



Traverse Mountain Elementary

Tiger Times



THIS MONTH AT A GLANCE

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Oct 1	PTA Meeting 10:00am	Oct 16-20	No School—Fall Break
Oct 1	CTL Meeting 3:35pm	Oct 21	PTA Café Zupas' Night 5:00pm
Oct 7	Xactware Art Service Project 1:00pm	Oct 22	Picture Make Ups
Oct 8	Kindergarten Field Trip	Oct 27	Character Counts Assembly 9:45am
Oct 8-9	Parent Teacher Conferences	Oct 29	Show Choir Halloween 9:15am
Oct 15	School Community Council 3:40pm	Oct 31	Costume Parade 9:30am

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We are off to a fantastic start of the 2014-2015 school year. I continue to be amazed at how involved our community is and all you do to make our school great.

This month's theme is "Stand Up For Yourself". We will be helping students to better understand what options they have when they are bullied.

Over the course of the school year, I have two things I do with the students:

1. I have a unique way for the students to say "hi" to me. This special wave doesn't require their mouth only their index finger curling up and down. I use this as a way of communicating with them so as not to make a disturbance when I am around them. Ask them to show you our special way of saying "hello" to me.

2. If students ever see me away from the school and they come up and give me a high-five, knuckles or fuzzi, I will give them a spirit stick. I have seen students at Walmart, Costco, Home Depot, McDonalds, Texas Road House, Pizza Pie Cafe, the Library and The Legacy Center. I do this to build a relationship with each students on a deeper level. It also gives me a chance to make a connection with their parents.

I would like to invite you to attend parent-teacher conferences on October 8 and 9. These conferences allow you to personally converse with your child's teacher to gain more insight on how to help them be successful in the classroom.

Our teachers and staff are committed to assisting your child become the best they can be in the educational setting. Thank you for your continual insight, help and care. We love how you send your children to school happy and ready to learn.

Mrs. Strong—Principal



Pictures: 6th Grade Kickball Game



Pictures: Carnival



Reflections

Reflect on the theme - Create an original work - Be recognized.

Each year, the PTA Reflections Program challenges students to create art inspired by a specific theme, and students submit entries to their local PTA. Nationally, the program has six arts areas—dance choreography, film production, literature, musical composition, photography, and visual arts—and four grade divisions—primary, intermediate, middle/junior, and senior. In Utah, they have also included the categories of 3D-Art, which are judged up to the state level. Utah has about 60,000 students enter the reflections program annually!

When children express themselves through words, pictures, music, dance, and other art forms, they grow intellectually and socially. They learn to analyze their thoughts, feelings, and ideas; learn to look at things, people, and experiences in a fresh and exciting way; and become more interested in the ideas and works of others.

The PTA Reflections Program is designed to enhance a quality arts education by providing an opportunity for students to explore their artistic talents and receive positive recognition for their efforts.

Theme: “The World Would be a Better Place If...”

Date Entries are Due: October 15th, 2014

Where: In the office

Need more information: Entry Forms are available on the links below. If you have any other questions, please call or email Lyndsay Detro - 801-793-7979 - lyndsaydetro@gmail.com.

[2014 Student Entry Form](#) - Required (same for all categories)

[2014 Artist Statement Forms](#) - Required (separate form for each category)

[2014 Consent Form](#) - Only needed if recognizable voices or faces of someone other than the student are used in entries

[2014 General & Arts Category Rules](#) - please read General Participation Rules and Specific Category Rules before submitting your entries

All entries must be students original work and submitted by only one student. Each entry must have a signed entry form and the appropriate artist statement form for their category. The artist statement is worth one half of the judging score. If appropriate, include a consent form as well if there are recognizable voices or face of someone other than the student submitting the entry.



Lolly Hatch

Kindergarten

If you could have one super power what would it be?	If I had 1 super power I would love to fly.
Are you a night owl or an early bird?	Definitely a night owl!
What are you afraid of?	I'm afraid of bats (or any creature that flies erratically) because when I was little a bat attacked me and I couldn't swat it away.
Do you speak a foreign language?	No.
What are your hobbies?	Love playing soccer and watching movies/netflix.
Who is your hero?	My hero is my mom. She has Multiple Sclerosis and still manages to be the most positive person I know.
Do you have a nickname?	My real name is Lauren. I go by Lolly which is my nickname.
Aside from food, water, and shelter, what is one thing you could not go a day without?	Music!!
Any pet peeves?	Misuse of the words they're, there, and their.
What is your favorite family tradition	On Christmas Eve each member of my family tells about something they love about another family member.
What is your favorite subject in school?	History and Reading.
Is there anything you wished would come back into fashion?	If it's out of fashion there's a reason why... so no. :)



