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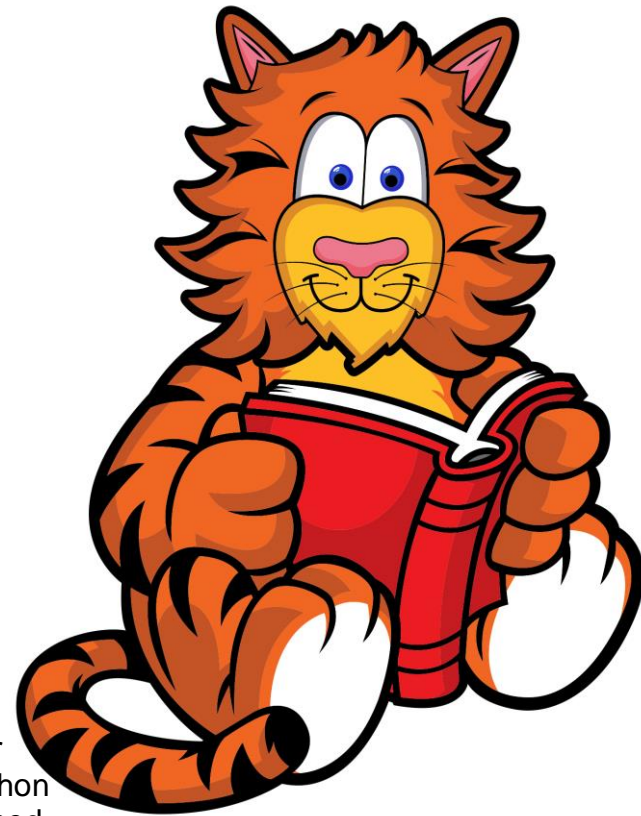
## Letter from the President:

Dear Matthew Thornton Families,

February is a fairly quiet month for the PTA. We are keeping busy by planning some fun things coming up for the remainder of the school year. We are planning on having our 2<sup>nd</sup> Boosterthon fundraiser in April! We are excited to see field trips being planned for the spring, and cannot wait for those classes to have those experiences again!

We do have one event coming up this month that we are happy to plan again! We are looking forward to our Family Fun at Home Night on Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>! We are excited to help plan a night for families to be together and spend time making pizzas and painting. We would love to see any photos you take of the night, so feel free to send those in. A flyer and order form will be sent home soon, but if you have any questions about the night, feel free to send me an email at [richjennifer12@gmail.com](mailto:richjennifer12@gmail.com).

We have a very important town election coming up in March that will affect our schools. We have three School Board positions open. There will be a Deliberative Session on Friday, February 11<sup>th</sup> that all are welcome to attend. There are also elections for town positions, including the School Board on March 8<sup>th</sup>. Please take the time and learn about each candidate and how they will best help our teachers, schools, students, and town when voting.



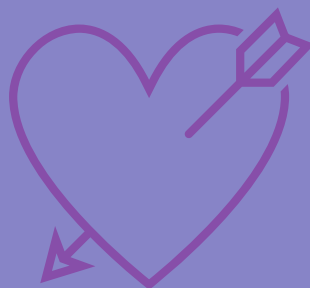
Looking ahead to the spring, we will be having PTA chair elections at the end of this year. If you have any interest in becoming more involved in helping to continue the many traditions we have at Matthew Thornton School, I would be happy to provide you with more information. Should you wish to be involved 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 Thursday, Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the library. We will be having two candidates running for School Board positions at our meeting to speak and answer any questions you may have. We hope to see you there!

