



## Traverse Mountain Elementary

# Tiger Times



### THIS MONTH AT A GLANCE

ISSUE 7 • March 2015

Mar 6	5th Grade to JA Biz Town	Mar 18	SCC 3:40pm
Mar 9	No School	Mar 28	District Battle of the Books 10am
Mar 10	6th to Space Center (Dominguez/Rohde)	Mar 30	Teacher Appreciation Week
Mar 11	6th to Space Center (Colaizzi/Yellowhorse)	Mar 30	Character Counts Assembly 9:45am
Mar 11	PTA Meeting 12:30pm	Mar 30	PM Kindergarten Assembly 2pm
Mar 16	Red Ribbon Week/Assembly 9:15am		

### In This Issue:

THIS MONTH AT A GLANCE  
 PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE  
 PAGE 1

PICTURES  
 PAGES 2-3

TEACHER SPOTLIGHTS  
 PAGES 4-5

PTA MESSAGE  
 BOX TOPS  
 PAGE 6

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It takes so many of us to make Traverse Mountain Elementary great. Where students can become life long learners and develop the skills necessary to become successful throughout life. We are so fortunate to have the support of the community behind our faculty and staff. We would like to say thank you for all the support. There are so many here at Traverse Mountain that do outstanding things and go above and beyond what's expected of them. It's such a privilege to work here.

We would like to congratulate and recognize some of our wonderful teachers who have achieved excellence in our school. This month, Mrs. Dominguez and our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade team received very prestigious awards from our Alpine School District Foundation. Mrs. Dominguez was selected as an Accent on Excellence Award recipient. She is one of ten winners out of over 2500 teachers in the district. Our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade team also earned the Professional Learning Community (PLC) Team of the Year. What a great honor this is as well! Whether elementary or secondary, only one grade level team in the entire District is given this accolade and our Traverse Mountain Elementary 3<sup>rd</sup> grade team was the recipients of it. What an accomplishment! Being selected for these recognitions is truly an honor considering the tremendous quality of the applicants throughout the District.

February was also filled with some wonderful activities sponsored by our amazing PTA. On February 7<sup>th</sup>, we held our second annual Princess Ball. It was such a hit! Just as many fathers, grandfathers, and other 'princes' attended the ball, I had the opportunity to bring my daughter to this wonderful event. What a fun time for all who could attend!

This month also held our 4th-6th grade spelling bee competition. What a fun event for all our classroom-spelling champs. We had 26 students compete to become our school champion and we had a great competition to the end. We would like to congratulate Stella Stoddard (5<sup>th</sup>) as our school champion and Lauren Tree (6<sup>th</sup>) as our runner up. Stella will move onto the regional competition held at UVU.

Another successful activity that was held this month was our Super Hero Night at Hang Time in Orem. Thank you all who supported this. I had never been before and it was such a fun activity to witness. There were many that had some amazing flips, twists, and turns. What a great time we had!

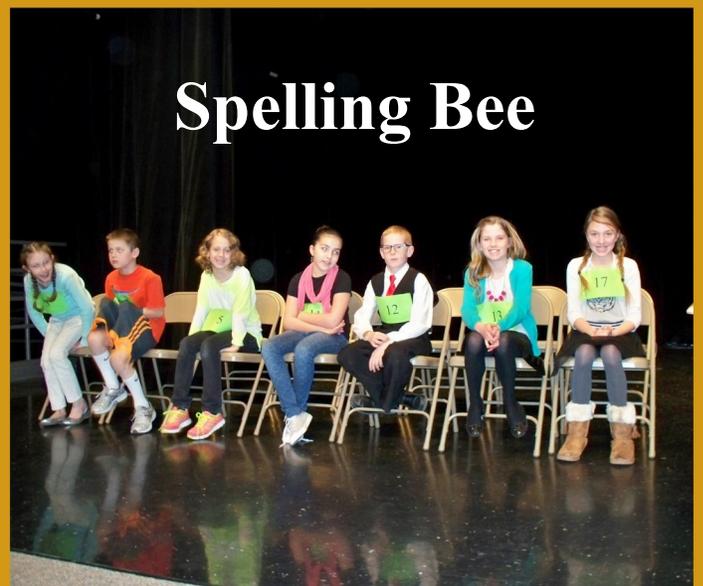
Here's to another great month to look forward too!

