



Tiger Tales

Monthly Newsletter of the
Matthew Thornton Elementary School PTA

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LETTER FROM OUR PTA PRESIDENT



by [Aaron Duffy](#)

Dear MTPTA Families,

We hope you all had a great February vacation. The PTA has been busy planning some great spring events and fundraisers for you all! We are getting ready for a busy and fun spring. Please keep an eye out for our popular Raffle Calendar. This year it will include tickets to Disney!!! It will be coming home in backpacks soon. Also, the HARLEM WIZARDS will be coming to town again on April 16th!!! Ticket information will be coming home soon!

I wanted to just take a moment to recognize three students that received an award at the Statewide Reflections Art Program.

Lillian McKinney placed third in Visual Arts
Rono Hernandez got Honorable Mention in Visual Arts
Jamie Nease got Honorable Mention in Photography.

Congratulations to our students and a BIG thank you to Jodie Nease for making sure our students had the opportunity to participate in this program. We hope that you will come out to support these students and others at the Reflections Art Exhibit on March 9th from 6-8pm at Hood Middle School in Derry.

Time to start preparing for our annual Turn-off-the-Screens Week which will be from March 26th till March 30th. Stay tuned for details about this fun-filled, screen-free week!! There will be many activities for all students, including Game Night, a Beach Party Dance, and the Book Fair! So bring your family out for some fun-filled, device-free, community activities!

We hope you are excited to order items with your child's beautiful art work on it! These make wonderful gifts for family and friends. Ms. Pichette does a great job with the Art To Remember fundraiser and the funds that are raised through this allow the 4th graders to take a field trip to the Currier Museum. Thanks also to Linda LeBlanc for her help, and to those of you that ordered art! Your support is appreciated!

We have enjoyed having some great guest speakers, and candidates for the town's School Board join our PTA Meetings over the past few months; we hope to continue this throughout the year. The next PTA Meeting will be held on March 8th, 6-7pm in the MT Library. We hope to see you there!

[Aaron Duffy](#)
MTPTA President

[Regan Sochanek](#)
MTPTA VP Fundraising

MARCH HAPPENINGS AT MT

March 5	School resumes
March 8	Popcorn Sale during lunch recess, \$.25 PTA meeting 7:00-8:00PM, MT Library
March 13	School Store Grades 2-5 during recess, Grade 1 during snack
March 14	School Store Grades 2-5 during recess
March 15	In-School performance of Drama Club, Annie
March 16	No School / Parent Teacher Conferences
March 26-30	Turn-Off-the-Screens Week

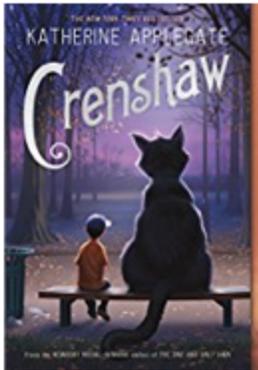
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LIBRARY NEWS

By [Tonya Pisinski](#)

The Matthew Thornton Library is a busy place!

On Mondays, a group of 5th graders come to the library for Board Games Club. I can't think of a better way to spend a cold winter recess than playing a game of Connect Four or Candyland!

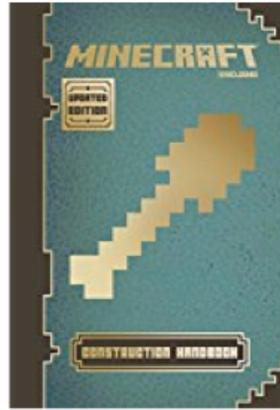


Also, a 5th grade Book Group meets weekly in the library. We are reading "Crenshaw," by Katherine Applegate, about a boy named Jackson whose imaginary cat friend reappears in his life when his family is going through a rough patch.

Lots of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) activities are taking place, including some amazing domino runs.

Speaking of STEM, we want to add new STEM activities to our library program and we could use your help. We will be collecting certain items for upcoming STEM activities. If you are able, we would accept donations of toothpicks, playdough, sheets of styrofoam, craft sticks, large, medium, and small sized paper or plastic cups. Any donations are most appreciated!





And, of course, we have been doing lots of reading! Some popular titles include the Dog Man series by Dav Pilkey, Minecraft, and lots and lots of books about dogs and cats! Ask your student what's been going on in the library! Happy Reading!

ART TO REMEMBER



Coming Soon to Your School!

Your child created an amazing piece of artwork at school and soon you'll have the chance to turn the artwork into a keepsake product. This is a great chance to order items for yourself and for grandparents, aunts, uncles and any other special person in your child's life.

