

# Traverse Mountain Elementary

# Tiger Times



## THIS MONTH AT A GLANCE

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Dec 8	Show Choir Christmas Concert 7pm	Dec 9	PTA Meeting 9:30pm
Dec 11	5th Grade to JABiz Town	Dec 14-16	Santa's Workshop
Dec 16	6th Grade Egyptian Museum (rohde/shaum)	Dec 17-18	Christmas Sing Concert 9:15am
Dec 17	6th Grade Egyptian Museum (colaizzi/hall)	Dec 21-Jan 3	Christmas Break, No School

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Traverse Mountain Community,

November has brought a lot of wonderful events that have reminded us all to be a little more thankful.

With the significant contributions from amazing teachers like Mrs. Nerdin, Mrs. Hansen, Mrs. Lawler, and our PTA President, Jillian Plewe, we were able to have a memorable Veteran's Day Assembly where we honored those who have served and who are currently serving in our armed forces. It was humbling to realize how many of our community members willingly serve in the military to protect our freedoms.

Also in November we had the fantastic opportunity to recognize the artistic talents of our students through the Reflections program. The PTA organized quite the night to honor our talented students and we appreciate their efforts to make our students feel special.

We have SO MUCH to be thankful for here because we have great parent support, fabulous students, stellar support staff, and remarkable teachers. Our Theme for December is "I Can Do Hard Things" and we hope students realize how great they are and that they can do hard things. As we look forward to the Holidays, we want to express our appreciation to all who contribute to the well-being of our school and hope you all have a great Holiday season!

Thomas Paul  
Assistant Principal



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Pictures:  
Native American Hoop Dancer (Gabby)



# Reflection Winners

## Visual Arts

Award of Excellence - Daci Roberts koribug1@aol.com  
Award of Excellence - Luke Hansen leslieannhansen@yahoo.com  
Award of Excellence - Lila Smith matt@smithworx.com  
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Award of Excellence - Dylan Paulson paulsonkara@gmail.com  
Award of Excellence - Emma Streadbeck brookestreadbeck@gmail.com  
Award of Excellence - Gillian Booth aliboost5@gmail.com  
Award of Merit - Madelyn Fletcher jenniferwfletcher@hotmail.com

## Film

Award of Excellence - Jacob Hatch laurel.h.hatch@gmail.com  
Award of Excellence - Caleb Kindred atkindred@yahoo.com  
Award of Excellence - Lily Lambert robinblambert@hotmail.com

## Dance

Award of Excellence - Avery Hughes erobrit@hotmail.com



# Pictures: Reflections Winners





# Student of the Month for November

## Help Others Along the Way

**Kindergarten:** Easton Allred, Emmie Mahe, Taimi Miles, Kai Vincent, Andrew Detro, Abby Copier, Zoey Balser, Presley Edwards, Jensen Taggart, Sheyla Rodriguez, Aria Miller, Kaden Call, Quinn Meyer, Riley Auvigne, Abbie Cline, Landon Terry, Brynlee Kranendonk, Jake Robins, Phoebe Yadon, Jersey Peay, Tyce Taylor, Isabella Plewe

**1<sup>st</sup> Grade:** Brooklyn Warnick, Macey Oliver, Will Henline, Eva Lewis, Onica Ensign, Peter (Mujai) Li, Jonah Vincent, Katie Cox, Maddy Malaret, Ezra Lowe, Eli Streadbeck, Mia Hess, Halle Short, Tyson Olsen, Daniel Moran, Hayden Brown, Molly Kindred, Isabelle Prevo, Crew Nelson, Joseph Sander, Easley McGinty

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade:** Brody Robins, Lia Lomu, Auren Brenny, Jordan Olson, Ethan Moody, Jax Oyler, Grey Sharp, Leah Scoville, Will Ferguson, Corbin Arnett, Sierra Black, Cambria Jensen, Christopher Adams, Crew Cameron, Gannon Hankes, Madeleine Heath, Fifi Zang, Andrew Ellis, Kallie Reid, Vienna Copier

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade:** Noah Isaacson, Addison Fleming, Azalea Kotter, Quentin Melanson, Carly Gordon-Carroll, Kealana Brown, Kea Larson, McKay Dou, Grayden Allen, Levi Kimball, Max Hess, Evelyn Nieto, Madelyn Fletcher, Michael Durtschi, Isaac McGrath, Sophie Vincent, Aliyah Atcitty, Jack Thompson, Sophia Cummings, Brynlee Kress

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Vivy Widdowson, Rosie Goade, Liam Hart, Tyler Bettinson, Sammy Kosorok, Zoey Jacobson, Josh Brown, Karli Clark, Estella Zang, Kadin Tomsich, Julia Hansen, Nadia Thomas, Braylee Weech, Quincy Larsen, Alex Howard, Kennedy Peay, William Hoopes, Erin Dahl, Isa Brown

