

Traverse Mountain Elementary

Tiger Times



THIS MONTH AT A GLANCE

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| Feb 2 | 5th Grade Maturation 1pm | Feb 5-9 | Book Fair |
| Feb 6 | SCC 3:45pm | Feb 6 | Chick-Fil-A Night |
| Feb 7-8 | Parent Teacher Conferences | Feb 9 | Spell-A-Thon test given |
| Feb 10 | Mother/Son Glow Party | Feb 12 | Spell-A-Thon results sent home |
| Feb 13 | Preschool Information Meeting | Feb 14 | PTA Meeting 9:30am |
| Feb 17 | Ballroom | Feb 19 | No School |
| Feb 21 | Spelling Bee 12:45pm | | |

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Traverse Mountain Community

What a fantastic month we have had since Christmas break. On January 23 the Alpine District School Board voted on the boundaries for the new school. While we are very happy for the students who will be getting to know Mrs. Sandi Akagi, the new school's principal, we are so sad to be losing our daily contact with many great families starting next school year.

On Wednesday, January 24 our beloved school nurse lost her battle with cancer. Mrs. Cinda Lee Martin was a favorite of the students who regularly visited the nurse's office. Cinda's kind nature and warm bubbly personality will be missed by all. Below is a picture of me and Cinda not long before she passed away.

We look forward to our PTA Mother Son Glow Party coming up on February 10, 2018 in the school gym, and a Father Daughter Hang Time Date Night on Friday, March 16 at Hang Time in Orem. I continue to be amazed at the support and care we continue to receive from the PTA.

Our Spell-A-Thon is in full swing and we thank the PTA for their extra hard work in making that a success. Thank you for all your donations to our students and our school.

Ilene Strong
 Principal



Other School News

Spell-A-Thon

Thank you for your support in helping us with our Spell-A-Thon Fundraiser. The PTA is working on raising money for new playground equipment. If we raise enough our new playground could be in before Spring Break. Pledges should continue to be sought after this week. The Spell-A-Thon test will be given this Friday, February 9.

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

Pets: Pets should not be brought to school unless arrangements have been made with the teacher. Please be mindful of students with allergies. Parents should accompany the pet to school and take it home after it has been shown.

Inside Days

We keep students inside if the temperature outside is 20 degrees or less. This includes wind chill. We also keep children inside if the air quality is in the “unhealthy” range according to air.utah.gov. We include in our monitoring the air quality reading of an independent unit installed at a home in Traverse Mountain. Students who are tagged in Skyward as having respiratory problems, or asthma, are kept inside when the air quality is “unhealthy for sensitive groups.” Parents who wish for students to be kept inside outside these guidelines will need to write a daily note to their child’s teacher.

Mother/Son Glow Party

Tickets now on sale: Don’t miss our Mother Son Glow Party this Saturday, February 10 from 6:00 - 8:00 in the school gym. You can pay cash or check in the office OR VENMO @TME-PTA (Please, please list all names of people attending so we can have your name at the door). Don’t forget to wear Neon or a white shirt that you’ll be able to decorate at the party. Tickets are \$7 in advance and \$8 at the door.



Stephanie Wagstaff

6th Grade

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| What is your favorite restaurant? | Zupas |
| What is your favorite store? | Home Goods, Amazon |
| What is your favorite scent? | Anything floral |
| What is your favorite candy/treat? | Sugar cookies, Snickers or Reese's Peanut Butter Cups |
| What is your favorite hobby? | Reading, quilting, and traveling |
| What is your favorite flower? | Tulips |
| What is your favorite drink? | Coke Zero, Diet Coke with Lime |
| What is your favorite color? | Red |
| What is your favorite TV show/movie? | Pride and Prejudice (BBC or Kiera Knightley version) |
| What is your favorite thing about being a teacher? | The process of learning together and from each other. |
| Where is your favorite place you have lived? | Phoenix (in the winter) |
| What is your favorite quote? | "The more that you read, the more things you will know, the more that you learn, the more places you will go." - Dr. Seuss |
| Tell us about your family. | Andy is my husband and we have 3 kids—Katya, Tasha, and Drew |



