

Traverse Mountain Elementary

Tiger Times



THIS MONTH AT A GLANCE

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Feb 1	PTA Meeting 9:30am	Feb 1	SCC Meeting 3:45pm
Feb 6-10	Book Fair	Feb 8-9	Parent Teacher Conferences
Feb 13	4th Grade Rendezvous	Feb 14	6th Grade Field Trip
Feb 15	6th Grade Field Trip	Feb 16	6th Grade Field Trip
Feb 17	Spell-A-Thon Test	Feb 17	Maturation
Feb 18	Ballroom Competition	Feb 20	No School
Feb 21	Spell-A-Thon results sent home	Feb 21	Chick-Fil-A Night
Feb 27	Spell-A-Thon Money due		

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Traverse Mountain Community,

It seems like the school year is flying by very quickly. It is already February and I can almost sense Spring in the air. Hopefully, we have gotten past the freezing temperatures and we can have consecutive outside days at school!

January was filled with a lot of great activities at our school and the students were really focused on doing their best and getting through the long, cold month. We started our "houses" and the students are excited and anxious to earn their houses points every day. It has been fantastic to see students of all grades interact with each other and come together as a school community.

We also started our Character Counts assemblies. The theme for February is "Choosing Good Friends". During this month, teachers and students have been focusing on how they can choose good friends and how to be a good friend. If you have a moment, please discuss with your students how and why good friends are important. Our theme for next month is "Taking Care of Your Body". Our teachers and students will be learning about good nutrition and the value of staying healthy.

We want to thank all of you for attending parent teacher conferences this month and for taking an active role in your student's education. You are an important part of the success of your students here at school. The time you dedicate to their learning is time well spent. One day they will thank you for it!

February is a fun time in elementary school. Valentine's day is approaching and love is definitely in the air. We will keep pushing ahead because Spring is around the corner and the sun will come out. Thanks for all you do and if you haven't been in the school recently, come volunteer in a classroom, your student will love it. Thanks for all of your support.

Paul Finlayson
Assistant Principal



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. We have a new assistant in the front office, Jean Newell. Since she won't know many of you, please come prepared with photo ID to check out your children.

Opportunity

Each month we make and show a video built on the monthly theme. Hannah Kynerd has done such a terrific job helping us out each month. We are looking for someone who would be willing to help come up with ideas for each video, and then come to the school and help the students film. If you are interested you would come to the school, work with students, think of ideas, and then assist Hannah with what she needs. Please email me if you are interested. istrong@alpinedistrict.org. It really is fun to work with the students on this.

Princess Ball

PTA decided the Annual Daddy Daughter Dance Night will be Saturday, April 22. Save the Date.

Princess Ball

Keep those pledges coming for our Spell-A-Thon. This Friday the Spell-A-Thon test will be given. Students only have four days left to ask friends and relatives for pledges on the number of words they will get right on the test. Prizes for the top winners include airline tickets, Fitbits, Kindles, and much more. All proceeds go right back into the students. It's a great way to get involved while motivating your child to do well on his test.

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.

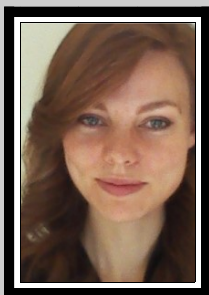
Pictures: Winning Teachers

Chelsea Jones and April Leder were both winners of the PTA class spirit shirt days for January!! They both won some playground equipment for their classrooms.



Suzy Schwanke and Tanja Peterson are the winners of Hampton Inn Teachers of the Month Award for January.

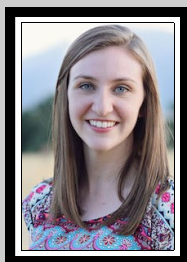




Celine Gentry

3rd Grade

What is your favorite restaurant?	Anything Mexican or Thai
What is your favorite store?	Downeast
What is your favorite scent?	Citrus or cinnamon
What is your favorite candy/treat?	Chocolate
What is your favorite hobby?	Playing music
What is your favorite flower?	All =)
What is your favorite drink?	Grapefruit juice
What is your favorite color?	Blue/green
What is your favorite school supply?	Pens and journals
What is your favorite TV show/movie?	The Count of Monte Cristo
What is your favorite thing about being a teacher?	Seeing my students smile and listening to them laugh.
Where is your favorite place you have lived?	Idaho
Tell us about your family.	My husband and I are expecting a baby boy in May.