**Jen Rich**  
**President**

*Enjoy your up coming*

*Winter Break*



## Principal's Corner:

Dear MT Families:

Is it me or did January seem long this year? Maybe it was all the frigid days that led to indoor recesses. Ski Club was a great success this winter, and we did enjoy some engaging grade level assemblies on kindness. As we welcome February, we have some spirit and fun ahead of us! We are doing a District-Wide Fundraiser for Children's Heart Month on February 4<sup>th</sup>. February 10<sup>th</sup> is our 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School (provided no more snow days between now and then) when we will have a special dress up day and activities throughout the day. We will celebrate Valentine's Day on February 14<sup>th</sup>, and for the first time ever, we will be celebrating 2/22/22 on a Twos-day with Tutus, Ties, and Tennis Shoes and some fun activities. Finally, we end the month heading off to Winter Break. I am excited just thinking of all of the joy this month.

The year continues to throw challenges at us, but I appreciate all of our community working together to overcome obstacles and move forward. My door is always open to you if you would like to chat or ask any questions.

Stay warm!

Sincerely,  
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# YEARBOOK

Chaired by: Kelly Dow

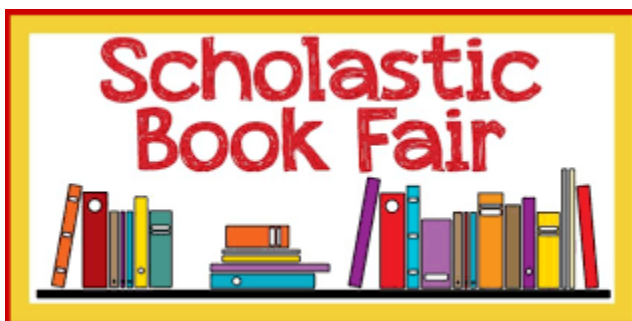
Hi Fifth Grade Parents! Can you believe our kiddos are heading to Middle School soon? We are starting to plan for Fifth Grade yearbooks. Our plan this year is to have parents send in a baby picture of your fifth-grade graduate that will go into the yearbook. You can email me a baby picture at [kellyanndow@gmail.com](mailto:kellyanndow@gmail.com) or send it into the office for collection. Please include your student's first and last name as well as their teachers name on the picture. I can't wait to see all those cute faces. I will have pricing and more details to come soon so be on the lookout!

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## Matthew Thornton Spring Book Fair

Chaired by: Barbara Bernard

WE ARE BUSY PLANNING OUT ALL THE DETAILS FOR OUR NEXT BOOK FAIR COMING SOON IN MARCH. BE ON THE LOOK OUT FOR INFORMATION EARLY NEXT MONTH.





# Reflections

Chaired by: Deb D'Amore

The judging for Reflections has finished and all of the winning artwork has been submitted to the New Hampshire State PTA for judging! Thank you to this year's virtual judges for giving their time to help. Without further ado, here are your 2022 Reflections winners from Matthew Thornton!

Primary Grade Division for **Visual Arts** (Pre-K through 2nd Grade)

- Benjamin D'Amore
- Lacey Tanguay
- Tess Ackernecht

Intermediate Grade Division for **Visual Arts** (3rd-5th Grades)

- Eliana D'Amore

Primary Grade Division for **Literature** (Pre-K through 2nd Grade)

- Charlotte Palange
- Lola Tebbetts

Primary Grade Division for **Film Production** (Pre-K through 2nd Grade)

- Colby Bonnell

Intermediate Grade Division for **Film Production** (3rd-5th Grades)

- Hatice Celebi

Intermediate Grade Division for **Dance Choreography** (3rd-5th Grades)

- Gabriella Craigie

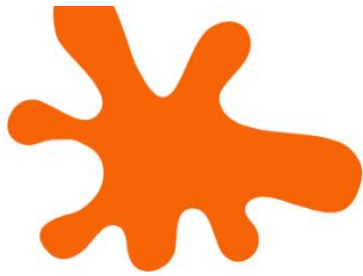
We should hear about the state's judging by the end of February/beginning of March. The state-wide art show will happen virtually in March, and once the date is released, the information will be sent out.

Thank you to all of the Matthew Thornton staff for helping to continue to spread the word about this wonderful art program. Because of your help, we were still able to hold this program virtually and get many submissions.