**Austin Cowley, Assistant Principal**  
 Traverse Mountain Elementary

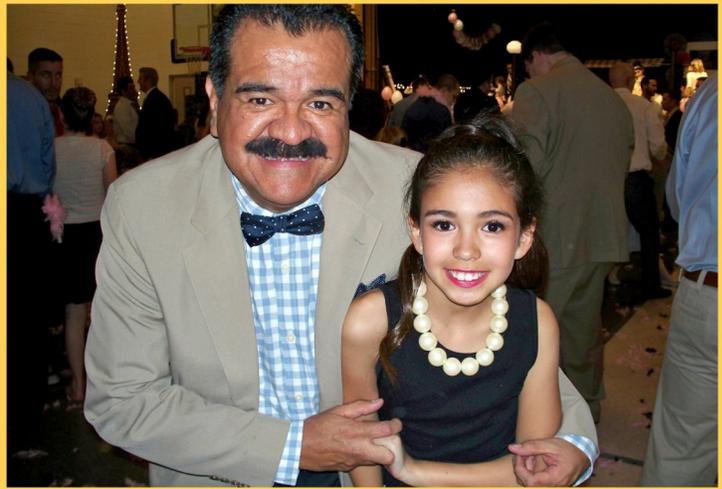


# Pictures: Teacher Awards and Spelling Bee

**3rd Grade Team:  
Earned the Professional Learning  
Community (PLC) Team of the Year.**



# Pictures: Princess Ball and Hero Night





# Ashley Nerdin

## Music Specialist

<b>If you could have one super power what would it be?</b>	I would choose the ability to teleport. I would want to be able to instantly disappear and reappear somewhere else, much like Apparition in Harry Potter.
<b>Are you a night owl or an early bird?</b>	Night owl.
<b>What are you afraid of?</b>	I am terrified of any stinging insects like bees, wasps, and hornets because I stepped on a nest in the ground as a child.
<b>Do you speak a foreign language?</b>	I speak French.
<b>What are your hobbies?</b>	I love to sing, read, and make crafts.
<b>Who is your hero?</b>	My husband. He has served in the National Guard, been deployed to Afghanistan, and has a passion for serving others through his occupation as a medic. His civilian career is also service oriented—auto body repair. He selflessly serves everyone around him with a smile, especially his family. I admire him endlessly.
<b>Do you have a nickname?</b>	No.
<b>Aside from food, water, and shelter, what is one thing you could not go a day without?</b>	Music. I listen to it as much as I can wherever I go. I always have a song in my head or my hear and sing always.
<b>Any pet peeves?</b>	Poor grammar, spelling, punctuation, and lettuce.
<b>What is your favorite family tradition</b>	I love the family vacations that we take. My mom plans them and we always have a blast wherever we are because being together as a family is the best part.
<b>What is your favorite subject in school?</b>	Literacy. I love teaching phonics, reading, grammar, spelling, punctuation, etc.



# Allison Moschetti

## 3rd Grade

<b>If you could have one super power what would it be?</b>	Clone myself, do way more.
<b>Are you a night owl or an early bird?</b>	NIGHT OWL
<b>What are you afraid of?</b>	When I was in 8th grade, we watched a scary Halloween movie called The Dark Night of the Scarecrow. The innocent guy hides in a scarecrow mask and at one point, they zoom in on his scared eyes looking through the mask. I have been afraid of people in masks ever since! Creepy eyes through masks totally scare me.
<b>Do you speak a foreign language?</b>	I took 5 years of German and four semesters of American Sign Language. I can hold ASL conversations, but can barely speak a sentence of German!
<b>What are your hobbies?</b>	Music, singing, theater, drama, computers, technology, digital scrapbooking.
<b>Who is your hero?</b>	My dad was in the army and retired as a Major after 35 years. He was the kind of guy who was an instant friend to anyone he met. He would start a conversation with strangers and just honestly, truly cared about all human beings, no matter who they were. He was a chaplain and so he preached, counseled and interacted with every denomination. This also gave him the unique opportunity to share universal, unconditional love for all people with us, his children. He was funny, laid-back, talented, creative, authentic, ambitious, and an amazing example. He worked hard, played even harder and sacrificed everything he could for anyone around him. He is my hero!
<b>Do you have a nickname?</b>	Allimo and Alli.
<b>Aside from food, water, and shelter, what is one thing you could not go a day without?</b>	My phone.
<b>Any pet peeves?</b>	Losing things, dishonesty, and interrupting.
<b>What is your favorite family tradition</b>	Family movie night, family game night...every Friday night we snuggle up on the couch and watch a family movie. Most Saturdays we play board games after we eat dinner.
<b>What is your favorite subject in school?</b>	I love moth, history, science, music, drama, writing, reading!
<b>Is there anything you wished would come back into fashion?</b>	Banana clips, stirrup pants, leg warmers, jelly shoes, huge earrings...and mostly just a simple life.



