

Traverse Mountain Elementary

Tiger Times



THIS MONTH AT A GLANCE

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Apr 3-7	Spring Break	Apr 11	SCC Meeting 3:45pm
Apr 12	PTA Meeting 9:30am	Apr 14	3rd Grade Field Trip
Apr 22	Daddy Daughter Dance	Apr 24	NOVA Graduation
Apr 25-27	BOGO Book Fair	Apr 25	4th Grade Field Trip
Apr 25	Chick-Fil-A Night		

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Traverse Mountain Community,

The school year is flying by! It's April and the weather is finally warming up. Here at school, we can definitely tell that summer is just around the corner. We have hopefully put the majority of our inside recess days in the rearview mirror.

March was filled with a lot of great activities here at school. Our ballroom team went to Brigham Young University and did exceptionally well in their competition. They brought home a couple of great trophies. Next time you are at the school, be sure to stop by the trophy case and admire the results of hours and hours of dedicated practice. Way to go Ballroom!

March was also the time for our Battle of the Books competition. We had many, many 3rd through 6th grade teams compete and they all did great. Our winning teams were the "Readers of the Deathly Hallows" from Mrs. Lawler's 5th grade class and "The Blastoff Readers" from Mrs. Leder's 3rd grade class. The Blastoff Readers were able to compete at the district competition and they represented Traverse Mountain very well. Great job to everyone who competed on a team. We had thousands of pages read this year by our students to get ready for this friendly competition.

As our school year winds down, we would like to remind everyone to finish the school year out strong. The students are in the middle of SAGE testing and they are doing very well. This is a great time for them to show their teacher, parents, and most importantly, themselves, how much they have learned throughout the year. Please make sure your students are getting enough sleep and eating a good breakfast because they will be testing off and on for the next few weeks.

Again, thank you for all you do for your students. We appreciate the many hours you volunteer at the school. If you have not had the opportunity to spend some time in your student's classroom, there is still time before we dismiss for summer vacation. The students love having their parents spend time with them at school. It is time well spent.

Thanks for all of your support and enjoy the beautiful Spring weather.

Paul Finlayson
 Assistant Principal



Picture News Award Winners



Traverse Mountain Elementary Council Awards

Sherri Davis:
Outstanding Edu-
cator

Haddie Hansen:
Outstanding Stu-
dent

**Stephanie
McDonald:** Out-
standing Volun-
teer

Heather Young:
Outstanding Staff
Member

**Battle of the books 3rd
grade winners.**

**Team name: The
Blastoff Readers**



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. We have a new assistant in the front office, Jean Newell. Since she won't know many of you, please come prepared with photo ID to check out your children.

Opportunity

Each month we make and show a video built on the monthly theme. Hannah Kynerd has done such a terrific job helping us out each month. We are looking for someone who would be willing to help come up with ideas for each video, and then come to the school and help the students film. If you are interested you would come to the school, work with students, think of ideas, and then assist Hannah with what she needs. Please email me if you are interested. istrong@alpinedistrict.org. It really is fun to work with the students on this.

Preschool

Tuition Preschool Online Registration (online only)

Monday March 20 10:00 AM \$75.00 registration fee

Chess Club

Does your child love to play **chess**. Utah Valley is having a chess tournament that is open to all students K-6. You save money if you register by today, March 13.

Join the PTA!!

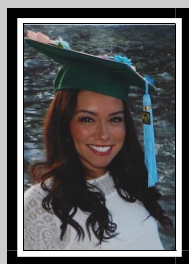
If you have not yet joined the PTA please come to the front office and do so. We would really appreciate your support! Joining the PTA does not require you to volunteer or be at the school for any particular event. It's just a way to help support the school your children attend.



Mrs. Adams

Learning Lab

What is your favorite restaurant?	Outback
What is your favorite store?	Smiths
What is your favorite scent?	Rose
What is your favorite candy/treat?	Caramel corn
What is your favorite hobby?	Landscaping/gardening
What is your favorite flower?	Roses
What is your favorite drink?	Dr. Pepper 10
What is your favorite color?	Light pink and light blue
What is your favorite school supply?	Stress-reducing hand held gadgets
Favorite TV show/movie	Star Trek
What is your favorite thing about being a teacher?	Helping students on their journey of fulfilling their hopes and dreams.
Where is your favorite place you have lived?	Alaska
Favorite quote.	"Life is an exciting business, and most exciting when it is lived for other." Helen Keller
Tell us about your family.	I have been married to my best friend for 33 years. We are both originally from Oregon. We have 3 children (2 boys and a girl) who have become amazing adults. They are some of our best friends. Our children are all happily married. So far we have 3 adorable grandbabies who live just a few minutes away from us. They are the main reason we left our beloved Alaska and moved to Utah.