Allison Olson

Kindergarten

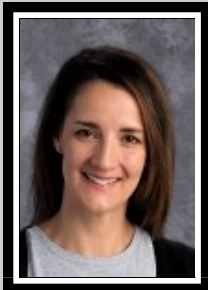
What is your favorite restaurant?	JCW's
What is your favorite store?	Banana Republic
What is your favorite scent?	Twilight Woods
What is your favorite candy/treat?	Doritos or Swig Sugar Cookies
What is your favorite hobby?	Singing
What is your favorite flower?	Gerber Daisies
What is your favorite drink?	Cherry Limeade or Sprite
What is your favorite color?	Yellow
What is your favorite school supply?	Vis-à-vis markers or fun magnets
What is your favorite TV show/movie?	The Office
What is your favorite thing about being a teacher?	Watching students discover something for the first time!
Where is your favorite place you have lived?	TEXAS!
What is your favorite quote?	"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." - Nelson Mandela
Tell us about your family.	I am the youngest child in my family and the only girl. I just married my husband Jacob in April.



Kim Pedersen

Kindergarten

What is your favorite restaurant?	Bona Vita
What is your favorite store?	Kohl's
What is your favorite scent?	Peach
What is your favorite candy/treat?	Utah Truffles Chocolate Bars (mint is my fav!)
What is your favorite hobby?	Reading
What is your favorite flower?	Love them all!
What is your favorite drink?	Water, occasionally Squirt or Sprite (Coke Zero on road trips)
What is your favorite color?	Red
What is your favorite school supply?	Crayola crayons and storage bins
What is your favorite TV show/movie?	Too many to decide, I speak fluent Movie Quotes
What is your favorite thing about being a teacher?	Watching the light turn on in their eyes when a students finally "gets it".
Where is your favorite place you have lived?	Kaysville, UT, although Lehi is growing on me!
What is your favorite quote?	"You are smarter than you think, stronger than you seem, and braver than you know." - A.A. Milne
Tell us about your family.	My husband and I have been married for almost 20 years. We fell in love in Europe. We have 4 daughters and 1 son. I love to spend time with my family, read, play games.



Lynn Topham

Kindergarten

What is your favorite restaurant?	Pizzeria 712
What is your favorite store?	The Gap, Banana Republic, Target
What is your favorite scent?	Happy for me or cinnamon for my home
What is your favorite candy/treat?	Anything chocolate!
What is your favorite hobby?	Home projects and reading
What is your favorite flower?	Tulips
What is your favorite drink?	Dirty Dr. Pepper and hot chocolate
What is your favorite color?	Red and turquoise
What is your favorite school supply?	Mr. Scentsy markers or organizers
What is your favorite TV show/movie?	Psych and anything Jane Austen
What is your favorite thing about being a teacher?	Seeing my cuties eyes light up when they see me or when they accomplish a goal.
Where is your favorite place you have lived?	Boise
Favorite quote.	"A child without courage is like a night without stars." -Ghandi
Tell us about your family.	My husband and I will be celebrating our 20th (whaa?) anniversary this year! We have 4 smart and funny kids, 2 boys and 2 girls. My husband and I love to go on dates and to torture our kids by making them go hiking with us. Mwahaha!



Box Tops

We are coming up on our last deadline for the school year. Please keep those box tops coming in. It is amazing how much 10¢ can add up!! We earned \$1,015.50 this deadline. That's amazing. 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

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

PTA Presidents Message

Hello TME,

Who is ready for spring? We have had a good winter with lots of moisture but we are ready for clean air and the hot sun! This year is flying by and before we know it it will be summer. We had a great turn out for our annual Mother/Son activity at Hang Time. Their management is always amazed at how much support we get at our activities. We hope everyone had a great time!

We had our kick off assembly for our 2nd TME Spell a thon. Kids came home with instructional packets and pledge sheets. We hope they are busy studying their spelling words and getting pledges. We have some great prizes lined up and can't wait to give them away. This is our main fundraiser for the year and we hope to earn enough that we can help enhance our school playground. We feel it is very important for our kids to be able to use their bodies and be physical at recess. We hope all will participate in this fundraiser.

We are so excited about a new program we will be participating in this month. We are working with a great company called Junior Achievement (responsible for JA Biz Town). We are using parent volunteers to go into each classroom (K-4) to teach economics. Our volunteers will teach once a week for 5 weeks. They use lots of fun hands on activities that the kids will love! We hope that you talk to your students about what they are learning each week. We are so grateful to the Junior Achievement program and to all of our volunteers.

As the school year is going by so fast we want to make sure that we plan some more fun activities. We are in the middle of planning our Father/Daughter dance. It will be at the end of April, more details will be coming. We have our Teacher Appreciation week the end of March. We have our monthly spirit night at Chick-Fil-A. And of course May will be filled with lots of end of the year activities. We have lots to look forward too!

We really do appreciate all of our community support!

Heidi Brown—PTA President

Looking ahead to March	
3/1	PTA Meeting 9:30am
3/3	Spell-A-Thon Money Due
3/6	No School
3/7	SCC Meeting 3:45pm
3/11	Ballroom Competition
3/13	Spell-A-Thon Awards
3/16	Chick-Fil-A Night
3/27-3/31	Teacher Appreciation Week
3/29	Kindergarten Registration



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