Tiger Tales

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LETTER FROM OUR PTA PRESIDENT

by Aaron Duffy

Dear Matthew Thornton Families,

Happy February! School is now officially at the half-way mark and winter is in full swing. I hope you are making the most of the cold weather and the snow. I know the Matthew Thornton Ski Program has been up and running for a few weeks now; it is wonderful to see so many students hitting the slopes!! Many thanks to the many chaperones and parents who help make this program so successful, and huge thanks go out to Regan Sochanek, Alice Kraft, and Kristin O'Donnell for coordinating and assisting all the skiers each week.

A great time was had at our Annual Snowball Semi-formal dance this past Friday evening. Thank you to all who put on their fancy clothes and danced the night away. We hope you were able to snap a fun family photo as well. A special thanks to Kerry Varnum for taking

photos, and to Maggie Croteau and Shannon Rheault for running this event; it was a big success!

This month, the Art Fundraiser will be sent home. You have the opportunity to purchase items with your child's artwork on it, i.e. a mug, ornament, or an apron with their original artwork. These make great gifts and also wonderful keepsakes. The children work with the art teachers on this project, and profits go towards art programs. We appreciate your support!

Looking ahead to Spring please save the date for our big, spring fundraiser event, "The Harlem Wizards" on April 16th. All three Londonderry elementary schools are joining forces to bring them to town. This is a fun family night as we watch some of our beloved teachers and staff take on the Harlem Wizards! This will be our biggest fundraiser of the year; we appreciate your support and participation in this event.

Additionally, we will be having PTA board elections at the end of this year. If you have any interest in becoming more involved and helping to continue the many traditions we have at Matthew Thornton School, I would be happy to provide you with more information. Should you wish to be involved by chairing an event or activity for next year, please feel free to contact me as well. We are always looking for new parents to get involved, as some active parents will be moving on to the middle school with their children. We can't do what we do without the support of our amazing families, so thank you in advance for any volunteering you have done in the past, and are willing to do. ☺

Our next PTA Meeting is scheduled for February 8^{h} at 6pm. The Superintendent will be our guest speaker at the beginning of this meeting. We hope to see you there.

Aaron Duffy
MTPTA President

Regan Sochanek
MTPTA VP Fundraising

FEBRUARY HAPPENINGS AT MT

February 1	Popcorn Sale during lunch recess, $ .25
February 6 (Snowdate 2/7)	5th to 6th Grade Parent Meeting at LMS
February 8	PTA meeting 7:00-8:00PM, MT Library
Feb 26-Mar 2	Winter Break

CLICK HERE FOR SCHOOL CALENDAR INFORMATION

PAWS NEWS

By Kristina Monteiro

PAWS Behavioral Expectations Program
Positive Attitude
Act Responsibly
Work and Play Safely
Show Respect

The PAWS program at Matthew Thornton is a program to maintain and support positive school behaviors. If your student arrives home with "PAWS" stickers, it indicates that they were observed demonstrating positive behavior in areas such as the hallway, cafeteria, classroom, library, etc.

The focus for the month of **December** was playground/sportsmanship and anti-bullying. The winning class from each grade who received the most "PAWS" stickers received either time on "Go Noodle" or "Adventure to Fitness!"

Winning classes announced at the beginning of January were:

1st grade	Miss Kralich	4th grade	Mrs. Murphy
2nd grade	Mrs. Rheault	5th grade	Mrs. Memmelo
3rd grade	Mrs. Jackes		

Congratulations to all of the winning classes and keep up the PAWS behavior!

The focus for the month of **January** continued with using the playground appropriately and having great sportsmanship. The classes who receive the most "PAWS" stickers at each grade level will receive a reward!

During the month of January, teachers will be looking for students who show good sportsmanship at indoor recess and outdoor recess. These students will be nominated and will receive the PAWS Recess Sportsmanship Award.

