

Traverse Mountain Elementary

Tiger Times



THIS MONTH AT A GLANCE

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Mar 5	Willowcreek Middle School	Mar 21-24	School Musical
Mar 10	No School	Mar 24	Cookie Dough Kick Off
Mar 20	SCC 3:45pm	Mar 27	SAGE Parent Meeting 6pm

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Last week we had two new students move from another state in the Southeast. How nice it was for our two teachers to find that because the new students were learning from our same math book at their old school they could pick up and start learning right where they left off. This allowed continuity with the students as well as saved tremendous time for our teachers.

This Spring we will no longer be administering the Criterion-Referenced Tests (CRTs) as in years past. Instead we will be assessing our students using the Student Assessment for Growth and Excellence (SAGE) test. This test is considered "adaptive". According to the Utah State Office of Education's website, adaptive means: "Computer adaptive testing employs a software algorithm that adapts the test in real time, responding to the accuracy of a student's performance. Each question a student receives is dependent on his or her response to previous questions. This allows the algorithm to more accurately and efficiently determine a student's level of proficiency."

To learn more please plan to attend our SAGE Parent Information Meeting on March 27 at 6:00 PM in the school cafeteria.

Mrs. Strong, Principal

LEAD: Learn, Encourage, Achieve and Dream.



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Pictures: Princess Ball



Pictures: What's Happening in Gym



Chris Fogt Olympic Bronze Medalist in 4 man bobsled surprised Mrs. Walker's Class in P.E. on Wednesday (he arrived home from Sochi on Tuesday) and talked to them about being an olympic athlete. My favorite part is when he shared that in 2010 their team crashed and came in last place. But they didn't give up, they trained hard and won a bronze in Sochi. He was so kind and let the students pass his medal around.... He was an outstanding person and athlete.



Left: Photo of "team under armer"

Right: An olympic medal ceremony in Mrs. Smith's 4th grade with Cole, Sunjin and Micah



Disney's Peter Pan Jr

presented by:



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We are asking for donations to help our school present a fabulous performance of Peter Pan Jr beginning March 20, 2014. Since our school is relatively new, our funds are limited and we are in need of mostly donated supplies to put on this production.

We would love your support by donating, loaning, or discounting: cash, gift cards, sound equipment, concessions, refreshments for the cast and crew, costumes and props, lighting, supplies to build our sets, jewelry, makeup, or printing.

All donations will assist our school's mission of helping every child:

Learn new skills and self-confidence.

Encourage children to develop self-discipline and use teamwork.

Achieve a great performance and

Dream.

Benefits of Supporting Traverse Mountain Elementary Musical Production:

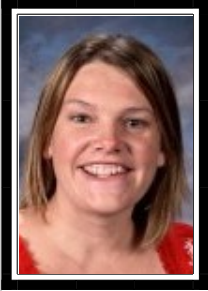
Recognition-Your business will be recognized on all promotional materials and programs received by the students and parents of Traverse Mountain Elementary. We'll also mention your support in an email from our principal that goes out to all the parents with children at our school.

Community Support-Our families lean towards supporting local businesses that donate to Traverse Mountain Elementary.

Tax Deduction-Your donation will be tax deductible and we'll provide you with a thank you letter that documents your donation for use when preparing your taxes.

Please know that all contributions you make will positively impact our organization and its students, both those that perform and those that enjoy the performance. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of our request and we look forward from hearing back from you.

Please contact: Shellie VanOrman; Phone: 801-718-7435, or vanormansa@msn.com to make your tax-deductible donation today! Thank you so much for your support!



Ranya Grimes

1st Grade

I became a teacher because:	When I was younger I would help out in the lower elementary classes and I loved it! I really enjoyed interacting with the kids and helping them feel good about what they were doing.
If I wasn't a teacher I would be:	A neonatal nurse ... what a cool job!
Who is someone from history you would like to meet and why?	Sounds cheesy, but Mother Teresa. I worked in an orphanage in Romania over a number of years and so I always looked up to her as someone who was out to do good in the world.
Did you ever get sent to the principal's office? Why?	Yes, but to this day I swear it wasn't my fault! I was going to the dentist and had to eat my lunch early. I misunderstood my teacher (in elementary school) who wanted me to eat outside the classroom. I went to the lunchroom and was sent to the Principals office for putting the lunch ladies out...WHAT? Seriously...Have a heart!
What is your favorite book? Who is your favorite author?	I love the Twilight books ... I'm team Jacob, but I really want a friend just like Alice. She's spunky and fun. :-)
What is your favorite food? Treat?	English chocolate (it's like Dove...makes your mouth water as it's so creamy).
If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go?	Italy! Being from Europe I should have done it already. I'm going to ride in a gondola someday and just enjoy the culture as it's so different to ours.
Anything else unique about you we can include in the newsletter?	I'm from Devon, England, which is where all my family are and it's beautiful there—everyone should see it. :-)