Erika Albino

Learning Lab

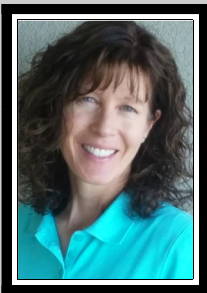
What is your favorite restaurant?	J Alexander's in Tampa, Florida
What is your favorite store?	TJ Maxx
What is your favorite scent?	Dolce and Gabbana Light Blue
What is your favorite candy/treat?	Ferrero Rocher
What is your favorite hobby?	Scenic drives, reading outside
What is your favorite flower?	Lily
What is your favorite drink?	Bai Antioxidant Cocolution Molokai Coconut
What is your favorite color?	Light purple, blue, deep red, orange
What is your favorite school supply?	Pencils and sticky notes
Favorite TV show/movie	Harry Potter series
What is your favorite thing about being a teacher?	Helping students see their potential and reach it.
Where is your favorite place you have lived?	Charlestown, Rhode Island
What is your favorite quote?	"Wherever you are, be all there."
Tell us about your family.	My family lives in Connecticut My parents and sister are absolutely wonderful. They are all so bright, loving, and caring. We are all animal lovers. We enjoy spending time together and visiting extended family as well. We go to Rhode Island every year for our family vacation with my entire dad's side of the family and it is a blast! They have such beautiful souls and are always there for me! I love them!



Beth Hansen

Computers Teacher

What is your favorite restaurant?	Wild Zucchini
What is your favorite store?	Target
What is your favorite scent?	Cookies baking in the oven
What is your favorite candy/treat?	Dark chocolate and homemade caramel; I'm gluten-free, so my treat choices are limited.
What is your favorite hobby?	Reading and decorating cakes.
What is your favorite flower?	Zinnia
What is your favorite drink?	Water, or the occasional Vanilla Coke
What is your favorite color?	Aqua
What is your favorite school supply?	Books!!
What is your favorite TV show/movie?	Castle or Sherlock
What is your favorite thing about being a teacher?	Seeing kids get excited about learning!
Where is your favorite place you have lived?	Lehi
What is your favorite quote?	"It is our choices that show us what we truly are, far more than our abilities." - Albus Dumbledore
Tell us about your family.	I have an amazing husband and 5 busy kids, ranging in age from 3 to 14. Three of my boys go to school at Traverse Mountain. It's a fun and crazy life!



Brenda Holtom

3rd Grade

What is your favorite restaurant?	In-n-Out Burger
What is your favorite scent?	The ocean
What is your favorite candy/treat?	Popcorn, caramel popcorn, English toffee, chocolate covered almonds.
What is your favorite hobby?	Reading, dancing and everything to do with music.
What is your favorite color?	The colors of the sea
What is your favorite thing to collect?	Fun rhythm instruments children's books, fossils and rocks.
What is your favorite thing about being a teacher?	Helping children become their best self.
Where is your favorite place you have lived?	California! Northern California, San Francisco Bay Area and Southern California San Diego
Tell us about your family.	I am married to an amazing man and have 3 wonderful adult children.



Box Tops

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 year. 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

TM TIGERS,

Hope everyone had a great week off during spring break! Hope everyone got rejuvenated and are ready to finish the year off with a bang! We have some fun things planned and hope everyone will get involved.

We want to send a shout out to all of our room moms and parents who spoiled our teachers and staff during our Teacher Appreciation week. Thanks so much for helping out with decorating doors, bringing in food, coming into classrooms and so much more. We really are so lucky to have such amazing faculty at our school and we hope they know how much they are loved!

This month we are excited to have our annual Princess Ball. It will be held on Saturday April 22nd from 5-8. This year we will be having a 50's Sock Hop! Have your "Pink Ladies" (Girls age Pre-K - 6th grade) grab their "T-Birds" (Dad, uncle, grandpa, brother etc..), put on their Poodle skirts and dance the night away! Tickets are \$7 per person and are available in the office or at the event. Each ticket includes a shake, Five Guy's Fries and girls will get a 50's neck scarf!! We will have great Photo-Op spots, so bring your phone or camera! This will be an event to remember!

Just a couple reminders for the last couple months of school. Each Friday we have Spirit shirt day. This is when students can wear any school/PTA shirt and there will be a class reward at the end of each month for the top 2 classes. Also don't forget to bring in any box tops that you have at home and turn them into your teacher. Each box top turned in brings money back to our school. Our spirit night at Chick Fil A this month is on Tuesday April 25. Don't forget to tell them what school and class you are from. Top class gets a cookie and lemonade party!

As we are starting to finish up this school year we are looking towards next year. We are always in need of volunteers. Please consider joining PTA and getting involved. There is something for everyone. We have PTA meetings the first Wednesday of the month at 9:30.

Heidi Brown—PTA President

Looking ahead to May	
5/1-5/3	5th Grade to Clear Creek
5/3	PTA Meeting 9:30am
5/9	3rd Grade Program
5/11	Carolyn Gifford's retirement party 4-5:30pm
5/18	Annual 5K Run
5/22	Chick-Fil-A
5/23	Dance Festival
5/24	PM Kindergarten Graduation
5/25	AM Kindergarten Graduation
5/26	Last Day of School



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