. |
| Who is someone from history you would like to meet and why? | Joseph Smith Jr. Because he's one of my heroes. |
| Did you ever get sent to the principal's office? Why? | No. |
| What is your favorite book? Who is your favorite author? | Anne of Green Gables. Author: Jan Brett |
| What is your favorite food? Treat? | Mexican Caramel anything. |
| If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go? | Mediterranean cruise. |



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 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

Hello Tiger Country!

NOVEMBER ALREADY?!? Is that possible? This school year is cruising by! Holiday season is here and there are no signs of slowing down. With that said, November is a month where we should each stop and REALLY FOCUS on WHAT WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR. As patrons of Traverse Mountain Elementary we are NOT in short supply of things to be grateful for! We are fortunate enough to have a beautiful neighborhood with an elementary school right in the HEART of it. Traverse Mountain Elementary is filled with wonderful teachers and faculty that truly care about our children's future. We have happy and healthy children who get to explore their interests and expand their knowledge literally just seconds away from their own backyard! The list goes on. I encourage everyone to take time this holiday season to reflect on the things we have to be grateful for!

One of the things I am extremely grateful for at this time is all of the wonderful parents who make time to volunteer in one way or another at Traverse Mountain Elementary! Your efforts never go unnoticed! You really do make a difference.

Thank you,
Mindy Widdowson



Download a Box Tops collection sheet here:

<http://www.boxtops4education.com/all-about-boxtops/boxtops-downloads>

Looking ahead to Decembar

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| 12/2 | PTA Meeting 11:30 |
| 12/20 | Common Day |
| 12/20 | Christmas Sing (8:00 and 9:45) |
| 12/23-1/3 | Christmas Break |



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