Dee Lawler

5th Grade

I became a teacher because:	I love kids. They are so much fun!
If I wasn't a teacher I would be:	Stay at home mom.
Who is someone from history you would like to meet and why?	James Madison. He was a genius, and an inspired leader, helping our country find an amazing system of government that has outlasted the test of time. I would love to talk to him and find out how he imagined such incredible things.
Did you ever get sent to the principal's office? Why?	No way!! I was a rule follower.
What is your favorite book? Who is your favorite author?	Jane Austen. Pride and Prejudice and Persuasion. She was ahead of her time and had a wicked sense of humor.
What is your favorite food? Treat?	Prime Rib. See's candy. Is fruit a treat? There's nothing better than a ripe peach.
If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go?	Israel
Anything else unique about you we can include in the newsletter?	There is one absolutely solid thing about me... I love my family ... no matter what.



Melissa Mendenhall

6th Grade

I became a teacher because:	I love teaching. Seeing students have that moment when they realize they can do something makes me happy! Also, I want each student to feel successful and to gain a view of his/her potential.
If I wasn't a teacher I would be:	A ballet critic who travels the world watching major ballet companies and writing reviews of their performances. Fun! Then on off weeks I would have Grammy vacation days with my grandsons to the zoo, aquarium, aviary, and library every day. Very fun!
Who is someone from history you would like to meet and why?	I would like to go back in time and spend a day with my Grandpa Reed Jones, who died before I was born. I would like to see what life was like for my Grandma and him as a young married couple.
Did you ever get sent to the principal's office? Why?	No, thank heavens! I was really quiet, timid, and shy. Shocking... I know!
What is your favorite book? Who is your favorite author?	I love Richard Peck's writing. He is so witty. However, I have a whole library full of favorite books. My children know all they have to do is buy me a book and I am a happy camper! We read the same books and then have family book discussions. I love it!
What is your favorite food? Treat?	My favorite treat is blackberries. Great big juicy black ones. Yummmmmmy!
If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go?	I would go see the remains of Ancient Greece, Rome, Italy, and Israel. Teaching World History in sixth grade has made me long to see the places where world events took place..
Anything else unique about you we can include in the newsletter?	I was Miss American Fork and 3rd runner-up to Miss Utah... I know...pretty unbelievable, huh! :)



Alison Moschetti

3rd Grade

I became a teacher because:	I wanted to be a singer, an actress, a dancer, a mathematician, a scientist, an artist, a writer, an activist, a forest ranger, a counselor and to work with people/kids.. Since I couldn't pick just one, I became a teacher instead so I could be all of them.
If I wasn't a teacher I would be:	Someone who works with a computer, a stage, a camera, or a paintbrush. I also would be at home with my kids.
Who is someone from history you would like to meet and why?	I would love to meet Martin Luther King Jr. or Abraham Lincoln so that I could hear their speeches and be inspired. It also might be cool to hear the stories of Harriet Tubman or Buzz Aldrin.
Did you ever get sent to the principal's office? Why?	No. Never. I was a rule follower to the extreme. But I went a few times to receive awards! (NERD!)
What is your favorite book? Who is your favorite author?	One of my favorite books is The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane. I just love all the books by Kate Dicamillo that I have read! I also love science fiction novels like the Ugliest Series, Leven Thumps and the Gateway to Foo, and the Hunger Games.
What is your favorite food? Treat?	I love Mexican food but also love anything fresh like salads, fruits, and green smoothies. I will also never deny any cake or cupcakes, especially the gourmet ones and chocolate peanut butter is another favorite. Sweet and salty all the way!
If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go?	I have always wanted to go to Alaska and even go on a cruise (with lots of Dramamine). I love the mountains and the outdoors and would love to see the animals and the beautiful scenery. Or maybe a Mediterranean cruise...Italy, Greece, Turkey... that would be an amazing vacation.
Anything else unique about you we can include in the newsletter?	My dad was in the army so we moved a lot and I went to six different elementary schools. We lived all over the country and I loved meeting new people. I took German in high school and college and then also took American Sign Language. I love playing the piano and the guitar and I collect decks of cards from all over the world.