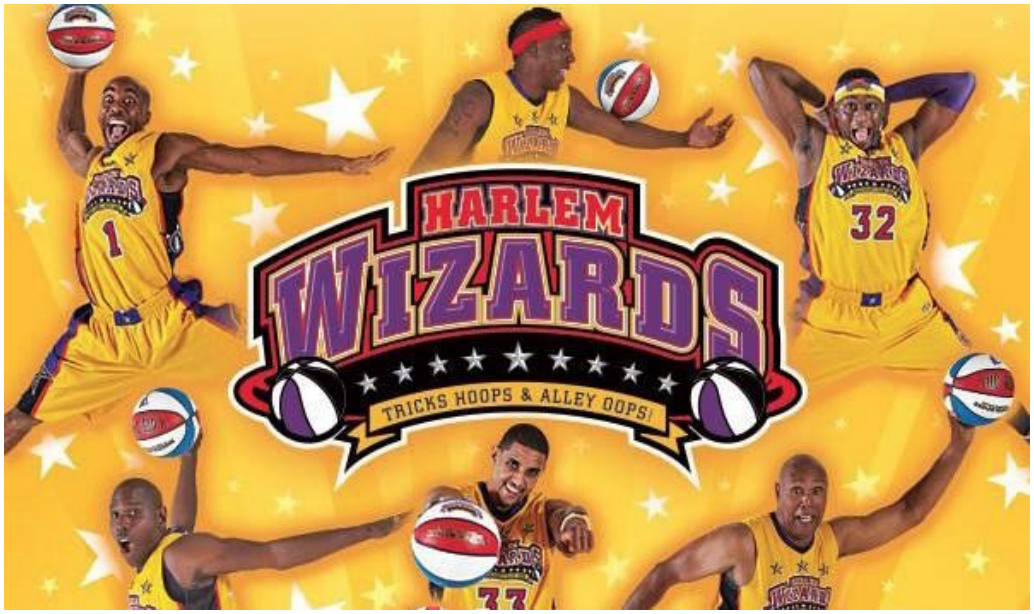
Additionally, "PAWS" stickers are given in the cafeteria to class tables who demonstrate positive school behavior. Classes will receive an extra fifteen-minute recess when they earn fifteen stickers and then again at thirty stickers. When classes reach 60 stickers, they will earn a special table setting for lunch time!

Be on the lookout for future PAWS information and please continue to reinforce with your children at home.

FUNDRAISER

SAVE THE DATE! April 16th, 2018.

The MTPTA has partnered with the PTAs of North School and South School, to bring this exciting event to Londonderry! Game night is Monday April 16 at the High School gym. Ticket information will be posted as soon as it is available.



BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

By Courtney Ryan

CLASSROOM COMPETITION!

Starting February 1st and running through Thursday, February 22nd, Matthew Thornton School will be holding a box tops collection competition. The class with the most box tops collected during this time will earn a pizza party! A collection sheet will be going home early February. Be sure to put the student's name and the teacher's name on each sheet.

Each classroom teacher will have an envelope that these box top collection sheets can be put into. The teachers will hold on to this envelope all month and a PTA representative will

collect them on February 22nd. Collected box tops can also be put into zip lock baggies, just make sure they are labeled with the teacher's name and student's name.

This is a great way to support our school! Any questions please contact, Courtney Ryan, The Box Tops Coordinator. Thank you.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM
SOUPER BOWL

THE MATCHUP IS SET...BUT...
MANY KITCHEN TABLES IN OUR COMMUNITY ARE NOT

Souper Bowl

THE MTPTA COMMUNITY OUTREACH TEAM WILL BE COLLECTING CANNED GOODS FOR THE SONSHINE SOUP KITCHEN IN DERRY

THE SONSHINE SOUP KITCHEN ACCEPTS AND APPRECIATES ALL CANNED GOODS BUT THE *#10 LARGE CANS OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES* ARE PARTICULARLY HELPFUL

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THE SONSHINE SOUP KITCHEN HAS BEEN SERVING FREE HOT MEALS, FIVE DAYS A WEEK SINCE 1989

ALL DONATIONS CAN BE SENT IN/BROUGHT IN TO THE MT LOBBY BY WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH, 2018

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF SUCH A WONDERFUL CAUSE!

SHAWNA CARROLL AND BECKY TAGGART MELIA
MTPTA COMMUNITY OUTREACH CO-CHAIRS

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO EMAIL BRUINSAVS77@YAHOO.COM WITH ANY QUESTIONS

POP ASSEMBLY

What is POP? POP stands for Perseverance, Ownership and Practice.

At an Assembly during the month of January, the students discussed the meaning and importance of POP, as well as what the school's mantra "Tiger Up" involves. The 4th and 5th grade Chorus, under the direction of Mrs Gilcreast, gave a brief performance, singing the Matthew Thornton School song. An exciting announcement was given by some 4th graders - there will soon be a school newspaper!

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EDITORIAL NOTE

By Caroline Edwards

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