



## Traverse Mountain Elementary

# Tiger Times



### THIS MONTH AT A GLANCE

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May 1	6th Grade Hope of America 10:30am	May 2	5th Grade Girls to Clear Creek
May 3	5th Grade Boys to Clear Creek	May 3	PTA Meeting 9:30am
May 8	4th Grade County Fair	May 9	3rd Grade Program 6:00pm
May 11	Carolyn Gifford Retirement Party	May 18	5K Run 9:30am
May 19	6th Grade End of Year Party	May 19	Preschool Graduation
May 22	Chick-Fil-A Night	May 23	Dance Festival 9:15am
May 23	6th Grade Farewell Ceremony	May 25	Kindergarten Last Day
May 25	AM/PM Kindergarten Graduation	May 26	Last Day of School 9:15am-10:45am

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### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Traverse Mountain Community,

As we come to the end of this 2016-2017 school year we are still hard at work all the way to the end. Each teacher is heavily involved in end of year assessments to inform students, parents and teachers of where each child is on grade level curriculum. SAGE testing is still underway and will be completed by May 19, 2017.

We have many end of year events still to come. Our annual 5K is a favorite for exercise and outdoor fun with each of our classmates. Parents are invited to join in the fun. Our Dance Festival allows each student to express themselves in creative, kinetic ways and gives us the opportunity to perform for each other and our families. On the last day of school the Lehi Fire Department will come by the school and spray their firehose over the entire playground for a fun watery ending to our school year.

We express our gratitude to our parents and community for their support and involvement in our efforts here at Traverse Mountain Elementary. We appreciate the many ways you acknowledge our efforts with your children. It is a pleasure to serve along side you as we raise the next generation of leaders among us. Thank you for sharing your children with us.

Ilene Strong,  
 Principal





# Hope of America Recipients

Miss Hall  
Alex Swenson  
Graysen Lanenga

Mrs. Colaizzi  
Kylie Olsen  
Tyler Gibby

Mr. Cowley  
Megan Bagley  
McKay Grange

Ms. Shaum  
Cameron Metcalf  
Jackson Andrus

Mrs. Holaway  
Grace Brenny  
Cheyenne Strongo





# Paul Finlayson

## Assistant Principal

What is your favorite restaurant?	Texas Roadhouse
What is your favorite store?	Cabelas
What is your favorite scent?	Mowed Grass
What is your favorite candy/treat?	Peanut Butter Twix
What is your favorite hobby?	Riding my bike
What is your favorite flower?	Arrowleaf Balsamroot
What is your favorite drink?	Diet Coke
What is your favorite color?	Green
What is your favorite school supply?	Hand sanitizer
Favorite TV show/movie	Wild Hogs
What is your favorite thing about being a teacher?	Getting to know the kids
Where is your favorite place you have lived?	Spain
Tell us about your family.	I have a beautiful wife and six kids ages 19, 17, 17, 14, 13, 3. We love to go on vacations together and do anything outdoors!



# Lisa Christensen

## Office Assistant

What is your favorite restaurant?	Arnies (Seattle)
What is your favorite store?	Internet shopping! And Costco (as long as it's not Saturday!)
What is your favorite scent?	Christmas/Holiday cinnamon and cloves, etc.
What is your favorite candy/treat?	Any "ooey, gooey" with chocolate, caramel, nuts
What is your favorite hobby?	Being outdoors, music, reading, being with family
What is your favorite flower?	Garden FULL of color!
What is your favorite color?	Blue/purple
What is your favorite school supply?	Since I'm the financial secretary I love the calculator! =)
What is your favorite TV show/movie?	The Sound of Music
What is your favorite thing about being a secretary?	Hearing the cute things the kids say daily!
Where is your favorite place you have lived?	Seattle, WA
What is your favorite quote?	"We can't direct the wind but we can adjust the sails."
Tell us about your family.	I am married, I have one daughter and three sons, and 8 grandchildren (4 girls/4 boys). Only half of them live in Utah, but I love going to the sport/school activities of the kids close by. I have a new grandbaby and love spending time with her. I lived in the Seattle, WA area for 22 years where my family was raised, but Utah is home to us and we moved back to be close to family. My kids/grandkids all love music so it's fun to share that as a family.



# Heather Young

## Office Assistant

What is your favorite restaurant?	Tsunami
What is your favorite store?	Called to Surf
What is your favorite scent?	Anything fruity
What is your favorite candy/treat?	Maple donut
What is your favorite hobby?	Yoga, wake boarding
What is your favorite flower?	Tulips
What is your favorite drink?	Diet Coke
What is your favorite color?	Orange
What is your favorite school supply?	Sharpies
What is your favorite TV show/movie?	I don't love watching TV or movies
What is your favorite thing about being a secretary?	I love being able to help students!
What is your favorite quote?	Comparison is the thief of joy.
Tell us about your family.	I have the best husband and 3 kids. We love to spend all of our free time on the lake or snuggling our fuzzy dog, Lucy.



# Kristen Palmer

## Preschool

What is your favorite restaurant?	Texas Roadhouse, Village Baker
What is your favorite candy/treat?	Caramels
What is your favorite hobby?	Hiking
What is your favorite flower?	All flowers
What is your favorite drink?	Diet Coke
What is your favorite color?	Red
What is your favorite school supply?	Laminating paper and glue sticks!
What is your favorite thing about being a teacher?	Helping the kids to love school.
Tell us about your family.	I am married, we have 2 boys and a girl. Alex 16, James 14, Ava 9. We have two dogs, a yorkie Mazi and a maltose, Leia but I call her baby. :) We love to go to the cabin, go boating with grandparents. We love going on vacations together.





# Box Tops

Please keep those box tops coming in. 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 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](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

Looking ahead to August

Traverse Mountain Tigers,

8/4	New Student Registration
8/22	First Day of School
9/6	School Pictures
9/11	Fall Carnival

The school year is quickly coming to an end! We have had a fabulous year and hope that great memories have been made. Looking back to the first week of school and seeing all of the eager kids walking to their new classrooms. And now they are confident and ready to move on to the next year. We wish our graduating 6th grade class good luck with their new adventures at Lehi Jr. As our PTA board chose the theme for the year we wanted to teach our children that they can and should "Get Up and Move." Not only is being physically active very important but moving forward in life and accomplishing goals is crucial. We hope that each student realizes that they have done amazing things this year. School can be challenging at times but we can all push through and accomplish what we set our minds too.

With our earnings from our Spell a Thon fundraiser this year we are currently working on plans to upgrade and enhance our playground. We are in contact with the district and hopefully decisions will be made soon. We appreciate everyone's support in all of our fundraising events. We hope to make TME an even greater elementary!

This past month we had a very successful Daddy/ Daughter 50's sock hop. The night was filled with giddy girls dressed in poodle skirts, hot french fries, delicious milk shakes and great dancing. It was so much fun to see the excitement in the girls eyes as they had a very memorable night. The night was brought together by Stephanie McDonald and her committee of volunteers. Thank you to everyone who came and supported us and to all who helped.

Before the last day of school reaches us we have some things to look forward too. We have field trips, class programs, our annual 5k, handing out of yearbooks, and the anticipated dance festival. This is a busy month but hopefully it will be field with happy times when we can soak up each moment. Our school is amazing and we are so lucky to be part of a great community. I have loved being involved and am sad to see the year end. I wish everyone a happy summer and see ya next year!

Heidi Brown—PTA President



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