

# TIGER TALES

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## Letter from the President:

Dear Matthew Thornton Families,

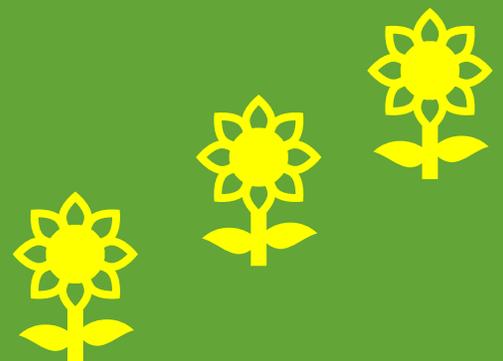
Happy Spring!! The month of April will bring the PTA's biggest fundraiser of the year – Boosterthon! We are so excited to be bringing this event back to our school this year. Our event will be on Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> and we would love to have volunteers or have you come and watch your child(ren) participate in the fun run. We have a big goal, but we are hopeful that we can achieve it! The PTA would love to use the money raised from Boosterthon to add some additional new playground equipment for our students, as well as improving the courtyard out back with some picnic tables, etc for some outdoor learning. More information will be coming home in the weeks to come on how to donate and sponsor your child.

We had an AMAZING Spring Book Fair last week, thanks to all of our families who came out and purchased new books! Thank you to all of the book fair volunteers, and especially to Barbara Bernard, our Book Fair Chair, for her constant cheerfulness and organization in planning this fun event for our school!!!

Staff Appreciation Week will be happening the week after April vacation. The PTA is planning something to surprise our wonderful staff each day to remind them how much we appreciate all they do for our children. If you would like to contribute, please let Laura McElroy or myself know.



Welcome  
Spring!



Thank you to all the families who participated in our Turn Up the Fun Week!! It was wonderful to see all of the families come out to see the puppet show, play Book Bingo, and visit our Book Fair! We hope you all enjoyed the scavenger hunts and will enjoy planting the wildflower seed kits when the warmer weather is here to stay. We truly had so much fun planning the week of activities and we hope you and your families had fun! We could not have done it without the amazing ideas, energy, and dedication that Erica Laue put into planning the week. A GIANT thank you, Erica, for all of your hard work!!

Finally, if you are thinking of joining the PTA next year, or have any questions about what we do, please feel free to email me. I'd be happy to talk to you!

We hope you can join us for our next PTA meeting being held in the MT Library on Thursday, Apr. 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.

**Jen Rich, President**



## Principal's Corner:

Dearest MT Families:

It is so exciting to see Spring flowers blooming. We enjoyed a wonderful Turn Up the Fun Week in March, and now we are in the midst of planning end of year celebrations; I am so grateful we are able to plan more of our normal activities. This month, we look forward to State Testing in grades 3-5, our Spring music concert, and our Fun Run Fundraiser as we head to vacation.

April 18-22 is also Volunteer Appreciation Week so I wanted to take a moment to thank all of our MT volunteers for offering us the support to pull off amazing traditions, experiences, and programs for all of our students. Our PTA is outstanding, and our volunteers give time, talent, money, and dedication to our school throughout the year to make MT a very special place for all. I can't thank our volunteers enough for their behind the scenes coordination to make magic happen here. It is inspiring for our staff and students to see.

Please enjoy April vacation as when we return, the end of year whirlwind will begin.

Sincerely,

Amity Small, Your Proud Principal

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## Matthew Thornton Spring Book Fair

Chaired by Barbara Bernard

The Spring Scholastic Book Fair was a huge success! The children enjoyed visiting the book fair, browsing new titles, purchasing books, and playing games. A big thank you to all of the parents that volunteered to help throughout the week, including setting up and cleaning up. It takes a village! A huge thank you to the Yarrington Family for their generous donation of books to each classroom.





## Staff Appreciation Week

Chaired by Laura McElroy & Jen Rich

Staff Appreciation Week (SAW) is coming up immediately following the April break (and that's only 4 weeks away!). Last year we were able to provide a gift card to every staff member as well as provide daily treats and raffles. We hope to make the same impact this year for our much deserving staff.

If you would like to contribute, please make a donation via Venmo @**MatthewThorntonSchoolPTA** or by signing up to donate a gift card(s): <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0F49AAAF22A2FF2-mtstaff>

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## Fundraising

Chaired by Julie Gallagher

The PTA is kicking off the MT Boosterthon Fun Run Fundraiser in the next few weeks, which culminates with a 25-minute run on **Friday, April 22nd**. Keep your eye out for announcements made on how to begin fundraising and the exciting week students will have celebrating with the Boosterthon team!





# Reflections

Chaired by: Deb D'Amore

The New Hampshire State PTA judging for Reflections has finished and Matthew Thornton had FIVE students place with their incredible works of art! From literature to film production and even dance choreography, MT students crushed it at states this year! Here are our winners:

Winners - Primary (Pre-K - 2nd grade)

1st place, Literature - **Lola Tebbetts**

3rd place, Literature - **Charlotte Palange**

3rd place, Film Production - **Colby Bonnell**

Winners - Intermediate (3rd grade - 5th grade)

1st place, Dance Choreography - **Gabriella Craigie**

1st place, Film Production - **Hatice Celebi**

All 5 of these students will have their artwork sent to National PTA for judging where they will be eligible to win art scholarships if they place on the national level. There will be a Statewide Exhibit of all Reflections artwork in April or May, held virtually this year. Once more information becomes available, we will pass it along.

Thank you to all students who submitted their work and thank you to our wonderful MT staff for supporting Reflections each and every year.



# April Calendar

<b>April 1</b>	Wear Red Sox gear to support their opening at Fenway Park
<b>April 6</b>	District 5th Grade Battle of the Books
<b>April 6</b>	Books and Beyond Collection Date
<b>April 8</b>	Friday Dress Day: PAWS Wear/School Colors
<b>April 11-15</b>	5th grade Newscast at Access Center
<b>April 13</b>	Boosterthon Kick Off–Team joins us
<b>April 13</b>	Band, Chorus, Orchestra picture-8:30 gym
<b>April 13</b>	Incoming 1st Grade Parents Night at MT
<b>April 13</b>	MT Music Concert at LMS from 7-8
<b>April 14</b>	PTA Meeting from 6-7
<b>April 15</b>	Friday Dress Day: Londonderry Pride
<b>April 15</b>	5th Grade Class Picture, Student Council, Girls on the Run, IGYB, Drama
<b>April 15</b>	Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast
<b>April 18-22</b>	Volunteer Appreciation Week
<b>April 22</b>	Boosterthon Fun Run
<b>April 22</b>	Friday Dress Day: Favorite vacation shirt
<b>April 25-April 29</b>	Spring Break
<b>April 27</b>	Administrative Assistants Day



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