

Traverse Mountain Elementary

Tiger Times



THIS MONTH AT A GLANCE

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Sep 1	Labor Day—No School	Sep 10	PTA Meeting 12:30pm
Sep 5	6th Grade Kickball Game 3:30pm	Sep 10	SCC 3:40
Sep 8	Room Mother's Tea 3:35pm	Sep 17	School Pictures
Sep 9	Café Zupas' Night	Sep 26	Fall Carnival 5:00pm
Sep 10	Vision Screening 8:00am	Sep 29	Character Counts Assembly 9:45am

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Traverse Mountain Community,

We are off to a great start of the 2014-2015 school year. We are pleased to present Mr. Austin Cowley as my assistant and great addition to our administrative team. We are excited to work with the teachers in getting started on the progress of each student.

This year we have monthly themes to encourage building character traits. This month's theme is "Be a Friend". Teachers will emphasize the theme in their classrooms and watch for students who exemplify being a friend. These students will then be honored in our monthly Character Counts Assemblies.

Spirit sticks are here. Each student was given a Traverse Mountain Elementary keychain to keep their spirit sticks on. Students have opportunity to earn spirit sticks or they can buy their favorite stick in the office.

Once again this year we have four specialty classes: Music, PE, Art and Computers. During the month of September we will begin double dosing with students who struggle with certain concepts during the school day. These students will meet in grade-level small groups to receive extra help in re-teaching, reviewing or reinforcing key concepts in our core curriculum. This extra help is funded with Trust LANDS and District Double Dose money. Weekly during Monday collaboration teachers review the progress of each student and make a plan to meet their needs.

My highest priority is that our students feel safe and are able to soar in this educational setting.

Mrs. Strong, Principal



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 will begin on September 8th and your child cannot participate if you do not turn in your signed permission form. Please see your child's teacher if you need a form or email Lyndsay Detro at lyndsaydetro@gmail.com.

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 quite a bit of money for our school.

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://travermountain.alpineschools.org/announcements/enroll-smiths-card>

<https://www-secure.target.com/redcard/teoe/home?catalogId=10051&langId=-1&storeId=10151&krypto=cQcHDksCxhgmUtHxyjlq48%2BIHqzAFPvRj%2BCK5QVyor4h0nGk1rMzYuRJKChjT84PaFeNvM3nAR%0AfaTHK9sZZQ%3D%3D&ddkey=http:redcard/teoe/home>

Join the PTA!!

If you have not yet joined the PTA please come to the front office and do so. 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.



Tammy Parsons

Kindergarten

If you could have one super power what would it be?	To fly!
Are you a night owl or an early bird?	Night owl ... but I pay for it the next day.
What are you afraid of?	I can't think of anything that I am afraid of... I don't like scary movies, but they don't keep me up at night either!
Do you speak a foreign language?	No.
What are your hobbies?	Sailing, boogie boarding, being with family, cooking, gardening, sewing and other needle crafts, painting, reading... to name a few!
Who is your hero?	My mom!
Do you have a nickname?	Tammy is my nickname.
Aside from food, water, and shelter, what is one thing you could not go a day without?	Love from my family.
Any pet peeves?	When you stop at a four way stop and it is the other person's turn to go, but they motion for you to go... that drives me crazy!
What is your favorite family tradition	Christmas Caroling!
What is your favorite subject in school?	Art
Is there anything you wished would come back into fashion?	Nope!



Sonda Smith

2nd Grade

If you could have one super power what would it be?	To be able to fly!
Are you a night owl or an early bird?	Definitely a night owl!
What are you afraid of?	Lightening and Thunder. When I was little my mother use to tell me a story about how her church group got struck by lightning.
Do you speak a foreign language?	Yes, I speak Cantonese.
What are your hobbies?	Gardening, eating, and jogging.
Who is your hero?	My mom!
Do you have a nickname?	Yes, Annie.
Aside from food, water, and shelter, what is one thing you could not go a day without?	My car.
Any pet peeves?	When people bring something up interesting and then when you ask about it they say "I can't talk about it".
What is your favorite family tradition	Playing games together on Sunday evening.
What is your favorite subject in school?	Science
Is there anything you wished would come back into fashion?	The roarin' 20's.



