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Letter from our President

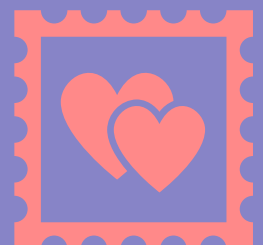
Dear Matthew Thornton Families,

February is a fairly quiet month for the PTA. We will have our ever-popular Popcorn Day on Feb. 6th, so remember your quarters! If you'd like to volunteer to help on Popcorn Day, please let [Merrin Shovlin](#) know. She's always looking for an extra set of hands to help either pop popcorn or help sell it at lunch.

We would like to thank all of the families who came out for our Tall and Small Dance on Jan. 31st. We had such a fun night dancing and taking selfies at the selfie station! Geronimo Joe from Boosterthon kept everyone dancing and having a great time! An extra special THANK YOU goes out to Susan Fletcher, who put in a lot of hard work and time planning this newly branded dance for our school!!



Photos by
Amity Small



Looking ahead to Spring, please keep in mind our big fundraiser event: the 2nd Annual Boosterthon Fun Run! The Fun Run will be held on Friday, Apr. 24th this year. If you're able to come and watch your child or children, it is an awesome experience to see them run laps with their class and have fun! More details will follow as the date gets closer!

Additionally, we will be having PTA board 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. 13th at 6pm. Free pizza and childcare will be provided. We hope to see you there!

Jen Rich
President

Laura McElroy
Vice President

**WE WISH YOU ALL A FUN AND SAFE
FEBRUARY BREAK!**



Principal's Corner:

Dear MT Families:

Can you believe we are over halfway through the school year? We have enjoyed our fall and winter traditions, and we have had a lot to celebrate. The new Tall and Small Dance was a hit, and the new tweaks and additions made the event more special. And February 10th marks our 100th Day of School! We are so excited for what the rest of 2020 has in store for all of us. Teachers and staff are working hard as this time between January and February has a lot of uninterrupted academic time, and we see a lot of student growth. Things are good at MT, but if you have any concerns or questions, please reach out, as my door is always open to you. As we make our way to February vacation, may we all be healthy, motivated, and excited for what the rest of the year has in store.

Your Lucky Principal,
Amity Small



Chaired by Amy Wheeler

Our school is participating in a creative fundraiser with Art to Remember that allows you to purchase keepsake products customized with your child's art. Art to Remember transfers your child's artwork onto wonderful keepsake items, such as phone covers, mugs, necklaces, and many other fun items! The best part is that every keepsake order supports our school. Personalized order forms will be sent home with students near the end of March.





Box Tops

Chaired by Abigail Burton

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Box Tops All Stars contest so far! Currently in the lead is Ms. Keshigian's class with 271 box tops, followed closely by Mrs. Jackes' class at 264 box tops, and Mrs. Farnell's class is in third place with 226 box tops.

Our next collection date at MT will be Friday, February 14!

Currently, via our school's virtual collection, we have \$595.40 and our last submission totaled \$417.

Everyone is doing a great job and I'm grateful to everyone who has participated so far!

Don't forget to check your expiration dates, clip as best you can, and submit your Box Tops labeled with your child's name and home room teacher. Happy February!



Ski Club

Chaired by Regan Sochanek, Kristin O'Donnell, and Alice Kraft

We've wrapped up another great session at McIntyre! We were so proud of the 50 plus students who did a great job representing our school while having fun skiing and snowboarding. For those who want more, sign up at McIntyre.com under Matthew Thornton for Session 2.

Kristin, Alice, and I have enjoyed coordinating ski club over the years and now we are ready to pass on the role. Anyone interested, please reach out with questions you may have. The Ski Club is a well-oiled machine at this point, and we'd be happy to help anyone taking over.

Thank you!!





PAWS Behavioral Expectations Program

Chaired by Kristina Mahn

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 a positive behavior in areas such as the hallway, cafeteria, classroom, library, etc.

