



Traverse Mountain Elementary

Tiger Times



THIS MONTH AT A GLANCE

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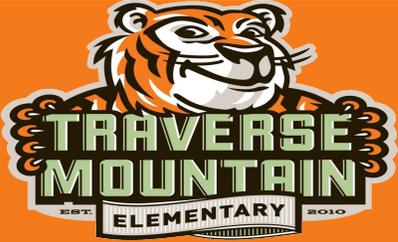
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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

During the month of March we had something magical happen at our school; we experienced the coming together of many dedicated and talented people to present our school musical Peter Pan Junior. As I observed the whole production, and worked alongside many of you, I felt immense gratitude for what transpired for the benefit of students; they were self-confident and their families were proud. Mark Stefik from the Palo Alton Research Centre once said, "Something magical happens when you bring together a group of people from different disciplines with a common purpose."

Thanks to our fantastic families and your commitment to our school. Great things happen to student achievement as parents and teachers work together. What a privilege it is to be a part of this process.

Mrs. Strong, Principal
LEAD: Learn, Encourage, Achieve and Dream.



Pictures: Peter Pan Jr.

Have you witnessed the recent phenomenon where kids seem to be walking around with huge grins, positive attitudes and confidence in every step? We've noticed it, too. Chances are you've just spotted an actor from the musical, Peter Pan Jr.

After four nights of stellar, sold-out performances, these kids have every reason to be proud. We've also noticed the Directors, Mrs. Moschetti and Mrs. Shupe, (and a large army of staff, teachers, parents, sponsors, and family members), strutting just a little bit more, and who could blame them with so much to smile about? With creative sets, delightful dance numbers, artful solos, fantastic costumes, generously donated curtains and sound equipment, and an amazingly talented cast and crew, Peter Pan Jr. will be remembered throughout the Traverse Mountain community for a very long time.



Other School News

Road to Success

Mya Holyoak and Natalie Shumway were the winners of the bike/scooter/ipod shuffle in the Road to Success Program.

Every school year, each participating elementary school starts off the program by setting reading goals with students. Students have opportunities to earn bonus incentives throughout the year for accomplishing reading goals. In addition, each student who reaches weekly reading goals will receive an entry which is placed into a drawing for a grand prize. Every eight-week period, the Road to Success program gives away a grand prize at each school for a total of four grand prizes per school. Test scores and testimonials confirm that the Road to Success reading program is making a significant difference in the lives of Utah's school children. The impact of literacy is felt not only by individual children, but by our community as a whole, and it is an issue we cannot afford to ignore. The best investment we can make in our community is to ensure that our children can read, and the Road to Success program is an effective way to make that investment.



Teacher Award

Mrs. Moschetti was presented an award by A.R.T.S Inc.

"Outstanding Arts and Education Educator of the Year Award" for Alpine School District. She was recognized for her excellence in the Arts at Traverse Mountain Elementary.



Take Home Reading

The Take Home Reading program will be ending on Friday May 2nd. We will be collecting all books this day. Please make sure your child brings his/her book to school that day. If your child is close to completing the Take Home Reading program we will allow them to finish out the program. That will be the only exception.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Lyndsay Detro at lyndsaydetro@gmail.com or trisaellis@gmail.com.



Christie Wirik

1st Grade

I became a teacher because:	I became a teacher because I enjoy working with children and I like to watch them learn and progress and feel that sense of accomplishment. I want each child to know he or she is a wonderful person with great ability and I want the children in my class to go throughout the year feeling that way.
If I wasn't a teacher I would be:	If I wasn't a teacher I would be a doctor or a veterinarian.
Who is someone from history you would like to meet and why?	I would like to meet Beethoven, because I really enjoy music and I am amazed that he composed such amazing music as a deaf person.
Did you ever get sent to the principal's office? Why?	I never got sent to the principal's office. I was always a good student and I would have been totally humiliated if I ever got sent to the principal's office! :)
What is your favorite book? Who is your favorite author?	I have a lot of books that I like. I don't know that I have a favorite. Same with authors, although I do enjoy a lot of the young adult authors like Sharon Creech, Pam Munoz Ryan, Katherine Paterson, and Margaret Peterson Haddix.
What is your favorite food? Treat?	I don't have a favorite food. I'm not really picky and I usually like just about anything. I'm always up for a good pizza, though!
If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go?	I have always wanted to go to Hawaii. Anywhere tropical would do. I enjoy the warm weather!
Anything else unique about you we can include in the newsletter?	I lived in Germany when the Berlin Wall came down.



Sonda Smith

2nd Grade

I became a teacher because:	For as long as I can remember I wanted to be a teacher. My mother was a teacher, and I loved watching her teach and helping her! I always dreamed of the day I would be a teacher, and here I am!
If I wasn't a teacher I would be:	I would like to be an ER doctor.
Who is someone from history you would like to meet and why?	I would love to meet George Washington. He is my history hero. George Washington was a man of courage and determination.
Did you ever get sent to the principal's office? Why?	Yes, when I was in the second grade for throwing a snowball.
What is your favorite book? Who is your favorite author?	My favorite book is book one of Harry Potter! I don't have a favorite author, because I love too many books.
What is your favorite food? Treat?	My favorite food is all food. I love food!
If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go?	I would go to Europe!
Anything else unique about you we can include in the newsletter?	I grew up in a large family of boys. I have 9 brothers and only 1 sister. And I don't know how to swim.



