



Tiger Tales

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Matthew Thornton Elementary School PTA

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LETTER FROM OUR PTA PRESIDENT



by [Aaron Duffy](#)

Dear Matthew Thornton Families,

Happy New Year! We hope you had a wonderful holiday break and enjoyed time with your family and friends. It's hard to believe it is now 2018!

Thank you to all who came out to see Santa and enjoy our annual Winter Wonderland Breakfast. A huge thanks to Rich Gray and Tara Sessa and their elves for transforming the school into a Winter Wonderland. It was just what we needed to get into the holiday spirit. We want to give a huge "THANK YOU" to Infinity Reality Group here in Londonderry for sponsoring our Pancake Breakfast. The chorus, under the direction of music teacher, Stacey Gilcreast, made the breakfast even more festive. We would also like to acknowledge Shannon Rheault and Lisa Burns for their work running our Secret Shop! The children loved picking out gifts for their family members and the Secret Shop offered the perfect choices. Thank you to the LHS "Heal the World Club" and many other volunteers for helping the children to shop, wrap, and write gift tags.

The spirit of giving was alive at our school this holiday season! It was a wonderful sight to see over 600 gifts donated to our Adopt-A-Family program. Thanks to you and your generous donations, the season

was made brighter for some of our own MT families. Special thanks to Shawna Carroll and Becky Melia for helping with our Adopt-A-Family/Community Outreach Program.

Please note the date/time change of our next PTA meeting which will be held @ 7pm on January 18th in the library. Also, save the date for our Snowball Semi-Formal dance on January 26th!

[Aaron Duffy](#)

MTPTA President

[Regan Sochanek](#)

MTPTA VP Fundraising

JANUARY HAPPENINGS AT MT

January 2	Classes Resume
January 4	Popcorn Sale during lunch recess \$.25
January 4	Ski Club begins (five weeks)
January 10	School Store Grades 3-5 during recess, Grade 1 during snack
January 11	School Store Grades 3-5 during recess, Grade 2 during snack
January 15	MLK Jr. Day/No School
January 18	PTA Meeting from 7:00-8:00 MT Library
January 26	Snowball Dance

CLICK [HERE](#) FOR SCHOOL CALENDAR INFORMATION

MATTHEW THORNTON'S SNOWBALL SEMI-FORMAL DANCE

By [Maggie Croteau](#)



On Friday, January 26, 2018, Matthew Thornton School will hold the annual Snowball Semi-formal Dance for its students. All students must be accompanied by a parent/guardian and we hope you all come ready to boogie!

The dance will be held in the MT gym 6-7:30PM, dress attire is dressy-casual. A Sign-Up Genius will be sent out for set-up, help, and bake sale items.

Admission is \$5 per family. Pictures (\$3 each), snacks and drinks (\$.50-\$1 each) may also be purchased. We are only able to accept cash or checks.

If you have any questions please contact [Maggie Croteau](#). We hope to see you there!

SCRIP CARD PROGRAM

By [Danielle Peckham](#)

Thank you for purchasing gift cards through our Scrip Program. A percentage of the money from each gift card sold comes back to the school. We appreciate your support! We will be doing another order March. We do have a few gift cards on hand for purchase. For more information on the gift cards on hand, please check out our MTPTA Facebook page. If you have any questions or comments, please contact [Danielle Peckham](#).

LIBRARY NEWS

By [Tonya Pisinski](#)



New Year's greetings from the Matthew Thornton School Library! We have very been busy so far this school year! During the fall, first through third graders read the New Hampshire Ladybug Award books. (Ask your student about **Elwood Bigfoot!**) Before vacation, each student voted on their favorite. Our votes, along with the votes from other students around New Hampshire, were collected. We should know which book won the top award soon!



Fourth and fifth graders have been learning about different fiction genres: historical fiction, mystery, realistic fiction, fantasy, and science fiction. We have also been talking about the Great Stone Face books - 20 novels from different fiction genres which students can read and then vote on their favorite in April. The entire fourth and fifth grades are reading **The Bicycle Spy**, by Yona Zeldis McDonough, (one of the GSF books).

The library staff has been working hard to make our materials more accessible to all.

We have combined the hardcover and paperback fiction books and created a **popular fiction series** section.





We now have shelving exclusively for new books.

And we've made nonfiction titles easier for our younger students to find.



And there are more exciting changes yet to come! Stay tuned!

Happy reading!
Your Matthew Thornton Library Staff

REFLECTIONS "WITHIN REACH"



By [Jodie Nease](#)

Congratulation to all! Please join us to celebrate the Reflections Program at the town-wide exhibit being held at LMS on January 6, 2018 from 4-6pm. All excellence winners will be moving onto the State Reflections Competition.

Visual Arts Primary Excellence Winners

Carter Blanco
Rono Hernandez

Honorable Mention Primary

Aidan Jones
Ella Argie

Visual Arts Intermediate Winners

Anna Arnot
Megan Plaza
Lillian McKinney

Honorable Mention Intermediate

Domenica Vacca
Kylie Harrison

Photography Excellence Intermediate

Jamie Nease
Megan Plaza

Dance Choreography

Megan Plaza

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 November was playground-sportsmanship and anti-bullying. The winning class from each grade who received the most “PAWS” stickers received a pajama day!

Winning classes announced at the beginning of December were:

1 st grade	Miss Miller	4 th grade	Mrs. Slozak
2 nd grade	Mrs. Allard	5 th grade	Miss Monteiro
3 rd grade	Mrs. Nault		

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

The focus for the month of December continued with using the playground appropriately and having great sportsmanship. The classes who receive the most “PAWS” stickers at each grade level will enjoy either “Adventure to Fitness” or “Go Noodle” games and activities.

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. Other special rewards will be given as tables accumulate more stickers.

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

SCHOOL STORE



By [Jennifer Rich](#)

Hello MT Families!

If your student is running low on school supplies, they can come visit our next School Store in January! We will be having our second sale of the year on Wednesday, January 10th and Thursday, January 11th.

We will have our usual items, such as pencils, mechanical pencils, pencil sharpeners, erasers and highlighters. We will also have a few fun items like keychains and stress balls. Items range in price from \$.25 to \$5.00.

Also for sale are the Matthew Thornton water bottles for \$8.00 and our NEW Matthew Thornton cinch bags for \$10! If you are sending in a check with your child please make it out to MT PTA.



NEW cinch bags!

The times for the store are as follows:

- ~ Grade 1: Weds, January 10th during snack
- ~ Grade 2: Thurs, January 11th during snack
- ~ Grades 3-5: BOTH Wednesday and Thursday, January 10th and 11th during recess (after lunch)

We hope to see you there!

CLASS HOLIDAY PARTY PHOTOS



EDITORIAL NOTE



By [Caroline Edwards](#)

Tiger Tales is a monthly publication of the Matthew Thornton PTA and is sent out to parents and guardians of every student.

To advertise in the next Tiger Tales, there is a \$15 monthly charge. If you're interested in advertising in the January issue, please contact me at caro.edwards@icloud.com by January 20th, 2018.

On a separate note, **CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE**; we have a new look and a slightly new name... mtpta.net!

Wishing all of you the very best for 2018.



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