



Traverse Mountain Elementary

Tiger Times



THIS MONTH AT A GLANCE

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Dec 7	PTA Meeting 9:30am	Dec 14	PTA Chick-Fil-A night
Dec 15	Ballroom Performance 6:00pm	Dec 21	Christmas Sing B Track 2:15pm
Dec 22	Christmas Sing A Track 8:00am	Dec 23	No School—Christmas Break

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Traverse Mountain Community,
I can't believe we are already to December! This is such a great time of year with students and teachers alike looking forward to the activities and excitement associated with the Holiday season. It is an honor to be associated with each one on you.

We had a wonderful Reflections Award night on November 17th. Those in attendance were able to see each of the remarkable entries which were centered around the theme of "What is your Story?" We had all genres of entries and many different winners who will be moving on to the regional competition. Good luck to those students. We are confident you all will do great!

We also had our Character Counts assembly. The November theme was "I Care About My Community." During November, teachers and students focused on how they can contribute to making our Traverse Mountain community a better place to live, work, and play. We have definitely seen a change in our students' attitudes towards our community. Our theme for December is "Don't Laugh at Me". Our teachers and students are going to focus on making each other feel accepted and provide an environment where everyone can express who they are without feeling self-conscious.

We want to express our gratitude to all of those who spend countless hours volunteering for teachers and students at our school. Traverse Mountain would not be the same great school without the never-ending commitment we see each day from our community. The longer I am here, the more I realize how lucky our faculty and staff are to be associated with such caring and wonderful patrons.

This is a wonderful time of year to be in elementary school. Make sure you take the time to visit our school this month. We will be having many school-wide activities as well as individual classroom presentations and your students love having you here to see the great things that are happening. Happy Holidays.

Paul Finlayson
Assistant 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 are 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.



Reflections Winners!!

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

Rachelle Crockett and Sheri Davis were both winners of the PTA class spirit shirt days for September!! They both won some playground equipment for their classrooms.



Amanda Schauerhamer and Christie Wirick are the winners of Hampton Inn Teachers of the Month Award.





Justine Smith

5th Grade

What is your favorite restaurant?	Costa Vida or Thai Village
What is your favorite store?	Target
What is your favorite scent?	Fresh laundry
What is your favorite candy/treat?	Chocolate chip cookies, recess, or Jollyranchers
What is your favorite hobby?	Hiking, rollerblading, reading, hanging with my nephews
What is your favorite flower?	Daisy
What is your favorite drink?	Diet Coke on occasion
What is your favorite color?	Purple or orange
What is your favorite school supply?	Post it notes or paper mate flair pens
What is your favorite TV show/movie?	Anne of Green Gables
What is your favorite thing about being a teacher?	The students that I work with!
Where is your favorite place you have lived?	Cedar City
What is your favorite quote?	"The best way to predict your future is to create it." - Abe Lincoln
Tell us about your family.	I have 3 brothers and 2 sisters. 3 of my siblings are adopted. I have 3 nephews that are cuter than anyone else's nephews. I am obviously the favorite aunt.



Suzy Schwanke

2nd Grade

What is your favorite restaurant?	Café Rio
What is your favorite store?	J Crew Outlet
What is your favorite scent?	Lemon
What is your favorite candy/treat?	Chocolate covered pretzels
What is your favorite hobby?	Walking
What is your favorite flower?	Paper ones
What is your favorite drink?	Diet Dr. Pepper
What is your favorite color?	Blue
What is your favorite school supply?	Sticky notes
What is your favorite TV show/movie?	The Goldbergs/Middle
What is your favorite thing about being a teacher?	Helping students find success. I love the look when they figure something out, but my favorite things are hugs and pictures!
Where is your favorite place you have lived?	Logan, Utah
What is your favorite quote?	"Whatever you are going to be, be a good one." - Abraham Lincoln
Tell us about your family.	My husband and I have been married 30 years! We met in Pelican Alaska sliming fish and butchering crab for the summer. He was from Seattle Washington and I was from Utah. We worked the night shift in a processing plant. I am the mother of 5 wonderful young adults. My oldest is an RN at Dixie Reginal Hospital. My second is finishing her degree in Graphic Design at USU. I have twins, one is serving and LDS mission in Poland and the other will be leaving for an LDS mission in Madrid Spain. My youngest is a Sophomore at American Fork High.



