



Traverse Mountain Elementary

Tiger Times



THIS MONTH AT A GLANCE

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Dec 5	PTA Chick-Fil-A Night	Dec 9	Ballroom Team Match
Dec 13	PTA Meeting 9:30am	Dec 14	Ballroom Performance
Dec 18	B Track Christmas Sing 1:15pm	Dec 19	A Track Christmas Sing 8:00am
Dec 20	Half day for all students 8am-11:45am	Dec 21- Jan 2	Christmas Break

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Traverse Mountain Community,

Merry Christmas to Traverse Mountain Elementary students and parents. I am so thankful to be associated with each and every one of you. I have the best job in the world. I love it and happily come to work each day. What a blessing you all are in my life.

This is a magical time of year, especially in an elementary school. We are busy learning holiday songs and making holiday decorations. We are also learning our content and core curriculum while diving deep into an engaged process.

We invite everyone to our Christmas Sing on December 18 at 1:15 (for B Track students) and December 19 at 8:00 (for A Track students). Each grade level will be presenting holiday songs and talents. December 20 is a half day where all students will be attending at the same time from 8:00 - 11:45. Breakfast and lunch will be served that day.

Thanks to our dedicated and amazing teachers, and to our supportive and willing parents, together we are making a difference in the lives of the children of our future. We love working with you as our paths cross in this great endeavor.

Ilene Strong
Principal



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Other School News



Eagle Scout Project

JD Logan made two 9 square courts for our playground for his Eagle Scout project.

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

Field Trips: Occasionally, classes will extend learning beyond the classroom by going on a field trip. Your child's teacher will send home information regarding each field trip. Parent volunteers are often asked to help supervise during trips. We appreciate your help, but ask that preschool age children not come along.

Gum: Gum should not be brought to school. Birthday treats should be purchased at the store.

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.

Bad Weather

Plan B: Please discuss with your children a plan B in case of inclement weather. Are they to walk or wait for you at a designated place? It is very helpful to the flow of everyone if this is pre-determined before the situation arises. Please don't plan on your child using the phone at the school to make a plan when the weather is bad.

New Assistant Principal

Brian Ridge has been appointed as principal of River Rock Elementary. He replaces Jason Benson who resigned on Tuesday. Lewis Young will now serve as assistant principal at Traverse Mountain Elementary. Prior to today's appointment, Mr. Young served as a partnership facilitator and teacher on administrative assignment at Sharon Elementary. His experience in education includes teaching at Saratoga Shores and Riverview Elementary.

Pictures: Reflections



We had a wonderful reflections celebration. The theme was “Within Reach”. Our students are so creative! Reflection winners are pictured below.



Pictures: PTA Board



This month we'd like to introduce our PTA Executive Board; left to right: Stephanie McDonald, Lyndsay Detro, Sarah Bennett, Heidi Cornnell, Jaime Taylor. (Not pictured: Mandy Brown - Membership VP)

Meet Stephanie McDonald: PTA President-Elect
Stephanie grew up in Murray, Utah and completely loved it. She has 2 older brothers and 1 younger sister. She's been married for 15 years to her best buddy. They have 4 darling kiddos! She has been so grateful to be able to be apart of Traverse Mountain PTA since the beginning of the school. She has

served in many capacities; room mom, head room mom, princess ball chair, president-elect, president and this year she is serving again as president-elect and gets to be president again next year! The thing she loves most about being involved is getting to know our amazing principal, secretaries, and teachers. Not to mention the amazing friendships she has been able to make. Plus, her kids love seeing her at the school!

Meet Lyndsay Detro: PTA Leadership VP

Lyndsay and her family moved to Utah in 2009. She is married and has 5 kids. She lived all over growing up including Colorado, California, Pennsylvania, and Illinois. She graduated from BYU in Fitness and Wellness Management but currently is a stay-at-home mom and loves it. She also loves reading, watching movies, doing Legos, watching/supporting lots of soccer games, and playing board games with her kids. She loves volunteering because it helps her be more involved in her kids' lives and it gives her a better sense of how she can help them and what they need. For her, it's one way she can show her kids that she loves them.

(Sarah Bennett: PTA President in the middle – featured last month)

Meet Heidi Cornnell: PTA Secretary

Heidi is new to the area. She moved from the Washington D.C. area about a year ago. She is married and has one son in second grade. She enjoys volunteering at the school and joined the PTA Board in order to learn more about how the school and the area operate and to meet more of the school community. She enjoys playing sports and being in the outdoors skiing, hiking, camping, biking, volleyball, ultimate Frisbee, etc. She especially loves doing all of that in Utah where it is not humid.

Meet Jaime Taylor: PTA Treasurer

Jaime is married and has 2 wonderful boys, Ashton who is in 3rd grade and Brantley who is 3. She moved here from Montana a little over 2 years ago. Shortly after she moved here, she started up her own insurance/financial services agency and with that it has given her the flexibility to volunteer and be apart of her son's school. She enjoys volunteering in his classroom and being involved in the school, which is why she joined the PTA this year. Outside of the school and work she loves being with her family doing anything outdoors, golfing and watching her son's sporting events.



