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Letter from the President:

Dear Matthew Thornton Families,

It's hard to believe that we are in the last few weeks of school. It's been a challenging and unique year, but so wonderful to see how the students adjusted to their daily routine, and how the teachers continued to impress us with their commitment to our students. I'd like to take this opportunity to give thanks to all of the MT families who have helped this year in any way - through volunteering as room parents, volunteering for Books & Beyond, by donating for our Staff Appreciation Week, or by supporting the PTA by purchasing a raffle calendar in the fall. We truly appreciate all of your support this past year, in a year where we couldn't be visibly present in the school but were still able to give back to our wonderful school and staff.

We would like to thank two very special PTA volunteers who are moving on to the middle school: Susan Fletcher and Amy Wheeler.

Amy - thank you for taking on the Yearbook for the past two years when trying to make a yearbook during a pandemic was unprecedented. Also, thank you for handling the Art to Remember program and having that run so smoothly under your care. We are going to miss your dedication to both positions and having you on the PTA.



Susan - thank you for so much of your time and creativity to all of your positions you have held on the PTA over the past years. You organized, managed, and handled the Book Fair with such ease and helped Matthew Thornton have the best experience shopping for books. This past year, you continued to surprise and impress all of us with your creative ideas with The Masked Readers, celebrity guest readers, and all of your work to provide favorite character themed activities for the students. It was truly amazing! You also took on the newly branded vision for the Small and Tall Dance last year and managed to find a way to connect families at home this year during the pandemic with the pizza kits and arts and craft night. You always poured so much thought and effort into making an event successful. Finally, thank you so much for your dedication to the PTA Board by serving as Treasurer for the past two years. We will miss your presence as you move on to LMS!!

Finally, I would like to thank the Matthew Thornton staff, but especially *Mrs. Small* and *Mr. McCarthy*. Your continued support of the PTA is so appreciated!

Mr. McCarthy - we are going to miss you as you move on to your next role. You have been a huge help to the PTA over the years, especially this past year, creating and managing reports for us. We cannot thank you enough! Good luck in your role as Principal; they are very lucky to be getting you!!

Our final PTA meeting will be Thursday, June 10th from 6-7pm. We are going to meet at Matthew Thornton as we vote in our new Board and have an in-person meeting. We would love to have you join us!

Jen Rich
President

THANK YOU
SUSAN
FLETCHER!

THANK YOU
MRS. SMALL &
MR.
MCCARTHY!

THANK YOU
AMY WHEELER!



Principal's Corner:

Dear MT Families:

We've made it to June, and we are looking forward to wrapping up the year with our learners. Modified field days and Step-Up Days are planned, and teachers are incorporating fun end of the year activities for their classes. We are all very proud of the MT community for adapting to such an unpredictable year. We thank you, our parents, for supporting us through a pandemic as we shifted to do our best to help our students learn and stay healthy and safe. It wasn't easy for any of us—staff, students, parents, and Londonderry in general—but we did it!! We appreciate all that our PTA and volunteers have done to keep traditions in place in new ways. I think I speak for all of us when I say I hope next year is more “normal.” In the meantime, enjoy your summer, and see your students back in August.

Sincerely,

Amity Small, your proud Principal

Remote Learners

MT remote learners are looking forward to a wonderful end of the year! We have recess visits, field day, and other fun activities planned. Families have been so supportive as we navigated this unique and challenging year. We have had a great remote learning adventure!

Kelly Juster

Remote Teacher



CELEBRATE!

Field Day & 5th Grade Activity Day

The PTA is looking forward to providing a few things for Field Day this year. We will miss inviting families and organizing the volunteers, but we are hopeful that next year we can invite you back to help out! We are also planning some special treats for the 5th graders for their 5th Grade Activity Day. We will be providing an ice cream truck, t-shirts, and are working on the yearbook. 5th Grade parents, please be on the lookout for the yearbook order forms to come home with your students soon.



Books and Beyond

Chaired by Jen Rich

Thank you to all of the families who participated in our Books & Beyond program this year! It was wonderful to see all of the students who participated and submitted their reading hours. If your child earned a gold medal, they will be handed out on their respective Field Day. If anyone is interested in being the chairperson for this position next year, please let me know.





Friendly Reminders from the Nurses Office

Dear Parent's/Guardians,

What a year it has been! We just wanted to say a huge thank you for being so accommodating during this very difficult school year. We realize it has not been easy for anyone, but truly appreciate your understanding.



Medication Pick-up: For any parents who have their child's medication here with us in the nurse's office, you may pick it up on or before **Friday, June 18th** at noon-time, or we will be in the office on **Monday, June 21st** until noon.

Have a great summer everyone!

Mrs. Hughes, Mrs. Brown, & Mrs. Sullivan



June Calendar

June 1-9	NHSAS Testing for grades 3-5
June 3	5th to LMS 9:15 to 10:15
June 4	Friday Dress Day: Favorite Summer Shirt Day
June 10	1st grade in house field trips/lunch
June 10	Last PTA Meeting from 6-7 in Library
June 11	Friday Dress Day: MT PAWS / Spirit Wear
June 11	Senior Breakfast--7:45-8:30am
June 14-16	Field Days & Book Assemblies
June 16	5th Grade Fun Day
June 17	Step Up Day
June 18	Friday Dress Day: MT PAWS / Spirit Wear
June 18	Step Up Day rain date
June 18	Respect Assembly tentative
June 18	Last Day of School for Students -dismissal at 12:05

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