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Jack Karren, Ansley Tate, Carter Corry, Brooklyn Bringhurst, Peter Yongstrom, Jenna VanDeGraaff, Brylee McCall, Sammy Morris, Brock Canata, Raya Greene, McKinley Brown, Madi Hess, Dallin Moody, Tyler Gibby, Ari Service, Kade Murdock, Nick Cubbison, Riley Slothower, Sebastian Gentile

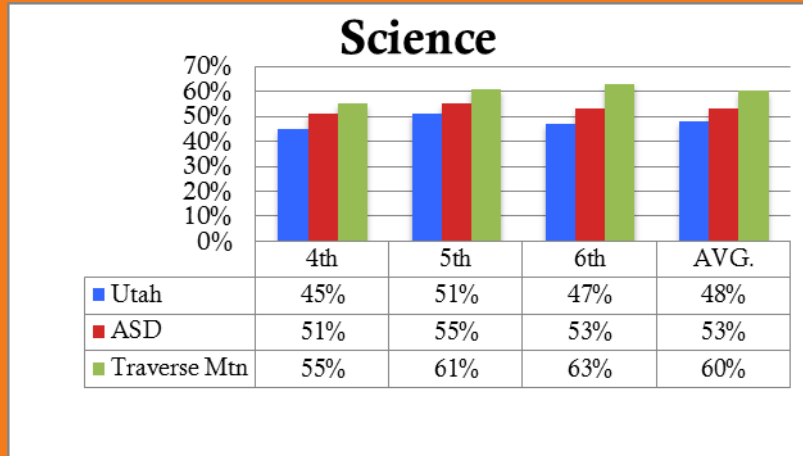
**6<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Cam Maughan, Liberty Kranwinkle, Sonia Oliver, Garrett Palmer, Ethan Blood, Camden Palache, Azelynn Allen, Andrew Russo, natee Gonzalez, Morgan Long, Abril Rodriguez, Kylie Doxey, Sabyn King, Makala McCoy, Alexis Nieto,



# School News

## Stake Holders Report and Take Home Reading

### Stake Holders Report



You should have received our yearly Stakeholder's Report in the postal mail. In this report we gave you data from last year's SAGE scores. We accidentally gave the math scores twice labeling one of them "Science". We are sorry if this caused some confusion. Here are the correct Science scores. Our currently Stakeholder's report is on our website.

### Take Home Reading

In order to provide the best experience for your child, we are asking that everyone please follow the rules that were sent home at the beginning of the year with your child's THR book. We have a short supply of books and with the number of students we have in our school we must insist that each child only take home one book at a time, no exceptions. We also must ask that parents do not check out books for their child. Please leave that up to the volunteers that have been trained to do it. We do not want to lose track of what books we have. Thank you!

### Santa's Workshop

Just two weeks after the Thanksgiving break we will have our Santa's workshop. Students will have the opportunity to "window shop" on Monday and Tuesday during the school day and on Wednesday shop for items they want to buy. Parents and students can shop on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday after school. We need volunteers to help students purchase their items. Please Save the Date of December 14 - 16 to help us out. This will be held in the library.



# Mrs. Todd

## Psychologist

What is your favorite restaurant?	Zupas
What is your favorite store?	Canyon Bicycle
What is your favorite scent?	None—allergic to perfume.
What is your favorite candy/treat?	Chocolate
What is your favorite hobby?	Cycling and being outside with my family.
What is your favorite flower?	Gerber Daisy
What is your favorite drink?	Dirty Dr. Pepper
What is your favorite color?	Blue
What is your favorite school supply?	Candy
What is your favorite TV show/movie?	Pride and Prejudice
What is your favorite thing about being a teacher?	Helping Children to be happy and more successful in life.
Where is your favorite place you have lived?	Lehi
What is your favorite quote?	"People are often unreasonable and self-centered. Forgive them anyway. If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives. Be kind anyway. If you are honest, people may cheat you. Be honest anyway. If you find happiness, people may be jealous. Be happy anyway. The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow. Do good. Give the world the best you have and it may never be enough. Give your best anyway. For you see, in the end, it is between you and God. It was never between you and them anyway." - Mother Theresa
Tell us about your family.	My husband and I are avid road cyclists. I have two beautiful girls. One is a sophomore at college, the other attends Traverse Mountain Elementary. We love to be outdoors, in the mountains, and having family game nights.