# Britt Rohde

6th Grade

<b>If you could have one super power what would it be?</b>	I would fly. I always have dreams that I can fly so when I wake up I am disappointed that I can't just raise my arms and jump into the sky. I would explore a new place every day.
<b>Are you a night owl or an early bird?</b>	An early bird if I have something fun to do and a night owl if that fun thing keeps me up at night. Sleeping is for the birds. Ha ha.
<b>What are you afraid of?</b>	I am deathly afraid of spiders. So afraid that I freeze up and can't think straight. When I finally move, my heart is racing so fast, I almost pass out. I believe this fear came from growing up in the country and waking up to a GIGANTIC spider crawling across my neck towards my face. I froze and had those same frightening symptoms that I have now. When the spider got to my jawline, I finally managed to brush it off my face and run as fast as I could before I needed to pass out.
<b>Do you speak a foreign language?</b>	Rusty French! Yes, that is a language and I can read it better than speak it. Great on vacation, but not with much at a dinner party.
<b>What are your hobbies?</b>	Hiking, reading about new things, and planning trips. I am always looking for new hobbies because I do get excited to learn new things.
<b>Who is your hero?</b>	My mom. She has overcome many hardships in her life and has always kept positive and looked for ways to improve her situations. I strive to be a problem solver too and not just a problem dweller.
<b>Do you have a nickname?</b>	Brittles. I guess I ate too many Skittles before diving meets and it stuck with me.
<b>Aside from food, water, and shelter, what is one thing you could not go a day without?</b>	Diet Coke. People tell me this is not food or water, but I question it.
<b>Any pet peeves? If so, what are they?</b>	Biggest Pet Peeve EVER—People who do not throw their trash in the garbage can. They just throw it on the ground. I see at least one person every day throw litter on the ground after they open a candy or use a piece of paper and I just want to scream for Mother Earth!
<b>What is your favorite family tradition</b>	In my family, we have always collected and given ornaments that symbolize an important event or place from that year. Over time, we have collected great memories in the form of ornaments that we can share with our new families. I have ornaments with stories from my grandparents that I get to tell to my kids every year we decorate the Christmas Tree.
<b>What is your favorite subject in school?</b>	Science
<b>Is there anything you wished would come back into fashion?</b>	Yes, 80s Farrah Faucet hair, mullets for the gentlemen and the great 80's hair bands!



## Teacher of the Month

Traverse Mountain PTA has partnered up with Hampton Inn-Thanksgiving Point to bring a new program, Hampton Highlights, to our school! Each month, one of our FABULOUS teachers will be highlighted and receive a free stay at Hampton Inn-Thanksgiving Point! We will select the highlighted teacher based on comments sent to us, from you, of all the great things that your students teacher does or has done this year!! We will keep those comments on file and add them to all new comments. So parents, ask your student their opinion and send us all the ways you think your students teacher is AMAZING and should be highlighted!! Please

**Mrs. Parsons and Mrs. Christensen**



# Box Tops

We are changing the way we do box tops at the school this year. We will be collecting box tops in individual classrooms. The box tops will be collected several times during the year. And the money earned from the box tops will go right back to the classroom. The amount each classroom collects is the amount that they will get back.

Please go online to [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com) and register for an account if you have not done so already and learn about all the ways there are to earn box tops for your school.

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

## Looking Ahead to April

4/1	3rd Grade Field Trip
4/6-4/10	No School—Spring Break
4/13	Earthquake Drill
4/15	Spring Pictures
4/15	PTA Meeting
4/15	SCC
4/24	5th Grade Maturation
4/27	Character Counts Assembly
4/28-4/30	BOGO Book Fair

## PTA Presidents Message

February was packed with fun and excitement for Traverse Mountain Elementary! We were blessed to enjoy another fantastic Father Daughter Princess ball and our very first Mother Son jumpathon!! We'd like to send out a huge thank you to the committees of these activities for all of the time and effort put into planning and executing these wonderful family events for our school and our students. We are so fortunate to live in a community full of people willing to give of their time and talents.

March is another big month. In March we will have teacher appreciation as well as Red Ribbon Week which will focus on anti-bullying. If you get the chance please take a few minutes to talk to your kids about what bullying is, how to handle it, and about the importance of being kind to others. And please be thinking of ways to express your appreciation to your teachers and Mrs. Strong and other staff at the school. We will be celebrating the teachers throughout the week and will need help from parents; watch for the request for volunteers and donations in the future.

Just as a reminder our Watch D.O.G.S program is in need of Dads to volunteer if you know of a dad who would like to join the program and spend the day with his students at school please call Mr. Cowley and set up a day and time.

Finally, as I said before we are blessed to live here in Traverse Mountain with amazing neighbors and fantastic children. Our school is incredible and our teachers are top of the line. The education that our children are receiving is the foundation of their future, and thanks to the efforts of parents, teachers, and community our students foundation will be strong!

Should you have any questions about PTA, what the organization does or how to get involved please feel free to contact me at [jp9876543@gmail.com](mailto:jp9876543@gmail.com) or another member of the board. Please know any questions or suggestions are always welcome.

Sincerely,  
Jillian Plewe  
PTA President Elect



2500 W Chapel Ridge Road • Lehi, UT 84043  
(801) 610-8725 • (801) 701-6280 (fax)

