

## Traverse Mountain Elementary

# Tiger Times



### THIS MONTH AT A GLANCE

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Nov 3	Parents Invited to Collaboration 2:45pm	Nov 13	Internet Safety for Parents 7pm
Nov 4	Election Day	Nov 17	Internet Safety Assembly 9:45am
Nov 5	PTA Meeting 12:30pm	Nov 19	School Community Council 3:40pm
Nov 6	Reflections Award Ceremony 6:30pm	Nov 24	Character Counts Assembly 9:45am
Nov 10	Internet Safety Week	Nov 24	PM Kindergarten Assembly 2:00pm
Nov 12	PTA Safety Meeting 12:45pm	Nov 26-30	Thanksgiving Break

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### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

What a wonderful month October was for our school! The overwhelming support we've received from our community has been amazing to witness. Here are a few highlights that we experienced this past month.

During Parent-Teacher Conferences, the third grade team took the opportunity to have their students write and record their stories on iPads and then create QR codes for each story to be heard when scanned. During conferences, parents were able to listen to these wonderfully written stories while waiting to meet with the teachers either through their smart phones or by iPads that were provided. Parents loved the experience!

Fifth graders have been working on letter writing and have sent letters of gratitude to our local firefighters, paramedics, police officers, and military soldiers because they sacrifice so much for us. Representatives from both the Lehi Police and Fire Departments visited the 5<sup>th</sup> graders and talked about their jobs and responsibilities. The students really appreciated that their letters were read and acknowledged. They saw first hand that they had made a positive impact on our firefighters and officers.

We also want to express our deep appreciation to Xactware Solutions Inc. for their volunteers in helping with our mosaic art project and coming into the teacher's classrooms to read with our students on a weekly basis. Our specialty art teacher Mrs. Worsley, has led a new rendition of a mosaic art piece located on our south wall in the gymnasium. With the involvement of the students and faculty at our school, we've been able to create a beautiful piece of artwork that covers the majority of the wall. We very much appreciate her hard work to organize this project and for Xactware volunteers to willingly donate their time to come help put up the mosaic artwork in our school.

Through Watch D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students) we have experienced great support from our students' dads. President Stephanie McDonald and the PTA have been active in getting this program started and we've benefitted from over fifteen different fathers that have taken a day off work to volunteer their time in the classrooms.

We certainly have profited from all the support we've experienced here at Traverse Mountain and look forward to more of it throughout the coming months. Thank you to all who are donating their time to help our students further their education and learning experience here at Traverse Mountain Elementary

Austin Cowley—Assistant Principal





# Pictures: Volunteers

## Xactware Solutions Volunteers



A  
WATCH  
DOGS  
Dad



Xactware Solutions Volunteer



# School News

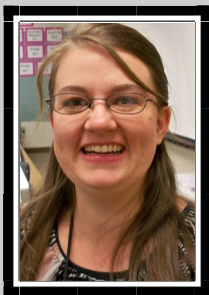


**Andrew Parra and Mr. Fred Lampropoulos, owner of Merit Medical.**

**Andrew wrote to Merit Medical to get a donation for the 5th grade Biz Town field trip. Fred Lampropoulos donated \$1,200 for their field trip fund.**

## Reflections

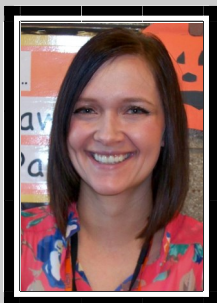
Thank you to all who entered something in the Reflections contest. We had about 85 entries over the seven different categories. There will be a Reflections Awards Night this Thursday November 6th at 6:30pm in the school gym. Please feel free to come early and see all the different projects that will be displayed. I was so impressed at the talent that was represented by our students. They are amazing! And a big thank you to our judges who were willing to take the time to come see these amazing works of art.



# Beth Hansen

## Computers

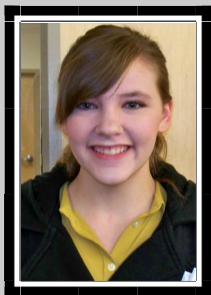
<b>If you could have one super power what would it be?</b>	6 hands so I can more easily juggle all the things I have to do!
<b>Are you a night owl or an early bird?</b>	Night owl! Some days it is really hard to get up and make it to school, especially in the winter when it is dark in the mornings.
<b>What are you afraid of?</b>	I don't like heights. I'm not sure why heights bug me so much, but they always have.
<b>Do you speak a foreign language?</b>	No. Unfortunately, the 2 years of high school Spanish didn't do me much good.
<b>What are your hobbies?</b>	I love to read, bake and decorate cakes. I also like to learn how to do new things on the computer.
<b>Who is your hero?</b>	My mom. She has been through some really tough things in her life, but has not let it stop her. She is very talented, strong and amazing
<b>Do you have a nickname?</b>	No nickname.
<b>Aside from food, water, and shelter, what is one thing you could not go a day without?</b>	Either dark chocolate or a good book—it's too hard to pick just one!
<b>Any pet peeves?</b>	Whining and the sound of something scraping across ice (I know, it's strange!)
<b>What is your favorite family tradition</b>	Making and decorating graham cracker houses at Christmas time.
<b>What is your favorite subject in school?</b>	Reading. In elementary school my favorite days were library days and read-a-thons.
<b>Is there anything you wished would come back into fashion?</b>	No.