Sarah Rollins

1st Grade

What is your favorite restaurant?	Olive Garden, Pizza Studio
What is your favorite store?	Kohls, Amazon, Famous Footwear
What is your favorite scent?	Vanilla, cinnamon
What is your favorite candy/treat?	Cookies, chocolate covered cinnamon bears
What is your favorite hobby?	Reading, playing the piano
What is your favorite flower?	Daises
What is your favorite drink?	Naked juice, smoothies
What is your favorite color?	Purple
What is your favorite school supply?	Utah/Idaho Supply, really good stuff
What is your favorite thing about being a teacher?	The personalities of my students.
Where is your favorite place you have lived?	Only lived in Utah, and it is good. But I love traveling!
What is your favorite quote?	"When a defining moment comes along, you define the moment... or the moment defines you."
Tell us about your family.	I am from Lehi, I have 3 brothers and 2 sisters. I am the second oldest. My family enjoys traveling together; we have been to many places on the East Coast and driven long car rides to Washington D.C. and Disney World all piled in one car. My family also enjoys movies, every holiday when we are together we always go to the movies.

What is your favorite school supply? Dry Erase markers



Alyse Allen

2nd Grade

What is your favorite restaurant?	Café Rio
Favorite store?	Called to Surf
Favorite scent?	Lemon
What is your favorite candy/treat?	Sour Patch Kids or Blue Symphony Bars
What is your favorite hobby?	Dance
What is your favorite flower?	Peonies or Tulips
What is your favorite drink?	Vitamin Water
What is your favorite color?	Purple
What is your favorite school supply?	PaperMate Flair Pens (with the felt tip)
What is your favorite thing about being a teacher?	That no day is ever the same
Favorite place you have lived?	Jerusalem
Favorite quote?	"Have courage and be kind."
Tell us about your family.	I have a mom, dad, stepmom and stepdad. I have two sisters, three brothers, two brother-in-laws, 4 nieces and 1 nephew. And I love them all more than anything else in the world.

What is your favorite candy/treat?

Snickers/Lemon Bars



Ashley Child

4th Grade

What is your favorite restaurant?	Cubbys or Zupas
What is your favorite store?	Costco
What is your favorite scent?	Rain
What is your favorite candy/treat?	Take 5
What is your favorite hobby?	Exercising and camping
What is your favorite flower?	Daisy
What is your favorite drink?	Dr. Pepper with pineapple and coconut
What is your favorite color?	Blue
What is your favorite school supply?	Expo Markers
What is your favorite TV show/movie?	I'm a proud fan of the Bachelor/Bachelorette
What is your favorite thing about being a teacher?	The "ah ha" moment when a student understands a new concept.
Favorite place you have lived?	Lehi, Utah!
Favorite quote?	"Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened."
Tell us about your family.	I've been married for 2 years to a cute redhead named Matthew. No kids yet, just an owner of a little goldfish named Nicholas.



Hannah Solari

5th Grade

What is your favorite restaurant?	Café Rio and Cheesecake Factory
What is your favorite store?	Called to Surf/Barnes and Noble
What is your favorite scent?	Tropical or fall scents
What is your favorite candy/treat?	Reese's and chocolate chip cookies
What is your favorite hobby?	Baking/reading/Zumba
What is your favorite flower?	Tulips
What is your favorite drink?	Dr. Pepper
What is your favorite color?	Periwinkle
What is your favorite school supply?	Expo markers/colored cardstock
What is your favorite thing about being a teacher?	Building relationships with my students and when they finally understand a concept they've been struggling with.
Where is your favorite place you have lived?	Santa Cruz, California
Favorite quote?	"There are far better things ahead than any we leave behind." ~C.S. Lewis
Tell us about your family.	I am the second of 5 and the only girl. My older brother is married with two cute little boys! I have a brother who just got back from a mission in Ecuador and is living here in Provo going to BYU. He and I love getting late night snacks at Taco Bell! Another brother is a sophomore in high school and the youngest is in 7th grade. My parents just moved to Vancouver, Washington last summer, and it's been a lot of fun exploring their new home! We also have a white lab named Buster after our favorite San Francisco Giants baseball player.



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.hopepta.org/joomla/images/boxtops/box_tops_50.pdf

PTA Presidents Message

Hello Traverse Mountain Parents!

We are to the last month of 2017! The biggest news is the announcement and boundary plans of the new school located in Edge homes. There are a lot of changes this brings. There is excitement and sadness around all of it but we are doing all we can to enjoy this year!

This month we'd like to introduce our PTA Executive Board.

President—Sarah Bennett

President Elect—Stephanie McDonald

Treasurer—Jaime Taylor

Secretary—Heidi Cornell

Lyndsay Detro—Leadership VP

Membership VP—Mandy Brown

You can find more information on them on page 4 of the newsletter.

Sarah Bennett—PTA President

Looking ahead to January	
1/9	SCC 3:45pm
1/9	Chick-Fil-A Night
1/10	PTA Meeting 9:30am
1/15	No School
1/16-1/18	Jersey Mike's Spirit Nights
1/22-1/26	White Ribbon Week
1/29	Spell-a-thon Kick Off



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