



Tiger Tales

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Matthew Thornton Elementary School PTA

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LETTER FROM OUR PTA PRESIDENT



by [Aaron Duffy](#)

Dear MT Families,

June has arrived and the end of year activities are in full swing! The students are busy with Field Trips, Assemblies, Step-Up Day, the Family BBQ/Field Day, and more! In order to make our field day a success, we will need a lot of help! Please keep your eye out for the Sign-Up which will be sent out during the first week of June. Field Day/BBQ Day is going to be held on June 20th, rain or shine! This is one of our favorite days at Matthew Thornton; we hope you can join us in making the end of the year memorable for all MT students! Thank you in advance for any time you can give.

As the end of the year approaches, we look ahead to our volunteer needs for next year. We have many parents/guardians moving on next year and would like to wish them the best of luck at the Middle School! As these parents/guardians move on, we have many open PTA positions we need to fill. We hope you will join us at our next PTA meeting, which will be held on Tuesday, June 7th from 6-7 PM in the MT library.

We would like to thank all of our volunteers and chairpersons on a very successful 2017-18 school year. Your time and energy helped contribute to this wonderful year. When you hear the students talk about all of the great activities, programs, and events that go on, you can't help but smile!! **MT is a great community to be a part of and you have contributed in amazing ways to that community!!!**

We would also like to thank the staff members who are retiring this year, for their dedication to Matthew Thornton. We wish the best of luck to Vicky Stickney, Kathy Horohoe, and Jack Martin. We will miss you all!!

Finally, we want to wish Sharon Putney the best of luck as she starts a new chapter in her professional career. We are so thankful to you for your support of the PTA and your leadership among the community at Matthew Thornton. Best of luck to you in all you do! You will be missed!

Have a wonderful and fun Summer!

[Aaron Duffy](#)
MTPTA President

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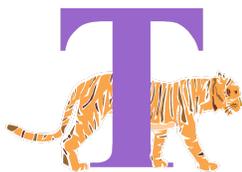
JUNE HAPPENINGS AT MT

June 1	Museum Day in Keshigian's Class from 9-10AM
June 1	Grade 4 Pillowcase Project with Red Cross
June 4	Recess Academy II: During all lunch recesses
June 6	Track Meet at LHS track, after school
June 7	PTA meeting 6:00-7:00PM, MT Library
June 7	Move-Up Day for Grade 5 students to LMS
June 8	S. Rheault: "Rainforest Tour" at 2:15PM
June 8	Last Day to check out books from the Library
June 12	1:30PM Maloney's Room/Parents in to view writing portfolios
June 12/13	Karen Holman, writer and illustrator visits Grade 4
June 14	LMS Jazz Presentation at 9:15AM for Grades 4 and 5
June 15	Senior Breakfast/Graduation Day for LHS
June 18-22	SPIRIT WEEK, sponsored by the Student Council
June 18	Books and Beyond Assemblies, PARENTS WELCOME!! Grade 1: 9:10AM Grade 2: 10:00AM Grade 3: 11:00AM
June 18	2PM Walk Against Hunger/New Horizons Soup Kitchen
June 19	Books and Beyond Assemblies, PARENTS WELCOME!! Grade 5: 9:10AM Grade 4: 10:15AM
June 20	Field Day/MT Family BBQ Day
June 21	9:15AM Respect Assembly/Step-Up Day 5th Grade Activity Day
June 22	Last Day of School for students: dismissal at 12:05PM

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

The focus, for the months of **April and May**, was kindness and playground behavior. Each day on the morning announcements, students read various tips about how to show kindness to others and how to play appropriately on the playground. Fifth graders also spent time with first graders to teach them about playground rules. They really enjoyed this time together and learned a lot!

The students worked very hard this month to earn PAWS stickers on their classroom charts. All classes who received the most PAWS stickers had the opportunity to go outside and use chalk. The students enjoyed the fresh air and the opportunity to be creative!

Winning classes announced at the beginning of May were:

1 st grade	Mrs. Farnell	4 th grade	Mrs. Murphy
2 nd grade	Mrs. Rheault	5 th grade	Miss Monteiro
3 rd grade	Ms. Keshigian		

Additionally, “PAWS” stickers are given in the Cafeteria to class tables who demonstrate positive school behavior. When a table receives fifteen stickers, that class receives a 15-minute recess. When an individual class receives 30 stickers the reward is also a 15-minute recess. Some classrooms have earned up to 60 stickers! When they reached 60 stickers, they were given a fancy table setting at lunch. This included straws, napkins, and confetti! Other special awards will be given as tables accumulate more Cafeteria stickers. Be on the lookout for future PAWS information and please continue to reinforce positive behaviors with your children at home.

ART TO REMEMBER



By Linda LeBlanc, Coordinator

I would like to take this opportunity to say THANK YOU to all of the participants of the Art to Remember fundraiser. Because of your childrens' beautiful artwork, the help of Miss Pichette and your generous family members- we raised over \$2,000 for our school. Please encourage your children to color and create and we look forward to the projects for next year. Have a great summer!

BOOKS AND BEYOND ASSEMBLIES

PARENTS WELCOME TO ATTEND!!

Each participating student and those receiving gold medals will be recognized at their grade's assembly. It is also time for the long awaited raffle of some great prizes such as books, Barnes & Noble gift cards, and more. Congratulations to all the MT readers!!!

June 18th	Grade 1: 9:10AM
	Grade 2: 10:00AM
	Grade 3: 11:00AM
June 19th	Grade 5: 9:10AM
	Grade 4: 10:15AM

SCRIP PROGRAM



By Danielle Peckham, Coordinator

This is the LAST time to order gift cards through our Scrip Program. If you are looking for gift cards for dads, teachers, coaches, or just to stores you frequently shop, check out the attached order form. A percentage of the money from each gift card sold comes back to the school. We appreciate your support! If you have any questions or comments, please contact [Danielle Peckham](#).

DEADLINE is FRIDAY JUNE 8th, 2018. Orders will be in by Friday June 15!!!!

EDITORIAL NOTE



By [Caroline Edwards](#)

This is our last edition of Tiger Tales for the 2017-18 Scholastic Year. It has been an honor to be able to contribute in this small way to our wonderful community at Matthew Thornton Elementary School. Many thanks to the contributors who provide material to this newsletter. I would also like to thank Sharon Putney for her patience and assistance with overviewing and distributing our PTA's newsletter, as well as wish her luck in her future undertaking as she moves on to a new and exciting Principal position.

Wishing you all a fun-filled summer vacation!



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