Diane Lewis

4th Grade

If you could have one super power what would it be?	To be able to move super fast so I can get everything done quickly. Then I could meet everyone's needs and have more time to relax.
Are you a night owl or an early bird?	Both unfortunately. Give me a good book or movie, and I am up until late. I also get up early and start on the day with a brisk walk and a shower.
What are you afraid of?	Tragically losing a loved one. My husband survived a plane crash so I do not want to go through a major tragedy again like that. However, I know we all lose loved ones.
Do you speak a foreign language?	I learned Spanish in High School, but only remember a little.
What are your hobbies?	Music, reading, going to movies and plays with my family, taking pictures, some scrapbooking (when I have time), taking walks.
Who is your hero?	My father set a great example for me when he went through cancer. He really taught me how to live and how to die.
Do you have a nickname?	Sweetheart, mommy dearest.
Aside from food, water, and shelter, what is one thing you could not go a day without?	Sleep.
Any pet peeves?	When I find out that someone I trust has lied to me. I also hate it when my husband puts the toilet paper roll on the wrong way. I always fix it.
What is your favorite family tradition	Christmas traditions in our family are fun. We read picture books, sing songs, eat good food, exchange gifts, and it is just a peaceful time when we celebrate our family and being together. One year we almost lost my husband in December so we are really grateful to share another Christmas together.
What is your favorite subject in school?	Reading and Writing
Is there anything you wished would come back into fashion?	Modest Clothing.



Toni Colaizzi

6th Grade

If you could have one super power what would it be?	Time Traveling
Are you a night owl or an early bird?	I am an early bird!
What are you afraid of?	I am afraid of free falling because I don't like the adrenaline rush it gives me. I don't like to feel like I am not in control of my body.
Do you speak a foreign language?	No.
What are your hobbies?	Reading, hiking, camping, boating, watching movies, and cleaning.
Who is your hero?	My grandma.
Do you have a nickname?	No.
Aside from food, water, and shelter, what is one thing you could not go a day without?	Dr. Pepper
Any pet peeves?	People being late, slow drivers in the fast lane, people on their cell phones while driving.
What is your favorite family tradition	We have a Thanksgiving Horseshoe Tournament every year. It is a way to honor my grandpa and get our family together for some healthy competition.
What is your favorite subject in school?	I like all subjects because I'm always learning new things.
Is there anything you wished would come back into fashion?	Big hair!



Cheri Hendry

Preschool

If you could have one super power what would it be?	Magic
Are you a night owl or an early bird?	Early Bird
What are you afraid of?	I am afraid of heights. Always have been. Joined Hot Air Balloon Club in high school to help. It didn't help.
Do you speak a foreign language?	No.
What are your hobbies?	Reading and crafts. Decorating and event planning.
Who is your hero?	My dad.
Do you have a nickname?	Cherbear
Aside from food, water, and shelter, what is one thing you could not go a day without?	Chocolate.
Any pet peeves?	No
What is your favorite family tradition	Christmas Eve Family Candle light dinner.
What is your favorite subject in school?	Reading literacy.
Is there anything you wished would come back into fashion?	80's 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!!

I can't believe it is October already!! With school well underway and our carnival over, I am reminded just how fabulous this school is! We have such involved parents, fantastic students and amazing teachers and staff!!

Our 5th Annual (can you believe 5th?) Carnival was a great success, despite the rain! We had such a great turn out from all of you that braved that darn rain and came out to support our school! Our volunteers went above and beyond this year! I can't begin to express how grateful I am to each and every one of them! I definitely need to give a huge thank you to Stephanie Fairchild, who headed up this fantastic event; she worked so hard and spent a lot of time and energy organizing it! I hope you all had fun, I know we did!

I really wanted to thank all of you that went to our first Café Zupa's night on September 9th! Your support earned us a \$233.66 donation! Mark your calendars; we are going to do another Café Zupa's night on October 21st.

We are now in to our 2nd month of Watch DOGS. If you haven't heard about this program yet, it is great! Dad's (uncle, grandpa, brother etc..) take a day off of work and spend the day helping out at the school! The feedback we have heard so far has all been positive. If you are interested in signing up, you can either go to the office, go to <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040a44a4a8238-watch> or email me at stephaniemcdonald@gmail.com. I can't thank Mr. Cowley enough for all his time and effort in making this program not only run, but run smoothly!

We will be having our first Book Fair of the year next week (October 6th-10th). We are still looking for a few more volunteers to help out. Please go to: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b084fa4a7292-book/979878> and sign up to help!

Reflections are due October 15th. Please turn your child's entries into the office. We are still looking for a few more judges, so if you are interested, please contact Lyndsay Detro at (801) 793-7979 or lyndsaydetro@gmail.com.

It's never too late to join the PTA! It is a great way to stay involved and have your voice heard! We still have T-shirts available for purchase. \$8 for PTA members and \$10 for non-PTA members. If September was any indication.... this year is going to be AMAZING!!

Stephanie McDonald
Traverse Mountain Elementary PTA President

Download a Box Tops collection sheet here:

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

November	
11/5	PTA Meeting 12:30pm
11/10	PTA Internet Safety Week
11/19	SCC 3:40pm
11/24	Character Counts Assem.
11/26-11/30	Thanksgiving Break No School



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