

Traverse Mountain Elementary

Tiger Times



THIS MONTH AT A GLANCE

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Sep 2	Back to School Night 6:00pm	Sep 14	School Pictures
Sep 8	Reflections Presentations 9:30am	Sep 14	PTA Food Truck Carnival
Sep 9	Room Mother's Tea 3:30pm	Sep 16	PTA Meeting 9:30am
Sep 10	SCC Meeting 3:40pm	Sep 29	PTA Café Zupas Night

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Traverse Mountain Community,

Six years ago our school opened its doors to students for the very first time. Since then we have continued to grow and improve. Over the past six years we have grown by 75-100 students each year.

This year we received our very first portable classrooms, which we are calling our "Learning Cottage." We also started with a bus for the very first time. Making room for the bus in the front drop-off area has necessitated our Tuition Preschool to have to change times and match the A track schedule instead of the B track schedule. Both Preschool and Kindergarten are able to utilize the lower drive thru area so that grades 1-6 can drop-off and pick-up in the main drive thru area, including the bus.

Even though we continue to grow in numbers, we have teachers committed in each classroom to help each student reach their greatest potential. Our goal is for each child to feel happy and safe while thriving in the education environment. We look to parents to partner with us in reaching this goal. Our grade level teams worked during the summer and during weekly meetings to identify the needs of each child and then go to work to meet those needs.

We have a committed Parent Teacher Association and School Community Council that work closely with us in reaching our goals. We invite all parents to join with us and be a part of what is great about Traverse Mountain Elementary.

Ilene Strong
Principal



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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 Tonya Randall at tonya.r.randall@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.

Pictures: 1st Day of School



Pictures: Teacher Pictures



Kindergarten: Mrs. Rigby, Mrs. Story, Mrs. Hatch, Mrs. Parsons



1st Grade: Mrs. Ahlstrom, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Wirick, Mrs. Packard (reading recovery), Mrs. Christensen, Mrs. Mcallister, Mrs. Turner



2nd Grade: Mrs. Chipman, Mrs. Pettit, Mrs. Thorpe, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Schwanke, Mrs. Wilson



3rd Grade: Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Andes, Mrs. Gremmert, Mrs. Moschetti, Mrs. Leder



4th Grade: Mrs. Young, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Crockett, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Peterson



5th Grade: Miss Schauerhamer, Mr. Cowley, Mrs. Lawler, Miss Smith, Miss Davis



6th Grade: Miss Shaum, Miss Hall, Mrs. Rohde, Mrs. Colaizzi



Pictures: School Staff Pictures

Mrs. Nerdin (music), Mrs. Keele (art), Mrs. Barkdull (PE),
Mrs. Hansen (computers)



Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Young, Mrs. Christensen, Mrs. Gifford,
Mrs. Strong, Mr. Paul



Mrs. Fisher, Ms. Clemons, Ms. Croxall, Mrs. Erickson,
Ms. Ewell, Ms. Walker



Custodial Staff

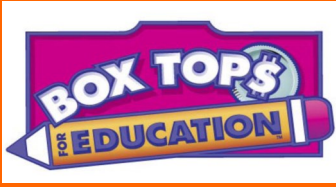


Mrs. Hendry, Mrs. Lyons, Mrs. Palmer, Mrs. Duvernay,
Ms. Crandall



Aides





Box Tops

We are SO excited for Box Tops this year! There are so many fun things that will be happening this year, including being entered into drawings for turning box tops in each week, competitions between each of the grades with Pizza Parties and Ice Cream parties as rewards. Keep an eye out for emails and fliers to explain more information about our competitions and the fun ways you can get involved! It is amazing how much 10¢ can add up!! Please get all your family and friends involved in this fundraiser. Our goal this year is to raise \$2,400 dollars throughout the entire school. The best part is, EVERY penny will go back into your child's grade to help them to get the things they are in need of!

If you have any questions feel free to Email me, Ashlee Gibby, at: Ashleeagibby@gmail.com

Download a 50 count Box Tops collection sheet here: http://www.hopepta.org/joomla/images/boxtops/box_tops_50.pdf

PTA Presidents Message

HELLO TIGER NATION!!!

Thank you to all of the parents who came out to back to school night it was so great to see all of the parents in our community out in full force, supporting our student's education. And a big fat thank you to the teachers for spending so much time preparing for us and answering the many questions that we as parents have, about our children's time away from us, and how to make it the most successful. We have an UBER fun year ahead of us! From the Fall Carnival coming up this month, to the Princess Ball, the Mother Son activity, Field Day and all of the other activities and parties in between. To those of you that have volunteered to be room parents I applaud your willingness to help your teachers and express my sincerest gratitude! Having been a room mom for the last 11 years I know that it comes with responsibility but it has always been worth it!

Speaking of Room Parents, the Room Parent's Tea and orientation are next Wednesday September 9th at 3:30pm. All room parents and assistant room parents are invited. Please put this date on your calendar. We will have goodies and good conversation where you and your teachers can learn a little about one another, what the expectations are and how to work together for maximum success!

One last plug for our upcoming Fall Carnival and Food Truck Roundup...I know that this year is different and change is always a little frustrating and frightening. But without change there is no progress. Without change we'd still be watching VHS movies and listening to cassette tapes!! See change is good!! I promise this will be an incredibly fun carnival. Please come out and support the school and enjoy a wonderful night together!

The parents and students of Traverse Mountain Elementary are the luckiest in the world. We have a brand new school, with state of the art equipment, and the best educators and staff around. So students, please find a teacher or staff member in the hall today and thank them for their dedication, and then turn in your homework as an added show of gratitude!!

I'm so glad I'm part of TIGER NATION!

Jillian Plewe, PTA President



Looking ahead to October

10/7-10/8	Parent/Teacher Conferences
10/8	Reflections Due
10/15-10/19	Fall Break, No School
10/21	PTA Meeting 9:30am
10/22	Picture Retake Day
10/30	Halloween Parade



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