

Traverse Mountain Elementary

Tiger Times



THIS MONTH AT A GLANCE

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Jan 14	PTA Meeting 12:30pm	Jan 26	6th Grade (Yellowhorse) Ski Utah
Jan 19	No School—MLK Day	Jan 26	Character Counts Assembly 9:45am
Jan 21	School Community Council 3:40pm		

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

What a wonderful first half of the school year we've experienced. It's hard to believe how fast 2014 has passed before our eyes. December was an amazing month of giving. I am amazed at the charitable support and willingness to help give to others in our community. It truly is awe inspiring to see and experience. With the month of December wrapping up our first half of the school year, here are some highlights to share.

The Hour of Code is a global movement reaching tens of millions of students in 180+ countries. No experience is needed and it helps nurture problem-solving skills, logic and creativity. The Hour of Code is a one-hour introduction to computer science, designed to help you become familiar with code and show that anybody can learn the basics. With the help of Mrs. Hansen, our computer specialist, students participated in their 2nd year of Hour of Code. The students had a great time having fun while learning how to code.

Thanks to Mrs. Nerdin and all those that helped with our Show Choir Christmas concert and school holiday sing along. It was wonderful to hear and see some fantastic holiday songs. We are so talented here at Traverse Mountain Elementary.

Through the generosity of IM Flash Technology, \$500 was donated towards Mrs. Lawler's class for their JA Biztown (a financial literacy program that is run by the Discovery Gateway Museum) field trip. This was done because of the efforts of Stone Ruiz. He decided to take it upon himself to write IM Flash Technology and ask for a donation in helping out his class with their planned field trip. We appreciate IM Flashes support and kindness to our school and community.

Many unknown children also experienced kindness and generosity from our community through our school's Bedtime Pajama Drive in partnership with Scholastics. With your help and generosity, we collected 972 sets of pajamas for children in need. Scholastics also donated hundreds of books to these children so that they could enjoy a bedtime story with their new pajamas. What an amazing accomplishment by our school and community! Thank you so much for all the charitable contributions in helping this Bedtime Pajama Drive become so successful!

Poet and speaker Mattie Stepanek said, "Unity is strength. . . when there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved." Just as we have achieved some wonderful things this first half of the year, may we continue to work in unity together to make this second half successful for all Traverse Mountain students.

Austin Cowley
Assistant Principal



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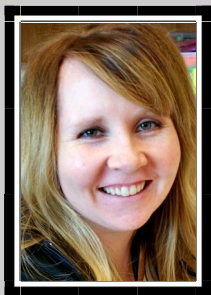
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Pajama Drive and JA Biztown

Pajama/Book Drive



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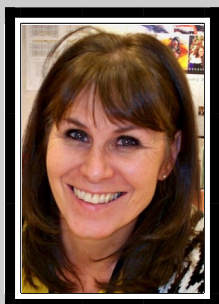




Angela Chipman

1st Grade

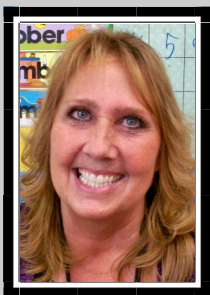
If you could have one super power what would it be?	I would love to be able to be invisible and hide in places!!
Are you a night owl or an early bird?	Early bird.
What are you afraid of?	I do not like spiders!!! I am not afraid of them, but if I see one I always make someone else get it!
Do you speak a foreign language?	No.
What are your hobbies?	I love to cook, clean, and spend time with my family!
Who is your hero?	My husband. He is amazing and helps me be a better person everyday.
Do you have a nickname?	People call me Ang or Angie for short....no real nickname.....
Aside from food, water, and shelter, what is one thing you could not go a day without?	Besides my family, I need my Diet Dr. Pepper! At least a little sip everyday.
Any pet peeves?	When I am driving, it really bugs me when people are turning right and they don't move over to the side!
What is your favorite family tradition	Every Sunday we have waffles as a family and it is my favorite time of the week!
What is your favorite subject in school?	I love math!
Is there anything you wished would come back into fashion?	I love big, poufy skirts... I think they are cute!