Winners, keep an eye out for a celebration gift coming to you in the next few weeks!



The upcoming Family Fun at Home Night is brought to you by Sal's pizza of Derry and Paint Party of Salem, NH. Flyers and order forms will be going home soon!



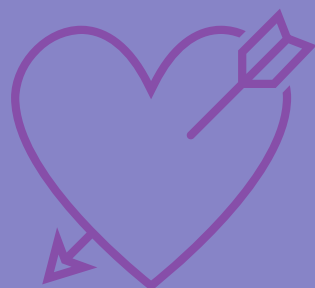
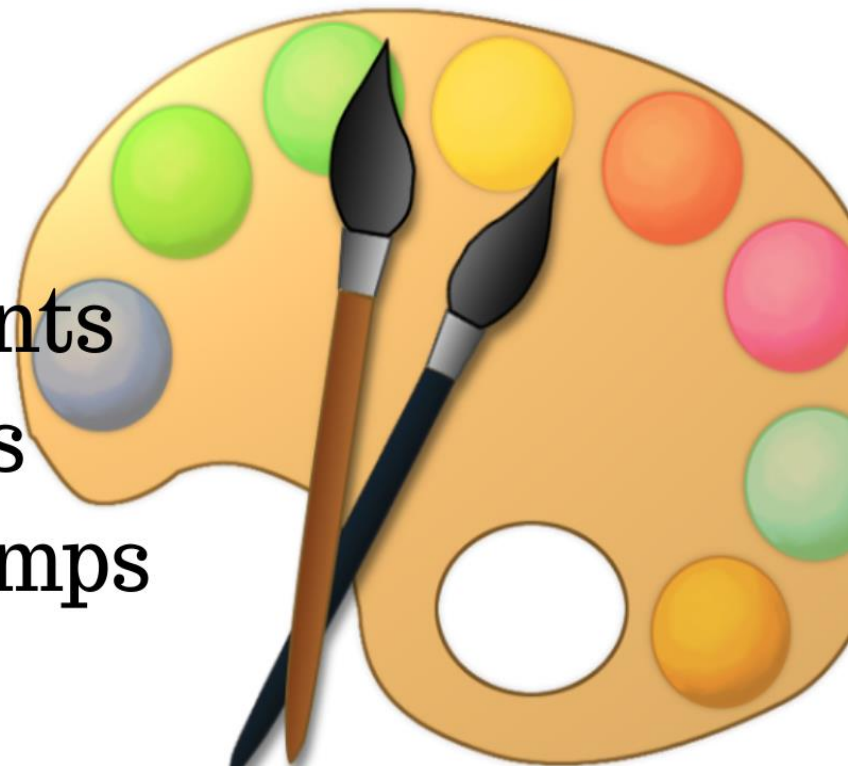
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**Paint'N'Sip Events**  
**Fine Art Classes**  
**Summer Art Camps**



# February Calendar

February 3	Ski Club Picture 8:50-9:00
February 7-11	National School Counseling Week
February 2	Books and Beyond Collection Date
February 4	Friday Dress Day: Wear Red to Support Heart Month
February 7	Teacher Workshop Day
February 9	Virtual Parent Meeting for Rising 6th graders 6-7
February 10	100th Day (per our 1st grade trackers to 100-1 snow day)
February 10	PTA Meeting from 6-7
February 11	Friday Dress Day: Football Attire for the Super Bowl
February 14	Wear Red, Heart, or Pink for Love
February 18	Family Fun at Home Night: pizza and paint night in
February 20	Hoodie-Hoo Day—Chant to Scare Off Winter
February 22	Wear Tutus, Ties, & Tennis Shoes for 2/22/22
February 25	Friday Dress Day: Wear Favorite Vacation Shirt
February 28-March 4	Winter Break



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Jenn Brooks, Editor, Tiger Tales