

Traverse Mountain Elementary

Tiger Times



THIS MONTH AT A GLANCE

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Feb 2-Feb 6	Book Fair	Feb 13	6th Grade Dance
Feb 2	Ski Utah Dominguez and Colaizzi	Feb 16	No School
Feb 3-Feb 5	Parent Teacher Conferences	Feb 17	Café Zupas' Night
Feb 7	Princess Ball 6:00pm	Feb 18	School Spelling Bee 12:45pm
Feb 11	Kindergarten Registration	Feb 18	School Community Council 3:40pm
Feb 11	PTA Meeting 12:30pm	Feb 23	Character Counts Assembly
Feb 11	3rd Grade to BYU Bean Museum	Feb 27	4th Grade Mountain Men Rendezvous

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

January got us off to a great start in 2015. We enjoy this time of year because the students are settled into their classrooms and the holiday season is over which allows us to dig in and solidify so much of the curriculum we have been setting the ground work for so far this year.

Grades 3 - 6 took the SAGE Interim test giving us valuable information as we continue refining each student's academic needs. This gave us a mid-year look at where each student is and how we can better help them succeed the rest of the year. February is the summative SAGE writing test and we look forward to the data we receive from that test. Our goal is to meet the needs of each student individually as they progress along the education path.

Our Lego League teams entered a regional competition where one team took 2nd and the other took 5th in the robot games. On January 31 our 5th grade team advanced on to the state competition where they took 4th place in the robotics competition. We are so proud of these two teams and their engaging and active ideas. A special thanks to Mrs. Rohde, Mr. Cowley and a number of parents who helped these students throughout the lego season.

In January our ballroom team competed at the Alpine District Team Match. Our teams did well and will be competing at Utah Valley University on February 21. A big thank you to Tiffanie Harding for her continual devoted commitment to our ballroom teams and for being a fantastic coach.

We look forward to seeing our parents during parent teacher conferences this week. Thank you for the time you take in sending your children to school well fed, rested and ready to learn. We enjoy our interactions with them every day and how their lives change ours forever.

Ilene C. Strong, Principal
Traverse Mountain Elementary



Pictures: Lego League, Ski Utah, and Ballroom

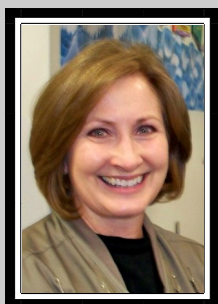




Emilee Blake

Preschool

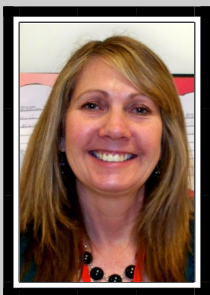
If you could have one super power what would it be?	Flying so I could bypass traffic.
Are you a night owl or an early bird?	Night owl.
What are you afraid of?	Spiders...they could be hiding anywhere.
Do you speak a foreign language?	No.
What are your hobbies?	Decorating, creating educational manipulators, and writing.
Who is your hero?	I admire so many people so it's hard to think of just one.
Do you have a nickname?	M&M
Aside from food, water, and shelter, what is one thing you could not go a day without?	My family.
Any pet peeves?	Unkind people.
What is your favorite family tradition	We have a big New Year's lunch where we eat Japanese food with friends and family.
What is your favorite subject in school?	Language arts
Is there anything you wished would come back into fashion?	No.



Carolyn Gifford

Media Specialist

If you could have one super power what would it be?	To "beam me up" wherever I wanted to go (like in Star Trek) - without my usual heebie-jeebies of driving on the freeway or other forms of travel.
Are you a night owl or an early bird?	I am a night owl, but my goal this year is to convert to early-bird-ism!
What are you afraid of?	Riding ski lifts. One of my worst feelings of panic hit while riding a ski lift at Grand Targhee. I didn't plan to go in the first place, but my 3-year old daughter begged me to join the rest of the family. My hands got so sweaty, I was sure I wouldn't be able to hold on to the bar much longer. I sang every children's song I could think of so my little girl wouldn't sense my horrible fear. It was terrifying and something I do not want to repeat again!
Do you speak a foreign language?	No, just took a little Spanish in Jr. High and a Japanese class at BYU.
What are your hobbies?	Reading, of course!! I love hiking and camping, watching good movies, and walking in the great outdoors.
Who is your hero?	Helen Keller—talk about overcoming adversity!
Do you have a nickname?	In high school I was known as "Care Bear".
Aside from food, water, and shelter, what is one thing you could not go a day without?	A smile from a child.
Any pet peeves?	Nose-picking in the library—and people who purposely avoid paying for their missing books.
What is your favorite family tradition	Summer camping adventures.
What is your favorite subject in school?	I loved drama and humanities.
Is there anything you wished would come back into fashion?	How about 10 cent double-decker ice-cream cones, like when I grew up?!



Sherri Davis

5th Grade

If you could have one super power what would it be?	This is a hard one! I think I would like to go back in time. I would like to be able to change the things that I could have done better. Going back in time, with the knowledge and wisdom I have now!
Are you a night owl or an early bird?	I am an early bird! I wake up early to exercise before school and I love the way it makes me feel.
Do you speak a foreign language?	I am afraid of snakes! No real story to tell, but they just are creepy!
What are your hobbies?	I love to read, sew, and spend time with my grandkids! I love crafts too!
Who is your hero?	My hero is my dad! He is so patient and kind and always thinks the best of all people. He is honest and has integrity in everything he does.
Do you have a nickname?	Sherbear
Aside from food, water, and shelter, what is one thing you could not go a day without?	My family!
What is your favorite family tradition	Our Christmas traditions. I love Christmas and I love that the kids and their kids all come over on Christmas Eve and we open one gift and have dinner and a nice program. The next morning, my husband and I get to go to our kids homes and watch the grandkids open their gifts and then they all come to our house for gifts and breakfast. We spend the day with each other, playing games, watching movies and eating.
What is your favorite subject in school?	Math and Home Economics.



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

Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Dominguez



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 March

3/9	No School
3/11	PTA Meeting 12:30pm
3/16-3/20	Red Ribbon Week
3/16	Red Ribbon Assembly
3/18	SCC 3:40pm
3/23	Battle of the Books
3/28	District Battle of the Books
3/30-4/3	Teacher Appreciation Week
3/30	Character Counts Assembly

PTA Presidents Message

Tigers!!

It is officially 2015! The Holidays are over, but we are still going strong!

We have such amazing teachers, and I am excited to announce the winners of this month's Hampton Highlights Teachers of the Month, Mrs. Sonda Smith and Mrs. Dominguez. 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 like to nominate please email 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!!

We are busy planning an event for our own super heroes here at Traverse Mountain Elementary!! Watch your emails for more details to come!

Our next Café Zupas night is on February 17, 2015 from 5-9 PM. Make sure to mention you are with Traverse Mountain Elementary, and help us earn money for our school!

Thank you all for your continued support! I am so grateful to live in a community where the parents are this great!

Stephanie McDonald
PTA President



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