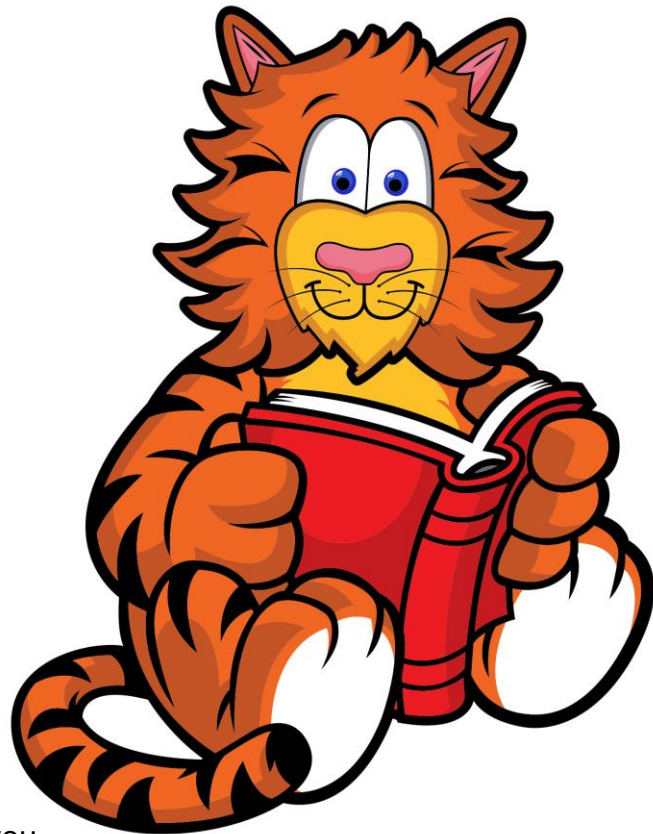


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Letter from the President:

Dear Matthew Thornton Families,

We hope you all had a relaxing February vacation! Thank you to everyone who participated in our Small & Tall Evening by purchasing at-home pizza kits and/or handmade wooden sign kits. We hope you had fun creating pizzas and crafts at home! A BIG thank you to Susan Fletcher for coming up with the creative idea and allowing our families to continue to have a special night together as a family this year.

We would also like to give a HUGE thank you to Deb D'Amore for continuing the Reflections program this year and making sure our students had the opportunity to participate in this program. We are so proud of our Matthew Thornton students who participated and moved on to the state level!

Matthew Thornton's annual Turn-off-the-Screens Week used to be the last week of March. With remote learning happening, we are looking to refresh this idea and come up with some new ideas to do that week for each night. Be on the lookout for more information to come with more details! We hope you will check out the new ideas (think Be Active Week, scavenger hunt, Bingo night, etc!)



Scavenger Hunts

FAMILY
BINGO
NIGHT!

Our next PTA meeting will be held via Zoom on Thursday, March 11th from 6-7pm. We hope to see you there!

Jen Rich
President

WELCOME BACK FROM VACATION!

WE ARE CELEBRATING

100

DAYS IN-PERSON & REMOTE

MARCH 1, 2021



Principal's Corner:

Happy March, Matthew Thornton Families!

We kick off this month with our 100th day of School, which means we are over halfway through one of the most challenging school years yet. I am so proud of our staff, students, and families for showing such perseverance and adaptability as we get closer to the one-year mark of battling Covid. I am hopeful as spring starts to appear, things will continue to get better. We also have many weeks until our next vacation which means a lot of learning will take place in this stretch. We will continue to explore new ways to have some fun while missing some of our long-standing traditions this year. We appreciate your support.

Sincerely,
Amity Small, your proud Principal

Remote Learners

MT remote learners had a great February! We had a wonderful Valentine's Day celebration, including a remote valentine exchange!

In March we will wrap-up the second trimester and start the third trimester. We are looking forward to many fun and engaging activities this Spring!

Kelly Juster

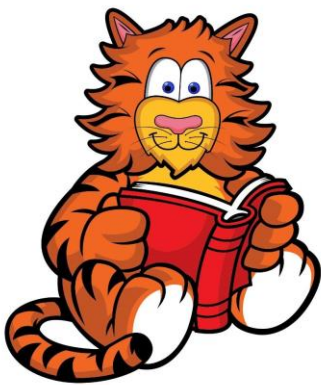
Remote Teacher





Chaired by Amy Wheeler

It's that time of year that we begin preparing for our Art to Remember fundraiser with help from our art teachers. This fundraiser allows you to purchase keepsake products customized with your child's artwork onto wonderful keepsake items, such as phone covers, mugs, necklaces, and many other fun items! The best part is that every keepsake order supports our school. Keep a look out for additional information on this creative fundraiser.



Books and Beyond collection date is March 3

[Books and Beyond Info Sheet](#)

[Books and Beyond Log Sheet](#)





Choose Love Formula (Courage + Gratitude + Forgiveness + Compassion-in-Action = **Choosing Love**).



The final attribute in the Choose Love formula is Compassion in Action. Scarlett Lewis emphasizes that there are two important parts to this last principle. Compassion in action begins with empathy and a willingness to listen to learn and understand. Then, she emphasizes that compassion requires an action, a doing for others. I'm always impressed when I see what our students are learning and doing with these principles. Here are just two examples of their work around our building.

By Nancy DeLew



March Calendar

March 1	100th Day (per our 1st grade trackers to 100)
March 3	Books and Beyond Collection Date
March 5	Friday Dress Day: Wear Blue to Show Winter Blues
March 9	Teacher Workshop Day / No School
March 11	PTA Meeting from 6-7—virtual
March 12	Friday Dress Day: PAWS / School Colors to Celebrate End of Trimester
March 17	Wear Green for St. Pat's Day
March 19	Friday Dress Day: Favorite Flannel Day
March 22-26	Turn Off the Screens Week / Family Fun at home
March 26	Friday Dress Day: in honor of World Theatre Day, wear a shirt that celebrates the arts.



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