

Traverse Mountain Elementary

# Tiger Times



## THIS MONTH AT A GLANCE

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Sep 1	DIBELS Testing K-3	Sep 5	No School
Sep 6	Vision Screening	Sep 7	PTA Meeting 9:30am
Sep 7	SCC Meeting 3:45pm	Sep 12	Carnival/Food Truck Round-up
Sep 14	School Picture Day		

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Traverse Mountain Community,

What a pleasure it is to be at Traverse Mountain Elementary again this year. We are in our seventh year as a school and at our highest enrollment at over 1100 students. We added another two classrooms on the back blacktop and several new teachers. We have grown in numbers enough to merit an afternoon Kindergarten bus.

Being committed to working with each student individually to reach their greatest potential educationally is our goal. We continue to be amazed at the support and enthusiasm of parents who send their children to us prepared and ready to learn. We enjoy the outpouring of support and strive to meet every expectation of our community.

Thank you for your involvement and kindness to all of us here at Traverse Mountain Elementary. It is going to be a terrific year and we look forward to working with your children and watching them grow along the way. Children are our future and we work and over-extend ourselves to help them along the way to being our future leaders.

Ilene Strong, Principal  
Proud to be associated with the Traverse Mountain Community



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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 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 Tamara Walton at [tamaralwalton@gmail.com](mailto:tamaralwalton@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://traversemountain.alpineschools.org/announcements/enroll-smiths-card>

<https://www-secure.target.com/redcard/teoe/home?catalogId=10051&langId=-1&storeId=10151&krypto=cQcHDksCxhgmutHxyjlq48%2BIHqzAFPvRjj%2BCK5QVvor4h0nGk1rMzYuRJKChjT84PaFeNyM3nAR%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: Teachers Working Hard Over the Summer



# Pictures: Teacher Pictures

We love our  
teachers!!!

Kindergarten: Mrs. Hatch, Mrs. Rigby, Mrs. Olsen,  
Mrs. Pedersen, Mrs. Topham



1st Grade: Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Tribett, Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Ahlstrom,  
Mrs. Wirick, Mrs. Parsons, Mrs. Mcallister,



2nd Grade: Mrs. Qualls, Miss. Wilson, Mrs. Schwanke,  
Mrs. Christensen, Miss Jones, Mrs. Thorpe



3rd Grade: Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Gentry, Mrs. Leder,  
Mrs. Richards, Mrs. Gremmert, Mrs. Webb



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



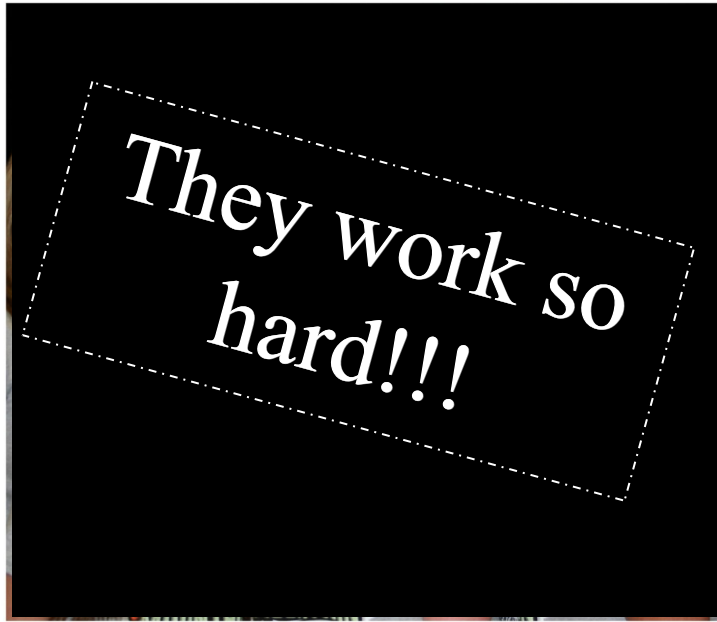
5th Grade: Miss Davis, Mrs. Lawler, Miss Schauerhamer,  
Miss Smith



6th Grade: Miss Colaizzi, Mrs. Todd, Miss Hall, Mr. Cowley,  
Miss Shaum



# Pictures: School Staff Pictures



Mrs. Keele, Mrs. Hansen, Mrs. Barkdull, Mrs. Holtom,



Mrs. Fisher, Mrs. Clemons, Mrs. Erickson, Ms. Ewell, Ms. Lucas

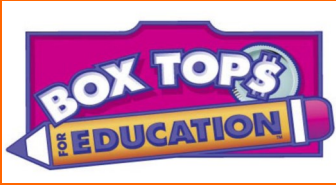


Mrs. Hendry, Miss Albino, Mrs. Palmer, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Todd



Mr. Finlayson, Mrs. Young, Mrs. Gifford, Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Abney, Mrs. Ilene Strong, Mrs. Christensen





# 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](mailto:Ashleeagibby@gmail.com)

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)

## PTA Presidents Message

Welcome back TIGERS!

Here we are back in another year of school! Time sure flies by faster and faster each year. I hope you are all as excited as I am for this year. We have a lot of fun things planned. We want to thank all who came out to our Back to School Night. For those of you that joined the PTA we appreciate your support. If you haven't joined and you would like to, you can fill out a paper in the front office. Joining PTA doesn't mean you have to contribute and commit your entire life to volunteering. It means you support your school and are willing to help when you can. We cannot put on activities, raise money for our school, or help our teachers without the PTA. Please join and volunteer when you are available. We have PTA meetings on the first Wednesday of each month at 9:30am and everyone is welcome. We love it when new faces come and share their ideas and opinions.

Our PTA fund-raising goal this year is to be able to enhance our playground. With our continuing growth we feel the need for more equipment. So our theme this year is "GET UP AND MOVE". We want to focus on helping all of our students be safe, healthy, and active kids. We will work with Mrs. Strong and the district in making our blacktop and playground area better.

This year our school shirt says, "KID YOU"LL MOVE MOUNTAINS." I love this saying because I fully believe that anyone is capable of anything they put their mind to. Our kids are so lucky because they attend Traverse Mountain Elementary! They go to an amazing school with such great teachers and staff. They have incredible potential. I hope each student realizes they are strong and they can do hard things. We are still selling school shirts! You can get them in the office or next Monday at the school carnival/food truck roundup.

Next Monday, September 12th from 5-8:30 is our annual school carnival and food truck roundup. This is great event you won't want to miss. We have lots of yummy food trucks coming and also a carnival company that will be providing bounce houses and games. They will be selling wristbands that night for \$8 or \$10.

Our school is participating in a program called WALK MORE IN FOUR. It starts Sept. 6th and runs through Sept. 30th. During these four weeks, students who walk or bike to school at least three times a week will be entered to win bikes, scooters, and helmets. Our school can also earn money, depending on how many students participate. Those who can't walk or bike due to distance can practice safe walking and biking in their neighborhoods. A flier was sent home with each student so they can keep track of days they walk. There is also an app called WALKING SCHOOL BUS that can help you keep track as well. We hope everyone gets out and walks this month!

I look forward to all of the fun activities we have planned this year and hope to see everyone getting involved. I LOVE TRAVERSE MOUNTAIN ELEMENTARY!

Looking ahead to October	
10/5	PTA Meeting 9:30am
10/12-10/13	Parent Teacher Conferences
10/13	Make-up Picture Day
10/20-10/24	Fall Break
10/31	Annual Halloween Parade



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