

Traverse Mountain Elementary

Tiger Times



THIS MONTH AT A GLANCE

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Nov 2	PTA Meeting 9:30am	Nov 2	SCC Meeting 3:45pm
Nov 17	Reflections Awards Night 6:00pm	Nov 22	Chick-Fil-A Night
Nov 23-27	Thanksgiving Break		

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Traverse Mountain Community,

This is a fantastic school year! I am so proud to be associated with Traverse Mountain Elementary.

Our students and staff had a magnificent Halloween. The parade was exceptional and I loved seeing all the students in their cutest ever costumes. Our parents, as always, treated us with classroom parties and made the holiday magical for all.

We had a successful Red Ribbon Week thanks to our PTA and teachers. We kicked off the week with an assembly and the PTA organized activities with the students each day. We learned more about being drug free and treating everyone with respect and kindness.

Thank you to the PTA for providing our faculty with two yummy meals during Parent Teacher Conferences. We are always amazed at the support and interest from each of you parents and appreciate the time we are able to sit down with you and discuss the success of your children.

We had many students enter our Reflections contest. On November 17, our winners will be announced at an awards night in the school gym. The entries are always collected in my office, so I get to see, first hand, the amazing talents of these creative students. I look forward to seeing who the judges pick as winners. Thank you Andrew Lambert for heading up Reflections this year.

We held a book drive this month for Woodrow Wilson Elementary School in Granite School District where parents and students donated 7,000 books to school children who have very little. We are having a pajama drive in December for these same children.

Watch Dogs is getting off to a great start. We enjoy the presence of our Dads who volunteer hours to be here in the school environment with their children.

It is a pleasure to serve you and work with your children every day. I love my job and the happiness it brings me working with the parents and students of Traverse Mountain Elementary.

Ilene Strong
Principal



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Other School News

Traffic

On the parking lot side of our drive through, please DO NOT use it as a drop off. If you are dropping off students, please use the pick up and drop off area closest to the school. The parking lot is for parents who are parking and coming into the school. Also, there are no left turns into any of our parking lots. Please do not use the area between the two parking lot exits to drop off or pick up your children.

Checking In

When visiting the school, whether in the building or on the playground, it is required that you check in at the office and state your reason for a visit and location you will be going.

Pajama Drive

We will be collecting pajamas for a school in Salt Lake City that is in great need. The school has 90% free and reduced lunch, 40 different languages, and is 40% refugees. Please consider donating a pair of pajamas to go along with the books we have already collecting.

Walk More in 4 Winners



Pictured Left: Emily Hansen and her twin boys Danny and Andrew Hansen



Pictured Right: Marlee Warnick and her family.

Join the PTA!!

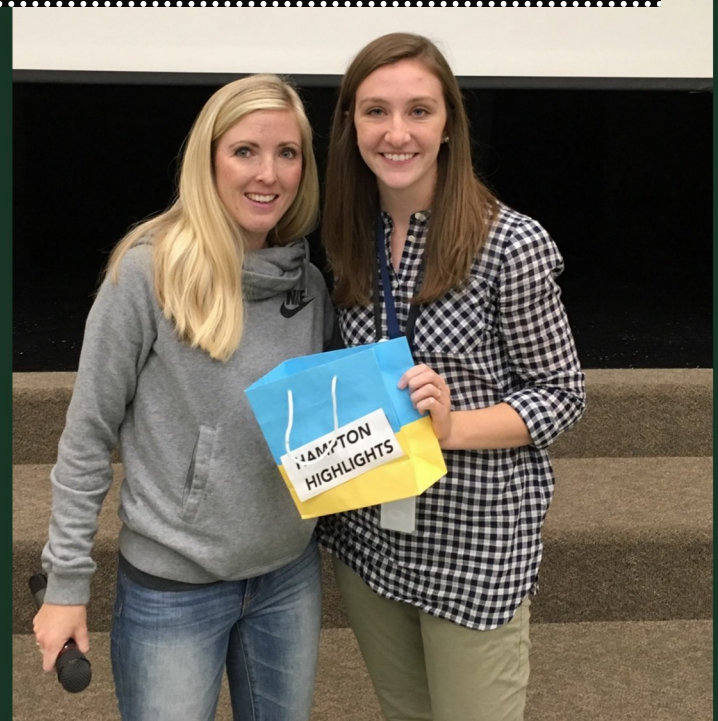
If you have not yet joined the PTA please come to the front office and do so. We would really appreciate your support! Joining the PTA does not require you to volunteer or be at the school for any particular event. It's just a way to help support the school your children attend.

Pictures: Winning Teachers

Alison Smith and Christina Ahlstrom were both winners of the PTA class spirit shirt days for September!! They both won some playground equipment for their classrooms.