Gillian Gremmert

2nd Grade

I became a teacher because:	I became a teacher because I had some amazing teachers in elementary school. I wanted to pay forward the kindness and knowledge they gave to me.
If I wasn't a teacher I would be:	If I wasn't a teacher I would probably be an artist.
Who is someone from history you would like to meet and why?	I've always wanted to meet Abe Lincoln. I'm not exactly sure why, but he just seems like a really cool guy.
Did you ever get sent to the principal's office? Why?	No never!
What is your favorite book? Who is your favorite author?	I love Roald Dahl's books! They are so much fun!
What is your favorite food? Treat?	I love Café Rio. I cannot get enough!
If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go?	I've always wanted to go to Paris, France.
Anything else unique about you we can include in the newsletter?	I'm from upstate New York!



Misti Shupe

Art Teacher

I became a teacher because:	I became a teacher because I wanted to be like my 4th, 5th, and 6th grade teachers. School was the happiest place on earth for me and I never wanted to leave. I still don't. I love coming to school.
If I wasn't a teacher I would be:	If I wasn't a teacher I would write middle grade novels and illustrate them for students who need a fast-paced fantasy, but love the art you find in graphic novels.
Who is someone from history you would like to meet and why?	I would love to meet Leonardo da Vinci. He was a scientist, inventor, painter, sculptor, architect, musician, mathematician, writer, poet...what didn't this guy do?
Did you ever get sent to the principal's office? Why?	I was sent to the principal's office because three little boys chased me every recess to try to kiss me. Instead of telling someone, I brought a rope from home, tied them up in an impossible knot, and left them inside a huge tractor tire on the playground. The teacher found them a few hours later and cut the rope to set them free. I promise, every time after that was for good things.
What is your favorite book? Who is your favorite author?	What a difficult question! I love to read! My favorite book when I was a kid was The Girl Who Owned A City. I remembered every detail of the story, but I forgot the title. I spent the next 20 years asking every librarian if they knew the name of the book based on my description and the characters. One day, I found it at a used bookstore. That same year, I bought a copy for every student in my 4th grade class that year so we could read it together.
What is your favorite food? Treat?	My favorite food is watermelon or strawberries. Okay, and some really good chocolate.
If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go?	I want to skip traveling around the world and head straight to Mars. I love reading about the Mars Rovers and watching the video of their discoveries.
Anything else unique about you we can include in the newsletter?	I was a drama teacher in Washington, I taught art to students living in homeless shelters, I taught Kindergarten to students who did not speak English, and 3rd and 4th grade. The students usually figure out pretty fast that I love acting things out rather than giving the same old boring instructions. I have written three (ages 9-12) books, one is in the process of being published right now with my illustrations. I wrote our 3rd grade and 4th grade plays each year and directed them. I choreographed our end of school dances. One year the other teachers tricked me into doing a solo dance in front of all the parents and students.



Box Tops

Thanks to everyone who has contributed box tops so far this year. It helps our school SO much!! We are still 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

Spring has sprung and the students are in FULL BLOOM at Traverse Mountain Elementary! They are busy preparing for tests, enjoying field trips and taking advantage of the beautiful (albeit unpredictable) weather.

We just finished with our 2nd Teacher Appreciation Week for the 2013-2014 school year. We REALLY love our faculty and staff and hope they can feel that! I want to especially thank the Teacher Appreciation Committee and the Room Moms who made everything possible. Your service is invaluable!

BREAKING NEWS

We have officially voted in four new board members for next year's PTA board. Are you dying to know who they are?!? I won't keep you suspended any longer...

Traverse Mtn. Elementary PTA Exec. Board 2014-2015:
Pres.: Stephanie McDonald
Pres.Elect: Jillian Plewe
Treasurer: Shellie VanOrman
Secretary: Missy Sanders

Yahooooo! This is an amazing start to the beginning of a WONDERFUL PTA board. But we are still in need of at least TWO more executive board positions. We need a Membership VP and a Leadership VP. Please contact Stephanie McDonald if you are interested in serving on the PTA BOARD. I can say from experience that serving on the PTA board is a rewarding and joyful opportunity!

We have something VERY SPECIAL happening at Traverse Mountain Elementary! The combination of a truly DEDICATED faculty and staff and the BEST COMMUNITY in the state of Utah makes for a very unique and exciting learning environment for our beautiful children!

Thank you for your continued support!

Mindy Widdowson, PTA President



Looking ahead to May

5/1	PTA Meeting 9:30am
5/14	3rd Grade Program
5/22	TM 5K
5/26	No School
5/30	Last Day of School



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