# Brooke Wilson

## 2nd Grade

What is your favorite restaurant?	Zupas and JCWs
What is your favorite store?	Target
What is your favorite scent?	Tropical or Vanilla
What is your favorite candy/treat?	Skittles and Dove chocolate
What is your favorite hobby?	Golfing and going to the movies
What is your favorite flower?	Daisy and Lily
What is your favorite drink?	Mountain Dew or Crystal Light squirters
What is your favorite color?	Purple
What is your favorite school supply?	Anything and everything!
What is your favorite TV show/movie?	The Office and Pride and Prejudice
What is your favorite thing about being a teacher?	I love hearing "Miss Wilson" and seeing their smiling faces each morning!
Where is your favorite place you have lived?	Santa Barbara California
What is your favorite quote?	"All our dreams come true, if we have the courage to pursue them." - Walt Disney
Tell us about your family.	I have 3 siblings, 2 sisters (one is married), and 1 married brother. I am an aunt to 1 adorable nephew. My dad is from Provo and my mother is from Texas. My class will know her as Granny Pam! I have the cutest dog named Bubba!





# Heather Young

## 4th Grade

What is your favorite restaurant?	Café Rio or Costa Vida
What is your favorite store?	The Loft and Bath and Body Works.
What is your favorite scent?	Any
What is your favorite candy/treat?	Symphony Bar with Toffee
What is your favorite hobby?	Play board and card games with my family.
What is your favorite flower?	Sunflowers
What is your favorite drink?	Lemonade
What is your favorite color?	Turquoise or teal
What is your favorite school supply?	New books or art supplies
What is your favorite TV show/movie?	Star Wars, Les Miserables, Lord of the Rings
What is your favorite thing about being a teacher?	Feeling like I'm making a difference to a child's life.
Where is your favorite place you have lived?	Logan
What is your favorite quote?	"No man stands so tall as when he stoops to help a child." - Abe Lincoln
Tell us about your family.	I am the oldest of 3 kids, 1 brother, 1 sister. I met my husband at Utah State and we have been married almost 3 years. He is going to physical therapy school right now. We love to play games together and spend time outside.



# Austin Cowley

## 5th Grade

What is your favorite restaurant?	JCW's
What is your favorite store?	Costco or Amazon
What is your favorite scent?	Cinnamon
What is your favorite candy/treat?	Twix, Kit Kat, Milky Way
What is your favorite hobby?	Reading
What is your favorite flower?	Rose
What is your favorite drink?	Mountain Dew or Dr. Pepper
What is your favorite color?	Blue
What is your favorite school supply?	Books
What is your favorite TV show/movie?	Castle and Count of Monte Cristo
What is your favorite thing about being a teacher?	Seeing the students excitement grow about reading
Where is your favorite place you have lived?	St. George
What is your favorite quote?	"I know no other art of learning than hard work, devotion, and perseverance." - Desiderius
Tell us about your family.	My wife and I are both teachers. We've both taught for 11 years, she teaches kindergarten. We have two lovely girls and another child on the way due in January. My oldest started kindergarten this year and my other daughter is 3 years old.





# 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!

Download a 50 count Box Tops collection sheet here:  
[http://www.hopepta.org/joomla/images/boxtops/box\\_tops\\_50.pdf](http://www.hopepta.org/joomla/images/boxtops/box_tops_50.pdf)

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

## PTA Presidents Message

Hello Tiger Nation!!

This has been such a full and fun fall season in Tiger Nation! We had an amazing turnout for the Reflections program this year. There were so many wonderful entries from so many talented Traverse Mountain Students. We would like to send out a great big THANK YOU to Jasmine Shorten and Cassandra Durtchi for all of the hard work and dedication they offered to make Reflections a success this year. We also had the first ever Traverse Mountain Veteran's Day assembly. The understanding, patriotism, pride that our students showed during that assembly was humbling and heartwarming to everyone present. Thanks to Mrs. Strong and Mrs. Lawler for making this assembly a possibility and to Mrs. Nerdin and Mrs. Hansen for their hard work in making it amazing! Also a big thanks to the Soldiers from our school, Tyler Plewe, Neil Buckley, and Paul Nerdin who participated and shared their love of country with us.

This month brings feelings of excitement, joy, and wonder to all of us, but especially our students! This is the time of year when kids realize that they not only get a two week break from school but they also get to open presents! We would like to share the joy of gift GIVING with our students by bringing Santa's Workshop to them in the last week of school. We will send home information regarding the prices and types of items for sale very soon so that you can start preparing with your students. I have very vivid and fond memories of shopping in Santa's Workshop when I was in elementary school and I wanted to share that with all of our Tigers. I hope they will love it as much as I did.

Have a wonderful and safe Christmas season. The Traverse Mountain PTA wishes you joy and peace as well as lots of yummy treats this December!!

Sincerely,  
Jillian Plewe  
PTA President



Looking Ahead to January	
1/13	PTA Meeting 9:30am
1/18	No School
1/19	Café Zupas Night
1/20	SCC Meeting 3:45pm
1/21	Mother/Son Activity



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