Dee Lawler

5th Grade

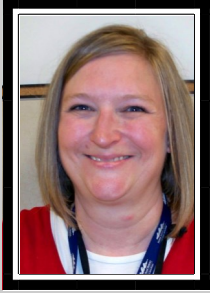
If you could have one super power what would it be?	To be able to figure out why a person is sad, and then know the best way to help them feel better.
Are you a night owl or an early bird?	Night owl.
What are you afraid of?	Things that go too fast...boats, roller coasters, atv's motorcycles, etc. There's this feeling of being out of control that goes with speedy vehicles that makes me uncomfortable.
Do you speak a foreign language?	Spanish.
What are your hobbies?	Running, kayaking, reading, sewing, gardening.
Who is your hero?	James Madison, Booker T. Washington
Do you have a nickname?	Dee
Aside from food, water, and shelter, what is one thing you could not go a day without?	My family.
Any pet peeves?	Defiant kids, traffic.
What is your favorite family tradition	Every Christmas my husband creates a really difficult math problem for my grown kids to solve, and the number of the solution is part of their gift in dollars. For some reason, that is the most fun day of the year. Also, at Thanksgiving, we have lots of pie all weekend. Sometimes the pie consumption even trumps the turkey!
What is your favorite subject in school?	History and Leader-In-Me
Is there anything you wished would come back into fashion?	This perfume from when I was in college called "Musky Jasmine Flower." I loved that stuff.



Julie Heywood

3rd Grade

If you could have one super power what would it be?	To be in more than one place at a time! But all teachers have super powers, right?
Are you a night owl or an early bird?	Early bird, but lately I have been both, and that hasn't worked out too well.
What are you afraid of?	I am afraid of spiders. I served a mission to Ecuador, and had an open roof/wall home. We had enormous spiders that would come in through the ceiling! The worst was when they would come in the bathroom while you were in the shower! It was so creepy, and you would feel so defenseless! I still get creeped out thinking of that!
Do you speak a foreign language?	Yes, Spanish.
What are your hobbies?	I love to read, exercise, and travel with my family. I also enjoy cooking and trying new recipes.
Who is your hero?	My mom. She never complains and she has the patience of a saint. I admire how she is always thinking of others and serving them. She is so amazing!
Aside from food, water, and shelter, what is one thing you could not go a day without?	My cell phone.
Any pet peeves?	I hate getting my socks wet, and clothes on the floor!
What is your favorite family tradition	I love Christmas time! We have picture books wrapped under the tree from Dec 1-Dec 23. We unwrap one each day and read it until the 24th. It is so fun to snuggle and read a story together.
What is your favorite subject in school?	I love teaching language arts and math. That would have to be a tie! As a student, I like language arts better though.
Is there anything you wished would come back into fashion?	Perms! I loved my high school perm!