# Karlie Walker

## 3rd Grade

<b>If you could have one super power what would it be?</b>	Super speed.
<b>Are you a night owl or an early bird?</b>	Night Owl.
<b>What are you afraid of?</b>	Heights. Recently I flew in an airplane and the plane dropped quite a few feet pretty quick. Scary!
<b>Do you speak a foreign language?</b>	French... only a little. I'm not fluent but I can pick up on most of it.
<b>What are your hobbies?</b>	Reading, traveling, watching movies, spending time with family, playing piano, singing, playing guitar.
<b>Who is your hero?</b>	My mother.
<b>Do you have a nickname?</b>	Kar
<b>Aside from food, water, and shelter, what is one thing you could not go a day without?</b>	Not seeing my little girl and my husband.
<b>Any pet peeves?</b>	Procrastinators, interrupters, non-listeners, and bad drivers.
<b>What is your favorite family tradition</b>	Sunday dinners and getting together for the holidays.
<b>What is your favorite subject in school?</b>	Reading
<b>Is there anything you wished would come back into fashion?</b>	Classic rock.



# April Young

## 4th Grade

<b>If you could have one super power what would it be?</b>	Being able to breathe underwater.
<b>Are you a night owl or an early bird?</b>	Night owl.
<b>What are you afraid of?</b>	Zombies! I saw an episode of the Walking Dead once and I've had nightmares about them ever since.
<b>Do you speak a foreign language?</b>	No.
<b>What are your hobbies?</b>	I like hiking, rock climbing, skiing, drawing and painting, and playing games with my family.
<b>Who is your hero?</b>	My grandparents. They are the most selfless and loving people I know.
<b>Do you have a nickname?</b>	Not really, sometimes people call me A.
<b>Any pet peeves?</b>	When students make sound affects during class.
<b>What is your favorite family tradition</b>	We do Sunday dinners at my grandparents house a couple times a month. The family gets together to play games and catch up.
<b>What is your favorite subject in school?</b>	Art and science.
<b>Is there anything you wished would come back into fashion?</b>	Moon boots!



# Austin Cowley

## Assistant Principal

<b>If you could have one super power what would it be?</b>	I would like to control time. You always need more time to accomplish everything that needs to get done. Especially as a teacher!
<b>Are you a night owl or an early bird?</b>	Night owl
<b>What are you afraid of?</b>	Probably watch "Alien" the movie when I was too young, but I am not a big fan of aliens linking to and attacking your face. I can only imagine that it would be a horrible way to go. On another note, I don't think I'd like to drown either.
<b>Do you speak a foreign language?</b>	Once upon a time I could speak Mandarin Chinese. I don't have much of an opportunity to use it these days and have forgotten most of it.
<b>What are your hobbies?</b>	Spending time with my family, reading, camping, hiking, golfing, traveling, sleeping, yard work, watching movies, etc.
<b>Who is your hero?</b>	My mother and father are wonderful hero's who I looked up too! They're amazing examples of how I should live my own life and how I should serve and help out others.
<b>Do you have a nickname?</b>	Nope.
<b>Aside from food, water, and shelter, what is one thing you could not go a day without?</b>	Sleep. I can get grumpy when I don't have enough.
<b>Any pet peeves?</b>	Drivers that don't follow the traffic laws.
<b>What is your favorite family tradition</b>	Having dessert together. Having family movie night.
<b>What is your favorite subject in school?</b>	Social studies and science.
<b>Is there anything you wished would come back into fashion?</b>	No, but what I hope will never come back is shoulder pads.



# 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](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

Tigers!!

Again, I am constantly amazed at how fantastic our school and community are!

October was such a great month! Thank you to all of you that helped to bring dinner in for our fabulous teachers during the Parent/Teacher conferences!! By the way, I just have to say....our wonderful teachers have all become members of the PTA!! How cool is that? Just one more way they let us know how much they truly care!

We had another Café Zupas night, where we surpassed our last month donation from them!! You guys rock for supporting our school!

I hope all of you survived Halloween... such a crazy and fun day! I love seeing all the fun and creative costumes at the parade. And then there are the parties... so awesome! Our Room Parents are amazing! The amount of time and thought that goes into our students class parties are just...wow! The kids love it and have so much fun!

I love living in a community that has so many parents who want to be involved! It is what makes our school the best school ever!!

I hope you all have a great Thanksgiving holiday!

Stephanie McDonald  
Traverse Mountain Elementary PTA President

Download a Box Tops collection sheet here:

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

December	
12/8	Show Choir Christmas Concert
12/10	PTA Meeting 12:30pm
12/15	Character Counts Assem.
12/15	PM Kindergarten Assem.
12/16	Café Zupas' Night
12/19	Christmas Concert 9:30am
12/22-12/4	Christmas Break



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