Angie Murdoch

2nd Grade

I became a teacher because:	I love children and I love watching them learn and grow. I have wanted to be a teacher since I was a little girl.
If I wasn't a teacher I would be:	A greeter at Costco. :) I love meeting people and I would even draw a smile on your receipt.
Who is someone from history you would like to meet and why?	I would love to meet George Washington. I think he is an incredible leader and did so many things to establish our great country,
Did you ever get sent to the principal's office? Why?	Yes, in Junior High a group of us decided to skip class and go to a friend's house. Not a good idea!
What is your favorite book? Who is your favorite author?	I love all Dr. Seuss books, but I think The Sneetches is my favorite. I love the way Dr. Seuss takes real life issues and makes them fun, but makes you think about a deeper meaning.
What is your favorite food? Treat?	Sadly, I love all food. I would probably pick Mexican or Italian for dinner and my favorite treat is chocolate. If it isn't chocolate it isn't worth the calories.
If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go?	I grew up on a farm in west Lehi when hardly anyone lived out there. My dad milked a cow every day and my brothers hauled water in a portable tank on a trailer from a well because the water wasn't useable. It seemed like Little House on the Prairie.



Beki Thomas

Learning Lab

I became a teacher because:	It's one of the coolest things when a student gets it and you see the "light bulb" turn on! Also, it's neat knowing I'm impacting students' lives.
If I wasn't a teacher I would be:	A cartoon voice actor.
Who is someone from history you would like to meet and why?	Corrie Ten Boom. I read her book, "The Hiding Place," and she has such an incredible story.
Did you ever get sent to the principal's office? Why?	I don't remember going to the principal's office, but I remember going to detention once with a friend because we were being too silly and laughing too much, causing a raucous.
What is your favorite book? Who is your favorite author?	I like too many. The Help by Kathryn Stockett, Bossy Pants by Tina Fey, The Hiding Place by Corrie Ten Boom. I also like books about cats.
What is your favorite food? Treat?	Food: Sushi mmmmmmmmmmm. Treat: a lot—sour candy, chocolate molten lava cake, skittles, I could go on...
If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go?	New Zealand. For some reason I have always been intrigued by the place.
Anything else unique about you we can include in the newsletter?	I belly dance. I haven't for a couple of months since I moved out of Salt Lake, but hopefully I can find a studio or troupe to get back into it down here.



Box Tops

Thanks to everyone who has contributed box tops so far this year. It helps our school SO much!! We had our 2nd big deadline this past weekend and everyone has been amazing in getting their box tops turned in. We will still be collecting box tops until the end of the year so keep turning them in. Pay special attention to the expiration dates on the box tops. They do NOT except expired box tops so make sure to turn in all your box tops that will expire this year—especially those that will expire over the summer.

Download a Box Tops collection sheet here:
<http://www.boxtops4education.com/all-about-boxtops/boxtops-downloads>

PTA Presidents Message

Greetings from your friendly PTA President!

Is it me or am I sensing a bit of "SPRING FEVER" in the air? This is always such an exciting part of the school year! We have already had so much fun at school and we are just two months into 2014!

I can report that the 1st Annual TMES Princess Ball was a SMASHING SUCCESS! We could not have pulled it off without a wonderful group of volunteers who gave of their time, talent and energy! The students of Traverse Mountain Elementary have got it soooo good! We are so thankful to all of the families that supported the evening! Your princesses were darling and the knights weren't too shabby either! And as an FYI: We are currently working on a plan for all of our little men and their moms. More details to come!

I would also like to report on a few other things that we are proud of as a PTA. With money from the carnival and a few other events we have provided this year, we have been able to support our teachers in some really exciting ways! We sponsored the Lego League that Mrs. Rohde and Mr. Cowley created. They were able to purchase some much needed robotic equipment with our PTA funds. Their hard work is already paying off! I am so happy to report that they have already experienced an incredible amount of success in their first season! We can expect great things from our Lego League!

We have also sponsored the upcoming school musical! Mrs. Moschetti and Mrs. Shupe have creatively put our PTA funds to work! These are the kind of activities that the PTA works hard to be able to support! We absolutely understand the importance of extracurricular activities for our students. We hope to be able to continue to support our teachers in their amazing efforts to provide a well rounded education for children!

Thank you for the all of the support you give to the PTA! We wouldn't be able to support our teachers if weren't for your generosity!

Mindy Widdowson, PTA President



Don't forget about the upcoming school musical, Peter Pan Jr. March 21-24. Buy tickets and come support these budding actors/actresses!!

Looking ahead to April

4/2	Sprng Pictures
4/2	4th Grade Play
4/3	PTA Meeting
4/7	Snow Make-Up Day
4/8	Teacher Comp Day
4/9-4/11	Spring Break
4/16-4/18	Clear Creek
4/17	SCC 3:45pm



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