Christie Wirick

1st Grade

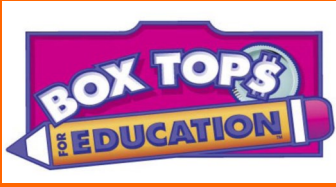
If you could have one super power what would it be?	I would probably choose invisibility. I think it would be fascinating to be a fly on the wall.
Are you a night owl or an early bird?	I'm more of a night owl than an early bird. I really don't like waking up early. I would rather stay up late. I really would like to go to bed early and sleep late!
What are you afraid of?	I think I must be afraid of losing kids at school. Every so often I dream that I'm at school and fall asleep or something like that and when I wake up the students are missing and I have to search for them. It's the most horrible feeling and I hate those dreams!
Do you speak a foreign language?	I spoke German at one time, but it's been a while and I don't know that I could pull it off now.
What are your hobbies?	I don't know why, but I really love animals. Usually it is the kids who are betting for a pet, but in our family it's the mom. I enjoy dogs and dog related things, such as training classes, dog shows, competitions, etc.
Who is your hero?	People who selflessly give to help others are my heroes. I think people like that are some of the noblest in the world. Anyone who would sacrifice something of themselves for the benefit of another has a special place in my heart. Many of them even do so quietly and without ever receiving recognition for the service. I really admire people like that.
Aside from food, water, and shelter, what is one thing you could not go a day without?	I know this is lame, but I think I would have a hard time without my cell phone. I wasn't always so dependent on it, but over the years it has made it to "must have" status. I feel so lost, helpless, and incomplete without it!
Any pet peeves?	People who think that the rules don't apply to them; for example, people who cross the double white line on the freeway. The really drives me nuts!
What is your favorite family tradition	Oktoberfest. My family used to live in Germany and so every October we get together and have our own version of Oktoberfest. We have brats, German potato salad, spaetzle, red cabbage and apple beer. It's fun for one last barbecue before the cold weather sets in.
What is your favorite subject in school?	Probably math and English.



Zachary Harrison

Head Custodian

If you could have one super power what would it be?	Most definitely Time Travel. I would love to witness history for myself.
Are you a night owl or an early bird?	Early bird.
What are you afraid of?	Large dogs. I can't explain it. Whenever I get near a large dog, I get nervous.
What are your hobbies?	I love to sing and perform in Musical Theater. I also spend some of my free time singing A Cappella with friends.
Do you have a nickname?	When I was younger my parents started calling me Moose. I got the name because I was growing so fast they said I would get as big as a moose.
Aside from food, water, and shelter, what is one thing you could not go a day without?	My family. They are my everything.
What is your favorite family tradition	Every Christmas Eve my family has soup in bread bowls. I love it because we get together every year, and bread bowls are yummy.
What is your favorite subject in school?	I love music.



Box Tops

We are changing the way we do box tops at the school this year. We will be collecting box tops in individual classrooms. The box tops will be collected several times during the year. And the money earned from the box tops will go right back to the classroom. The amount each classroom collects is the amount that they will get back.

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

Tigers!!
Thank you so much to all of you who have already joined the PTA this year! It has been a great start to the school year and I am so grateful of how much support you have shown! We truly couldn't do anything without you, so please volunteer when you can! If you haven't had a chance to join PTA yet or get your school shirt, it's not too late!! You can join in the office, online at the school website under the PTA tab or at any PTA event!

Our 2nd Annual Kick-Off Kick-Ball game is on Friday, September 5th at 3:30! This is an awesome Kick-Off to the school year. It is 6th graders VS. Teachers (Faculty and Staff). Everyone is invited to come and cheer on their teacher, brother or sister! Concessions will be available.

Our next PTA meeting is on September 10 at 12:30. Mrs. Strong and our teacher Rep., Mrs. Heywood will be there to address any questions, comments or concerns. If you haven't ever come to a meeting before, you should. They are a great way to keep informed and have a voice.

We have been busy planning this year's Fall Carnival! Friday, September 26th from 5-9! It is going to be FANTASTIC! We will have Waffle Love, Hot Dog on a Stick and Fiore Pizza back again along with Costa Vida, Bamboo Hut and Kona Shave Ice this year! We are doing a new show, Mad Science, which will be amazing! Tickets will go on sale Friday, September 12th. We will be selling tickets in front of the school on the 12th from 12-12:30, 2:00-2:30 and 3:30-4:00. They will also be available in the office. Be sure to buy your tickets early to avoid lines!

Let's make this year the best year yet!!

Stephanie McDonald
Traverse Mountain Elementary 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 October	
10/1	PTA Meeting 12:30pm
10/8	Kindergarten Field Trip
10/8 - 10/9	Parent/Teacher Conferences
10/15	SCC 3:40pm
10/16-10/20	Fall Break—NO School
10/21	Café Zupas' Night
10/22	School Picture Make-ups
10/27	Character Counts Assm.
10/31	Costume Parade



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