The winning class from each grade level who received the most “PAWS” stickers had the opportunity to choose their reward! Classes will now have a “Reward Menu” full of various reward options. Winning classes will be able to make a choice from the menu if they earn the most stickers!

Winning classes announced at the end of January were:

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| 1 st grade | Mrs. Kearney | 4 th grade | Mrs. Murphy |
| 2 nd grade | Mrs. Larochelle | 5 th grade | Ms. Charette |
| 3 rd grade | Mrs. Jackes | | |

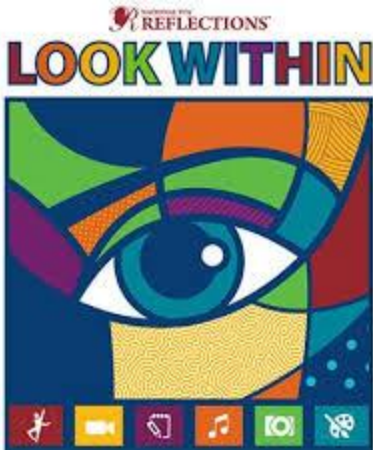
Congratulations to all of the winning classes and keep up the PAWS behavior!

Additionally, “PAWS” stickers are given in the cafeteria to 1st, 2nd and 3rd grade tables who demonstrate appropriate cafeteria behavior. When a table receives fifteen stickers, that class receives an extra fifteen-minute recess. Other special awards will be given as tables accumulate more cafeteria stickers. 4th and 5th grade classes receive golden spatulas as they demonstrate PAWS behavior. When they receive 3 golden spatulas, they earn open seating in the cafeteria. They have already earned this reward multiple times!

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

PAWS:

Positive Attitude, **A**ct Responsibly, **W**ork and Play Safely, **S**how Respect



Reflections

**YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED
TO ATTEND**

***THE NEW HAMPSHIRE PTA REFLECTIONS EXHIBIT
2019-2020***

**Wednesday, March 11, 2020
5:30 to 7:30 PM**

**Gilbert H. Hood Middle School
5 Hood Road, Derry, NH 03038**

**Snow date: Thursday, March 13, 5:30 to 7:30 PM
Postponement will occur if school is cancelled in Derry
on March 11 or if poor driving conditions are expected,
and will be announced on the
NHPTA Office phone (603-965-4942),
on the NHPTA Website (www.nhpta1.org),
NH PTA Facebook page, and email will be sent to
Reflections Chairs and PTA Presidents.**

***Please extend this invitation to the families of all students who participated in
Reflections at your school.***

***Students winning at the state level will be announced by email to
Reflection Chairs and PTA Presidents in February.***

February Calendar

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| February 1 | Girls On The Run registration opens |
| February 3 | Red Cross-4th Grade Classrooms 10:05,1:05,1:30 |
| February 4-8 | National School Counseling Week |
| February 5 | Books and Beyond Collection Date |
| February 6 | Popcorn Sale during lunches |
| February 7 | Friday Dress Day: Wear Winter White to celebrate the 49 th Day of Winter! |
| February 7 | Red Cross-4th Grade Classrooms 10:05,11:05,1:30 |
| February 10 | 100th Day of School (3 snow days) |
| February 11 | NH Primary: Teacher Workshop Day/ No School for students |
| February 13 | PTA Meeting from 6-7 in Library |
| February 14 | Friday Dress Day: Red, Heart, or Pink for Love |
| February 19 | Huskies Visit Iditarod classes 12:30-2:30 (2/20 snowdate) |
| February 20 | Hoodie-Hoo Day at 12pm--chase away winter! |
| February 21 | Museum of Science in 4th grade 8:30-12:40 |
| February 21 | Friday Dress Day: Favorite Vacation Shirt |
| February 24 – February 28 | Winter Break |

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Jenn Brooks, Editor, Tiger Tales