Kym Turner

1st Grade

What is your favorite restaurant?	Zupas
What is your favorite store?	Target
What is your favorite scent?	Citrus
What is your favorite candy/treat?	Chocolate covered cinnamon bears
What is your favorite hobby?	Reading
What is your favorite flower?	Orchids
What is your favorite color?	Turquoise
What is your favorite school supply?	Ticonderoga pencils
What is your favorite TV show/movie?	Shark Tank
What is your favorite thing about being a teacher?	Seeing the progress and growth in the children.
Tell us about your family.	I have three great kids; one boy and two girls.



Dee Lawler

5th Grade

What is your favorite restaurant?	Cheesecake factory
What is your favorite store?	Amazon
What is your favorite scent?	Gardenia
What is your favorite candy/treat?	See's Candy (no nuts)
What is your favorite hobby?	Kayaking
What is your favorite flower?	Gardenia
What is your favorite drink?	Water
What is your favorite color?	Today it's blue
What is your favorite school supply?	All of them. I'm obsessed!!!
What is your favorite TV show/movie?	Pride and Prejudice
What is your favorite thing about being a teacher?	The kids. Also my colleagues.
Where is your favorite place you have lived?	Lake Arrowhead, CA
What is your favorite quote?	I have a book with 500 quotes. Too many to have just one favorite.
Tell us about your family.	I've been married to Russ for 37 years. We have 4 kids and 9 grandkids. I love my family!!



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,

Happy Holidays! I love this time of year, as the weather gets colder, the anticipation of the holidays is rising, the opportunities to give to others, and the excitement that children bring everywhere. I truly love going to the school and getting to know more of the students at TME. I hope everyone soaks up this holiday season as it seems to go by fast.

Our school is amazing! This last month we finished up with our Reflections contest. We have so many talented students. We had over 70 great entries. We had an awards night where the winners of each category were recognized and they moved on to the district level. I want to publicly thank Andrew Lambert for being in charge of this program. He took a lot of time and put in a lot of effort and he did a great job! I really appreciate parent volunteers.

We also had a great turn out to our spirit night at Chick Fil A in November. We received 20% of the nights vouchers and will use that in helping our school out. We just want to remind everyone that the next spirit night will be Wednesday December 14. Make sure you tell the cashier that you are from TME and what class your student is in. If we earn over \$100 then the top class will get a party and a visit from the Chick Fil A cow. Mrs. Walkers class won the party for last month and they will be having a cookie and lemonade party. I wonder what class will win this month?

Now that we are enjoying cold weather we thought it would be a good time to sell TME sweatshirts. If you haven't got one, we still have some left. They are \$20 each and you can get one in the office or we will be selling them the day of the Christmas sing. Just a reminder that every Friday is spirit day! Kids are encouraged to wear any school PTA sponsored shirt. This includes the black sweatshirts. We have a contest each month and the top 2 classes receive playground equipment for their class. This last month Mrs. Crockett and Mrs. Davis first grade class won. Who will win this month?

With the new year coming upon us we have a lot to look forward too. We have many great activities planned and are looking forward to them. We always appreciate all of the support we get from parents but we continue to need more help. We can't accomplish these fun traditions without volunteers. We hope that you will all have a wonderful and safe holiday season!

Heidi Brown—PTA President

Looking ahead to January	
1/3	First Day Back to School
1/4	PTA Meeting 9:30am
1/4	SCC Meeting 3:45pm
1/9	White Ribbon Week
1/11	PTA Chick-Fil-A
1/13	5th Grade to JA Biz Town
1/16	No School
1/19	Mother/Son Activity
1/21	Ballroom Competition
1/30	Spell-a-thon Kickoff



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