

# TIGER TALES

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## Letter from the President:

Dear Matthew Thornton Families,

Happy New Year!! We hope you had a peaceful and relaxing holiday with your families. We are excited to look ahead to a new year and welcome 2022 and all the good things that are to come in the new year.

Thank you, once again, to everyone who graciously donated to our Community Outreach program. We were able to fill stockings for our soldiers overseas in the Stockings for Soldiers program. We also made the holidays a little bit brighter for some local families with our Adopt-a-Family program. We are so fortunate to live in such a giving and caring community! A special THANK YOU to Courtney Tanguay for organizing and collecting all of the items for this program!!

We hope you can join us for our next PTA meeting in the MT Library on Thursday, Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. Childcare will be provided. We will be discussing our upcoming events for the remainder of the year.

**Jennifer Rich**  
MTPTA President

**We hope everyone has  
a happy & healthy January!**

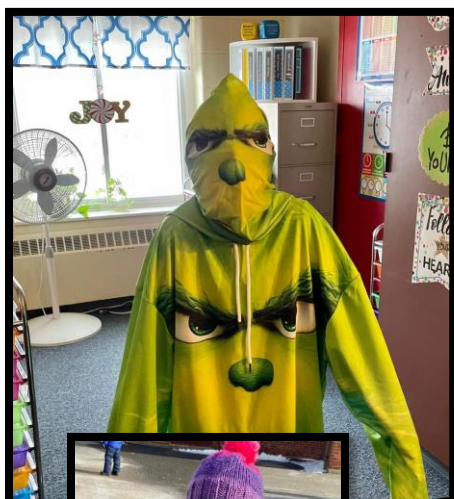


## Principal's Corner:

Dear MT Families:

December was a whirlwind filled with learning alongside winter and holiday fun. Every day leading up to vacation had a little cheer. We got to enjoy the band, strings, and chorus shows thanks to our district's awesome music program. We appreciated all the time and work the PTA put into collaborating with the other elementary schools to try and host a 4-school outdoor winter event. Unfortunately, the weather foiled our plans, but we are still thinking of ways to continue to add fun opportunities to our school in 2022. I hope you all enjoyed a peaceful and healthy break, and we look forward to the new year full of better times and continued community building. May your resolutions and hopes for the new year stick, and please know how grateful I am for our school community. My door is always open to you.

Sincerely,  
Amity Small, Your Proud Principal



Photos courtesy of Amity Small





# Reflections

Chaired by Deb D'Amore

Our Reflections program has been a great success. We have had some wonderful entries from our students this year based on the theme "I Will Change the World By..."

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.

The judging for the Matthew Thornton entries is currently underway. We will announce the recipients for Reflections Excellence Awards in late January.

We are currently working on the possibility of having a Town Wide Art Exhibit this year, showcasing the works of all of the artists from all of the elementary schools and Moose Hill. More information will come when we know if or when we are able to hold the event. The New Hampshire PTA is still planning on having a state-wide exhibit, but at this time, they do not know if the event will be held in person or virtually. This exhibit is usually held in March; more information will follow in the next couple of months.

Thank you to everyone who participated, as well as to the teachers and staff who assist in promoting Reflections each and every year. It is truly a wonderful program and our students do a fantastic job representing Matthew Thornton.

For questions or comments, please contact the Reflections Chairperson, Deb D'Amore at [debellben1315@gmail.com](mailto:debellben1315@gmail.com)





## Books and Beyond

Chaired by Lisa Burns and Jen Rich

Books and Beyond reading incentive program is off and running. We have 275 students, over half the school, participating in the program so far. These children have read over 5,500 hours! 57 students have already earned gold medals by reading over 35 hours. Keep up the great work!

Keep reading and logging those hours. Children earn prizes after reading for a total of 5 hours, 15 hours, 25 hours, and 35 hours. For every 5 hours of reading after that, they earn another entry in the end of the year raffle, which has some great prizes. The winter season is a great time to enjoy some quiet moments and curl up with a good book!

Additional log sheets are available on the MTPTA website: [MTPTA.net](http://MTPTA.net)

Our next log sheet collection/online submission date is **Wednesday January 5th.**

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## Ski Club

Chaired by Kristy Fitzpatrick

Ski club will be starting Thursday, January 6, 2022, 4:30-6:30pm for 5 consecutive weeks. Don't forget to get fitted for rentals and we will see you on the mountain!





# January Calendar

January 3	Classes Resume
January 5	Books and Beyond Collection Date
January 7	TIGER Assemblies per grade level in gym
January 13	PTA Meeting from 6-7 in the Library
January 17	No school / MLK Jr Day
January 27	Ski Club Picture 2:45-3:13
January 31	Friday Dress Day: School Pride
January 31	Trimester 2 POP Assembly



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Jenn Brooks, Editor, Tiger Tales