Angie Murdoch

2nd Grade

If you could have one super power what would it be?	To fly. I would love to be able to travel anywhere I wanted to go.
Are you a night owl or an early bird?	Early bird.
What are you afraid of?	Bears. We had a bear come into our camp and lean right up against our trailer a few years ago. Now I'm afraid to go outside after dark in the mountains.
Do you speak a foreign language?	No.
What are your hobbies?	I love spending time with my family. We go camping, hiking, boating, and skiing together. Every summer we spend a week at Lake Powell. I also love gardening and cooking.
Who is your hero?	My dad. He had a great sense of humor and could make me feel happy no matter how big my problem seemed.
Do you have a nickname?	Angie is my nickname. My real name is Angela, but I only get called that if I'm in trouble.
Aside from food, water, and shelter, what is one thing you could not go a day without?	My pillow. I have a favorite pillow that I have had for way too long, but I can't sleep without it.
Any pet peeves?	I hate it when I find dirty Band-Aids on the floor. I have always hated sticky things that collect dirt and hair. I will still ask my students to pick them up and throw them away if they are on my classroom floor.
What is your favorite family tradition	We have some property that we take our trailer to in the summer. Every 4th of July we all go camping and take our horses, dogs, and 4-wheelers. My family loves the outdoors.
What is your favorite subject in school?	Reading
Is there anything you wished would come back into fashion?	Maybe the white go go boots that I used to wear for drill team in the olden days. :)



Lora Story

Kindergarten

If you could have one super power what would it be?	That I could multiply myself 27 times, so that I could help every child in my room at the same time. I could tie all of their shoes, help them all put on their gloves, zip up all of their jackets, listen to all of the exciting things they want to tell me, listen to them read, help them with their writing, fix their pencil grip, and tell them how awesome they are, all at the same time!
Are you a night owl or an early bird?	Night owl, definitely.
Do you speak a foreign language?	A little bit of Spanish. I took five years in high school and college, but I'm still not very good.
What are your hobbies?	Tennis, swimming, and genealogy.
Who is your hero?	My mom.
Aside from food, water, and shelter, what is one thing you could not go a day without?	The sun. I love the sun. It's so relaxing and energizing.
Any pet peeves?	Winter, I don't like the cold.
What is your favorite family tradition	Our California vacation every year! Beaches, family, and Magic Mountain!
What is your favorite subject in school?	I love them all.



Teacher of the Month

Traverse Mountain PTA has partnered up with Hampton Inn-Thanksgiving Point to bring a new program, Hampton Highlights, to our school! Each month, one of our FABULOUS teachers will be highlighted and receive a free stay at Hampton Inn-Thanksgiving Point! We will select the highlighted teacher based on comments sent to us, from you, of all the great things that your students teacher does or has done this year!! We will keep those comments on file and add them to all new comments. So parents, ask your student their opinion and send us all the ways you think your students teacher is AMAZING and should be highlighted!! Please send all comments to: TMHamptonHighlights@gmail.com. Let's let our teachers feel how much we appreciate them!!

Mrs. Schwanke and Mrs. Gremmert



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.

Download a Box Tops collection sheet here:
<http://www.boxtops4education.com/all-about-boxtops/boxtops-downloads>

Looking Ahead to February

2/2-2/6	Book Fair
2/2	Dominguez Ski Utah
2/4-2/5	Parent Teacher Conf.
2/7	Princess Ball
2/9-2/13	Kindergarten Registration
2/11	PTA Meeting 12:30pm
2/11	3rd Grade to Bean Museum
2/13	6th grade Dance
2/16	No School
2/17	Café Zupas' Night
2/18	School Spelling Bee
2/18	SCC 3:40pm
2/23	Character Counts Assembly

PTA Presidents Message

Tigers!!

Even though December was such a short school month, we still had a great one!

We had our 3rd successful Café Zupas School night. I am always amazed at the amount of support our parents show! Our next one is on February 17th, so mark your calendars!!

We have such amazing teachers, and I am excited to announce the winners of this months Hampton Highlights Teachers of the Month, Mrs. Schwanke and Mrs. Gremmert. They both are such amazing teachers and we are so grateful to Hampton Inn Thanksgiving Point for allowing us to show them how much we appreciate them! If you have a teacher you would to nominate please email it to TMHamptonHighlights@gmail.com

We still have Traverse Mountain Elementary sweatshirts (youth and adult) available for purchase in the office. Only \$20 each!! Show your school spirit and get yours today!!

Our 2nd Annual Princess Ball: An Evening in Paris is on February 7th, 2015. If you weren't able to make it last year, you will want to make sure you go this year! It is my favorite event of the year. Let us know if you would like to help!

I hope you all had a great holiday!

Stephanie McDonald
PTA President



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