The best part is that with every order, a portion of the proceeds goes right back to your school.

Don't miss this great opportunity to hang onto a memory while making an impact. Check your child's backpack over the next few weeks for your personalized order form. It's a purchase that you'll cherish for years to come!



SCRIP PROGRAM



By [Danielle Peckham](#)

Please be on the lookout for order forms for Gift Cards from our Scrip Program. The order forms are due 3/22 and the cards will be distributed by 3/30. These are great to purchase for stores you frequently shop at or to give as gifts. A percentage of each gift card benefits our students at Matthew Thornton through PTA sponsored activities.

The PTA will be running another and final order for the scholastic year at the beginning of June. If you have any questions please email [Danielle Peckham](#).

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION



By [Courtney Ryan](#)

The winning classroom from last month's competition will be announced following February Vacation. Thanks to all who participated. The winning classroom with the most submitted Box Tops during the month of February will earn a pizza party.

MATTHEW THORNTON'S ANNUAL RAFFLE CALENDAR!

Be on the lookout, around the middle of March, for your student to come home with a page full of very exciting prizes!! Calendars will cost \$10 each, or 3 for \$25. We are looking for all of our students to participate in selling these calendars to raise money for all of the great extras the PTA provides for our kids.

Matthew Thornton Drama Club
presents

Annie JR.

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Book by Thomas Meehan Music by Charles Strouse Lyrics by Martin Charnin

Presented on Broadway by Mike Nichols

Originally Produced by

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Annie Jr. is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).

All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI.

March 16 @ 7:00 PM

March 17 @ Noon & 7:00 PM

Matthew Thornton School, Londonderry, NH

Tickets in advance: \$5/children & students \$8/adults

(at the door: \$5/children & students \$10/adults)

SPECIAL MATINEE PRICING: ALL SEATS \$5

Tickets on sale in the Matthew Thornton School lobby:

3:00 - 4:00 pm and 5:30 - 6:30 pm on March 7, 8, 13, 14, 15

and at the door 30 minutes prior to show time.

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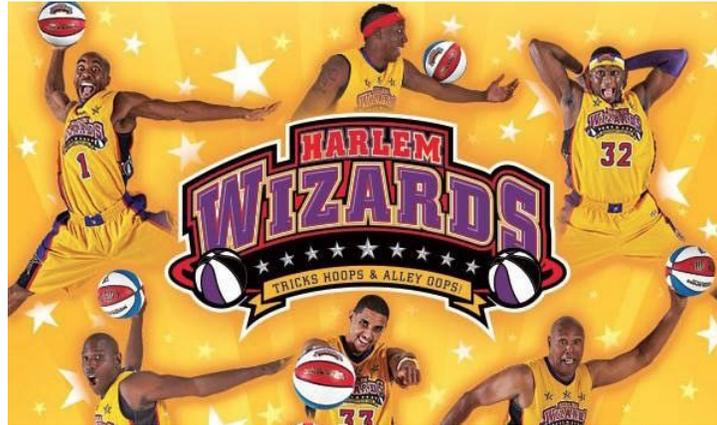
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HARLEM WIZARDS FUNDRAISER

SAVE THE DATE! April 16th, 2018.

The MTPTA has partnered with the PTAs of North School and South School, to bring this exciting event to Londonderry! Game night is Monday April 16 at the High School gym. Ticket information will be posted as soon as it is available.



SKI CLUB

By [Regan Sochanek](#)

What a great season this was!! Our 5 weeks of skiing and snowboarding went by so fast that some of us chose to extend the fun for an extra 3 weeks. We are thinking of introducing an 8-week program as an option next year. Your feedback is welcome! Thank you to all of the kids for making our school proud with their perseverance, behavior, and manners. And THANK YOU so much to the parent chaperones who helped in the lodge and on the mountain! You were awesome!!





Photos courtesy of Regan Sochanek

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 month of **January** was playground rules and sportsmanship. All classes who received the most “PAWS” stickers received a game day. The PAWS Recess Sportsmanship Awards were presented to students showing paws-itive behavior at recess.

Winning classes announced at the beginning of January were:

1 st grade	Mrs. Maloney	4 th grade	Miss Francoeur
2 nd grade	Miss Ball	5 th grade	Mr. Rheault
3 rd grade	Mrs. Mack		

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 again a 15 minute recess. 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.

EDITORIAL NOTE



By [Caroline Edwards](#)

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