Alison Smith and Allie Olsen are the winners of Hampton Inn Teachers of the Month Award.



Pictures: Book Drive

We took a bus of 22 Student House Leaders and went to Woodrow Wilson Elementary in Granite School District and delivered 7000 books to their students. Thank you parents and students for the donations of these books. Pajamas donations are next in between Thanksgiving and Christmas.



Pictures: Halloween

All the teachers
and staff got
into the
Halloween spirit.
We love our
teachers!!!!





Mrs. Todd

Psychologist

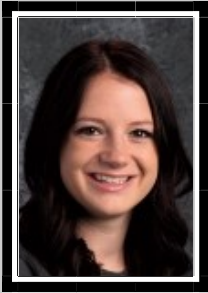
What is your favorite restaurant?	Zupas
What is your favorite store?	Canyon Bicycle
What is your favorite scent?	None—allergic to perfume.
What is your favorite candy/treat?	Chocolate
What is your favorite hobby?	Cycling and being outside with my family.
What is your favorite flower?	Gerber Daisy
What 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!



Lolly Hatch

Kindergarten

What is your favorite restaurant?	Red Lobster
What is your favorite store?	Target
What is your favorite scent?	Coconut-Island
What is your favorite candy/treat?	Reese's Sticks/Smart Cookie sugar cookies
What is your favorite hobby?	Playing indoor soccer
What is your favorite flower?	Peonies and Roses
What is your favorite drink?	Dr. Pepper with coconut or Diet Pepsi/Mt. Dew
What is your favorite color?	Hot pink
What is your favorite school supply?	Tri-grip big kindergarten pencils
What is your favorite TV show/movie?	The Office
What is your favorite thing about being a teacher?	Seeing the academic growth a student makes in a school year and also feeling like a rock star in assemblies where previous students are waving and saying hi.
Where is your favorite place you have lived?	Pleasant Grove
What is your favorite quote?	"A person's a person no matter how small".
Tell us about your family.	I have a husband and a 3 1/2 year old little boy.



Ilene Strong

Principal

What is your favorite restaurant?	Texas Roadhouse
What is your favorite store?	Costco/Walmart/Home
What is your favorite scent?	Anything vanilla
What is your favorite candy/treat?	Sugar cookies
What is your favorite hobby?	Grandchildren's ball games
What is your favorite flower?	Roses
What is your favorite drink?	Peach Sprite Zero
What is your favorite color?	Green
What is your favorite school supply?	Smelly Soap for the faculty bathrooms
What is your favorite TV show/movie?	Heartland
What is your favorite thing about being a teacher?	The children I interact with every day.
Where is your favorite place you have lived?	At the base of the Wasatch Mountains
What is your favorite quote?	"Children are not a distraction from more important work. They ARE the most important work!" - C.S. Lewis
Tell us about your family.	Husband, 4 kids all married, 11 grandchildren



Box Tops

We just passed our first deadline and the 1st grade won the contest!! They have earned a pizza party for all their hard work. We have another deadline coming up in February. Please keep those box tops coming in. It is amazing how much 10¢ can add up!! We earned \$1,015.50 this deadline. That's amazing! 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 TME,

October was a great month at Traverse Mountain Elementary! We all celebrated Red Ribbon week with the theme of YOLO (You Only Live Once). We enjoyed two assemblies one from the Lehi Police Canine Unit and the other from the UDOT SNAP program. We learned about how drugs are dangerous and the harm they can do to our bodies. We also talked about the rules of walking to and from school. At recess we helped the kids do a chalk pledge to promise never to use drugs. It was a great week!

This year is flying by! We also had our first Parent Teacher Conference in the middle of the month. We appreciate everyone who helped feed our great teachers on those two nights. Our teachers work so hard and it is so great to help them out when we can. Our first book fair was amazing as always. We love how much support our community gives us.

We started our monthly spirit nights at Chick-fil-A. Once a month we will have a night where 20% of the proceeds will come back to our school. All you have to do is tell the cashier that you are from our school and what class your student is in. For next month it is November 22nd!

The month ended with a great Halloween! We celebrated with 3 different parades and every class had a party. We really appreciate our room moms and all of the volunteers that come in and make sure our kids have a fun day. It was so fun to see the school full of parents. It is because of great parents and teachers that make our school special!

Heidi Brown
PTA President

Looking ahead to December	
12/7	PTA Meeting 9:30am
12/14	Chick-Fil-A Night
12/15	Ballroom Performance
12/21	Annual Christmas Sing B Track
12/22	Annual Christmas Sing A Track
12/23-1/2	No School Christmas Break



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