

# TIGER TALES



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## Letter from our President

Dear Matthew Thornton Families,

Happy New Year! We hope you had a wonderful holiday break and enjoyed time with your family and friends. 2019 was a great year at MT, and we look forward to everything 2020 has to bring!

This holiday season was a busy one at our school. We have so many wonderful families who donated above and beyond the wish lists for the Adopt a Family program. Thanks to you and your generous donations, the season was a brighter one for some families and our community. Special thanks to Krista Demboski and Shawna Carroll for running this amazing Outreach Program!

We had a successful Winter Wonderland and Secret Shop on December 1st where we saw many MT families come out and enjoy a fun morning together. Thank you again to Julie Gallagher and Lisa Burns for all of their hard work on these events!



Photos courtesy of Amity Small

Looking to the month of January, we have a few things coming up. Ski Club is starting Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>, our PTA meeting is on Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> at 6pm, pizza and childcare provided, we will have our second School Store on Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>, and our Tall and Small Dance to look forward to as well on Jan, 31<sup>st</sup>! Also, don't forget your quarters for Popcorn Day on Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>!

We look forward to seeing you in the new year!

Jen Rich      Laura McElroy

President      Vice President

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## School Store

Chaired by Jennifer Rich

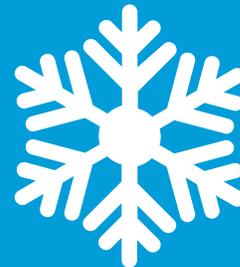
Hello MT Families!

Our second School Store of the year will be happening on **Friday, January 10th**. We offer a fun selection of pencils, erasers, pencil sharpeners, highlighters, pencil pouches, etc. Prices vary from \$.25 to \$5.00.

We also sell our MT water bottles for \$8.00 and our MT black and orange cinch bags for \$10.00.

Thank you to our Student Council members for coming down and helping our first and second graders shop as Shopping Buddies! We appreciate your help!

We hope to see you there!!



## Principal's Corner:

Happy New Year, MT Families!

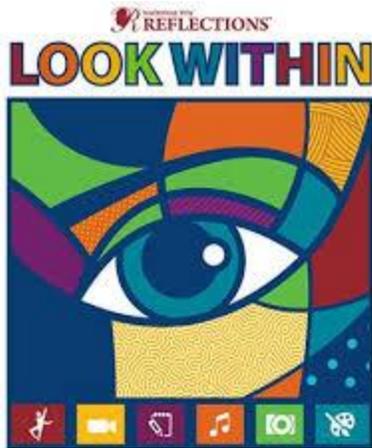
We had a great December, despite snow days cramping our style, though it's been fun watching students play in the snow at recess!! The Winter Wonderland and Secret Shop put me right in the holiday mood, and it was so wonderful to see so many families out enjoying this tradition. We appreciate volunteers stepping up so we can continue all of our traditions for our students each year; without volunteers, we simply wouldn't have the support we need to carry out all the work needed to ensure things run smoothly.

The band, strings, and chorus concert was also amazing, thanks to Mrs. Gilcreast, Mr. Villiard, Mrs. Salviati, and our wonderfully talented students. We exceeded the items needed for the Adopt a Family collection, thanks to everyone's generosity, and we collected many winter coats for Operation Snowflake. Student Council raised hundreds of dollars to donate to NH Make a Wish. Families and students had fun learning to code during National Computer Science Week. And there were many other fun winter activities throughout the building as we wrapped up December, and I can tell you, there was much joy. MT is a special place.

Thanks for your continued support of the MT community—we look forward to what this new year (and decade) have in store for all of us.

Sincerely,  
Amity Small, your lucky and proud principal





# Reflections

Chaired by Deb D'Amore

The Reflections Committee is happy to announce the Excellence Award recipients for this year's PTA Reflections Program. Congratulations to all our young artists!!!

**Primary Excellence (K-2), Visual Arts: Avery Ackernecht, Logan Chagnon and Maeve Duncan**

**Intermediate Excellence (3-5), Visual Arts: Allison Dinovo, Lillian McKinney, Sophia Shuman**

**Intermediate Excellence (3-5), Dance Choreography: Gabriella Craigie**

Information on the NH State Reflections Exhibit and awards will be announced sometime in February.

**Everyone is welcome to celebrate at the Town-Wide Art Exhibit being held at the Londonderry Middle School on Saturday, January 4, 2020 from 4-6pm.** Members of the public are encouraged to support our young artists by attending the free exhibit to view artwork, listen to musical compositions, and watch live performances. Light refreshments will also be available.

The National PTA Reflections Program is an art recognition and achievement program for students. It provides opportunities for students to express themselves creatively and to receive positive recognition for original works of art inspired by a pre-selected theme, while increasing community awareness on the importance of the arts in education.



# News from the Matthew Thornton Library

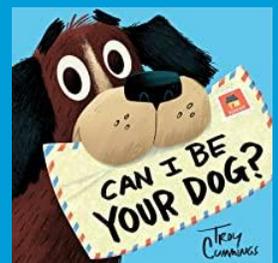
December was a busy month in the Matthew Thornton Library. The highlight of the month – Ladybug book voting! All second and third graders participated in casting votes for their favorite Ladybug book.



To celebrate voting day and the reading of our last book, ***Can I Be Your Dog***, by Troy Cummings, we had a special guest: Chloe, a Cavalier King Charles spaniel. Chloe couldn't wait to come visit the students each day, according to Mrs. Webster, Chloe's mom.



**And the Ladybug book winner is....**



Be sure to ask your student which book was their favorite! Happy Reading! Mrs. P



# SMALL & TALL DANCE



**JANUARY 31, 2020**

All Matthew Thornton Smalls (Boys and Girls) are invited to come dance the night away on Friday, January 31st. Dancing under snowflakes, building snowmen, sharing treats, and other surprises await you – all while creating special moments with your **icemazing** Tall or Talls (Parents, Grandparents, or any special person). This will be a **snowtastic** evening celebrating our learners and the people who love them. Feel free to put on your fancy dress, cool threads, or whatever makes you feel comfortable and get ready to have some fun. Look for more information coming your way soon.....



# January Calendar

<b>January 2</b>	Classes Resume
<b>January 2</b>	Popcorn Sale during lunches
<b>January 3</b>	Friday Dress Day: Favorite Sweatshirt Day
<b>January 3</b>	Battle of the Books 5th grade presentation in Cafe from 2:15-3
<b>January 8</b>	Books and Beyond Collection Date
<b>January 8</b>	Books and Bingo Night from 6-7 in Cafe
<b>January 9</b>	PTA Meeting from 6-7 in Library
<b>January 10</b>	Friday Dress Day: Patriots / Football Day
<b>January 10</b>	School Store
<b>January 17</b>	Friday Dress Day: Winter Hat Day
<b>January 20</b>	No school / MLK Jr Day
<b>January 24</b>	Friday Dress Day: Winter Sweater
<b>January 31</b>	Friday Dress Day: PAWS/School Colors day
<b>January 31</b>	Trimester 2 POP Assembly @ 9 in gym
<b>January 31</b>	Tall & Small Dance from 6-7:30 in gym

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Jenn Brooks, Editor, Tiger Tales