Tara Tabrizi

5th Grade

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| What is your favorite restaurant? | The Bohemian |
| Favorite store? | Target |
| Favorite scent? | Butter Pecan, Frankincense |
| What is your favorite hobby? | Reading on the beach. |
| What is your favorite flower? | Gerbera Daisy |
| What is your favorite drink? | McDonald's Diet Dr. Pepper |
| What is your favorite color? | Aqua |
| What is your favorite school supply? | Post-Its |
| What is your favorite thing about being a teacher? | Telling good stories. |
| Favorite place you have lived? | Wildwood Crest, NJ |
| Tell us about your family. | I got married in the summer of 2017 to my husband, Shane, who is my very best friend. I am the only member of my family that lives in Utah. In New Jersey, I have my parents, an older brother, Mike, a younger brother, Johnny, a sister, Noelle, and our three dogs, Ben, Ralphie and Mac. My family means the world to me. |



Katie Newbry

4th Grade

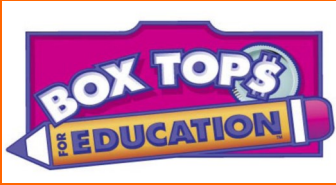
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| What is your favorite restaurant? | Culvers and Kneaders |
| What is your favorite store? | REI, Walmart, and Amazon |
| What is your favorite scent? | Anything fruity or Fall/Christmas scents |
| What is your favorite candy/treat? | Milky Way, Peanut Butter M&Ms, and Cheesecake |
| What is your favorite hobby? | Reading, Hiking, Biking, and Camping |
| What is your favorite flower? | Iris |
| What is your favorite drink? | Strawberry Lemonade |
| What is your favorite color? | Purple and Green |
| What is your favorite school supply? | Books or Post-It-Notes |
| What is your favorite TV show/movie? | Psych |
| What is your favorite thing about being a teacher? | Getting to know my students and watching them learn and grow. |
| Favorite place you have lived? | Northern Virginia (just outside of Washington DC) |
| Favorite quote? | "Enjoy the little things in life... for one day you'll look back and realize they were the big things." |
| Tell us about your family. | My husband's name is Kenny and we have six children (Sarah-15, Ben-13, Hannah-11, Grace-9, Dan-8, Adam-7). We love to be outdoors as a family and my husband and I are currently coaching the Lehi Junior High Mountain bike team. |



Rebecca Richards

3rd Grade

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| What is your favorite restaurant? | Zupas, PF Changs, Pizzeria Limone |
| What is your favorite store? | Target |
| What is your favorite scent? | Anything fruity |
| What is your favorite candy/treat? | Swedish Fish |
| What is your favorite hobby? | Watching movies. |
| What is your favorite flower? | I love them all! |
| What is your favorite drink? | Lemonade |
| What is your favorite color? | Blue and Green |
| What is your favorite school supply? | Colored pencils |
| What is your favorite TV show/movie? | Psych |
| What is your favorite thing about being a teacher? | Watching the kids learn and grow. |
| Where is the favorite place you have lived? | London, England |
| What is your favorite quote? | Keep Calm and Carry On |
| Tell us about your family. | I've been married for 2 years and my husband is finishing up school. We love to travel and spend time outside. |



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

Hey There Traverse Mountain Parents!

We are so grateful for all of your support. Whether it's donating to be a PTA member, volunteering your time, or supporting our events—we have a great community!

Thank you for all the participation in last month's restaurant nights. We had a different one every Tuesday! We had huge success. With the money we raised, we are able to put that right back into the classrooms.

We put out a survey in December asking parents where else PTA funds should go. The biggest vote was for the playground. With three portables on the blacktop and 1200 students, the playground is just too small. We are in the works of purchasing new equipment. Be on the look out for more news on that.

We have mixed feelings about the new school. It is hard to break up our community but we are excited for the opportunities the changes will make and the alleviation that will come from the growth we have experience. We want the community to know that the PTA has added a line item to our budget so we can cut a check to the new school's PTA to help get them going.

Finally, please check your email for weekly updates. We send out good information every Friday to keep you in the know; including links, fliers, volunteer opportunities, upcoming meetings and other calendar items.

Something new added to our calendar is monthly meetings concerning bullying. Come and let your voice be heard!

We love our students and are proud of our Traverse Mountain Tigers.

Sarah Bennett—PTA President

| Looking ahead to March | |
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| 3/5 | No School |
| 3/6 | Spell-A-Thon Winners |
| 3/6 | Anti-Bullying Meeting |
| 3/6 | SCC |
| 3/6 | Chick-Fil-A Night |
| 3/10 | Ballroom |
| 3/14 | PTA Meeting |
| 3/16 | Father/Daughter Activity |
| 3/19-3/23 | Teacher Appreciation Week |
| 3/22-3/24 | Beauty and the Beast |
| 3/23 | 2nd Grade Field Trip |
| 3/24 | District Battle of the Books |
| 3/26 | Kindergarten Registration |
| 3/27 | Ballroom Performance |



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