

Traverse Mountain Elementary

Tiger Times



THIS MONTH AT A GLANCE

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| Nov 1 | Fundraiser Movie Field Trip | Nov 7 | SCC 3:45pm |
| Nov 7 | PTA Chick-Fil-A Night | Nov 14 | Reflections Awards Night |
| Nov 15 | PTA Meeting 9:30am | Nov 22-26 | Thanksgiving Break |
| Nov 29 | Community Input Meeting on
Boundary Changes 1pm and 5:30pm | | |

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Traverse Mountain Community,

Thank you so much for the warm welcome! So many kind notes, treats, and the tremendous show of support at every turn has made my transition to Traverse Mountain one that I'll never forget. It's been so fun to see that we have the best students, faculty, and parents working together to achieve student success on a daily basis.

Our fundraiser was a success and we were excited to take the top selling students on a fieldtrip to watch a movie. Thank you so much for all your support. The money received goes directly to getting security cameras for the school.

We also want to express our deep appreciation to Xactware Solutions Inc. for their volunteers in helping with cleaning up and beautifying the grounds of our school, and in leading our 6th grade classes in an hour of code.

It's been fun watching the amazing reflections entry's come into the office. They will be judged soon and we will have an awards assembly on November 14th.

We express our gratitude to our many volunteers who continually provide valuable hours of service to our school. During this season of Thanksgiving, we appreciate all you do!

Brian Ridge
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.

Student Handbook Highlight

Dress Standards: We appreciate your help in making sure that your child is dressed appropriately for school. Some important guidelines are included: Dress for the Weather - Children should arrive at school dressed so they can play comfortably outside. All children are expected to go outside at lunch and recess unless the weather conditions are extreme. If you desire your child to stay in at lunch or recess because of illness, please send a note to the teacher.

Lost and Found

Our Lost and Found is getting pretty full. During the Christmas break we take all of the unclaimed items to charity. When you visit the school, please take a minute and check for lost items. The Lost and Found is located under the main entry stairs on the 1st level of the building.

Amazon Smiles

Use this link when you shop on Amazon to donate toward our school!

Unique charity link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/27-2426261>

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: Halloween!!



Pictures: Day of Caring



Mrs. Strong attended the Utah Valley Commerce Breakfast where educational and business partnerships were honored. Traverse Mountain Elementary was able to honor Xactware for their tremendous contribution to our school. Rosie Skinner accepted the award on behalf of Xactware.



Brian Ridge

Administrative

What is your favorite restaurant?	Outback
What is your favorite store?	Home Depot or Amazon
What is your favorite scent?	Fresh cut grass in the Spring, Oranges
What is your favorite candy/treat?	Cool Mint Chocolate Cliff Bar, York
What is your favorite hobby?	My kids activities, movies, music, reading, shooting
What is your favorite flower?	Bird-of-Paradise
What is your favorite drink?	Raspberry Ice Crystal Light, Diet Dr. Pepper
What is your favorite color?	Orange
What is your favorite school supply?	Pencils and erasers
What is your favorite TV show/movie?	Carbonaro Effect/Rudy
What is your favorite thing about being a teacher?	Helping kids, and working with amazing people!
Where is your favorite place you have lived?	Japan
What is your favorite quote?	"Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever."
Tell us about your family.	I have a lovely wife, four kids, and an American Bully named Jade. My wife has taught preschool out of our home while my kids were there. Now she teaches dance. My older boys love sports: lacrosse, golf, and they are wrestlers at Pleasant Grove High. My daughter LOVES to dance and create, she truly is an artist. My youngest son, like his older brothers, loves sports: Football, baseball, wrestling and has enjoyed Muay Thai, and Jiu jitsu.



Kristen Palmer

Preschool

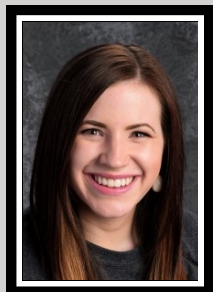
What is your favorite restaurant?	Texas Roadhouse, Village Baker
What is your favorite candy/treat?	Caramels
What is your favorite hobby?	Hiking
What is your favorite flower?	All flowers
What is your favorite drink?	Diet Coke
What is your favorite color?	Red
What is your favorite school supply?	Laminating 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 two 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.



Nikki Thorpe

2nd Grade

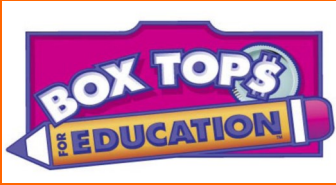
What is your favorite restaurant?	Costa Vida
What is your favorite store?	Target
What is your favorite scent?	Vanilla
What is your favorite candy/treat?	Reeses
What is your favorite hobby?	Running
What is your favorite flower?	Rose
What is your favorite drink?	Crystal Light with caffeine
What is your favorite color?	Blue
What is your favorite school supply?	Clorox wipes
What is your favorite TV show/movie?	Amazing Race
What is your favorite thing about being a teacher?	Watching students learn and discover something new.
Tell us about your family.	Husband John, Braiden 22, Austin 20, Brooklyn 16, Ashlee 9, and Chase 4



Nichole Keele

Art

What is your favorite restaurant?	The Junction, Chili's, Texas Roadhouse, and Los Hermanos
What is your favorite store?	Target, Ulta, Gap
What is your favorite scent?	Coconut
What is your favorite candy/treat?	PB Twix and anything dark chocolate
What is your favorite hobby?	Reading, shopping
What is your favorite flower?	Daisy
What is your favorite drink?	Mountain Dew—all kinds
What is your favorite color?	Green
What is your favorite school supply?	Sticky notes and cool pens
What is your favorite TV show/movie?	TV Show—The Office, Parks & Rec, and Survivor. Movie—Mean Girls and 500 Days of Summer
What is your favorite thing about being a teacher?	Having fun with the kids and seeing the light go on!
Where is your favorite place you have lived?	I've only lived in Utah!
Tell us about your family.	I have been married to Ryan for 4 y ears, and have an 18 month old daughter named Addison.



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

Download a 50 count Box Tops collection sheet here: http://www.hoptpta.org/joomla/images/boxtops/box_tops_50.pdf

PTA Presidents Message

Hello Traverse Mountain Parents!

October was a busy and fun month at TMES. Parent teacher conferences, fall break, field trips, and ending the month seeing everyone in their Halloween costumes was just the best! It feels like we are over the hump of the new year and into the swing of things. I hope you feel settled and getting all the help you need. Thank you to all of the parents who volunteer weekly and/or put together the classroom Halloween parties.

You are invited to attend our monthly PTA board meetings where we discuss what's going on and what's on the agenda. We take time to hear input from those in attendance - your voice is valuable! (Added bonus to those who are a member of PTA because you can vote if a vote is necessary.) We generally meet the second Wednesday of each month but this month it will be November 15th, the 3rd Wednesday. The night before will be a meeting Mrs. Strong will attend about boundaries, and then she will present that information to us at the PTA meeting. So please join us November 15th at 9:30 a.m. in the teacher's lounge!

November Snapshot:

Chick-Fil-A Night: November 7th (5-8 pm)

Reflections Awards Night: November 14th

PTA Meeting: November 15th (9:30 am)

Thanksgiving Break: November 22-26

Sarah Bennett—PTA President

Looking ahead to December	
12/5	Chick-Fil-A Night
12/9	Ballroom Alpine Match
12/13	PTA Meeting 9:30am
12/14	Ballroom Performance
12/18	B Track Christmas Concert
12/19	A Track Christmas Concert
12/20	Half day 8:00-11:45
12/21-1/2	Christmas Break



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