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May 2021

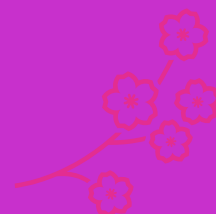
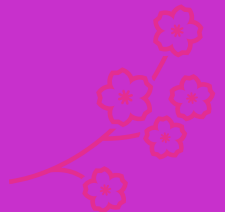
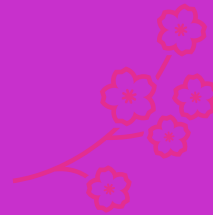
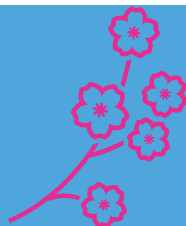
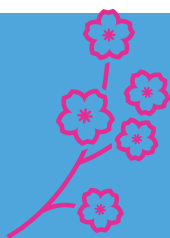


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Letter from the President:

Dear Matthew Thornton Families,

It is hard to believe we are in the month of May already! The school year is quickly coming to a close. When we think of how much uncertainty we had about what school was going to look like at the start of the year, and how far we have come, it is a true testament to the dedication and commitment our staff has given this year. They have worked tirelessly to create as normal of a classroom for our students as possible. Which is why the PTA is grateful to have the opportunity to give back to our amazing teachers and MT staff during Staff Appreciation Week, happening May 3rd-May 7th. The PTA has been hard at work creating a small token of our appreciation for every staff member each day that week. We could not have done this without the organization of Laura McElroy and Krista Dembkoski, as well as our generous families who have donated to help make the week a successful one. Thank you to everyone who has helped!! We would like to give a special shout out to La Carreta, who generously donated 108 gift cards, so that each staff member at Matthew Thornton received one. THANK YOU to La Carreta!!



Looking ahead to June, we are hopeful that the PTA will be able to help with Field Day at the end of the year. For our 5th grade families, we will have information about how to order your yearbook coming shortly! Stay tuned for the order form to be coming home.

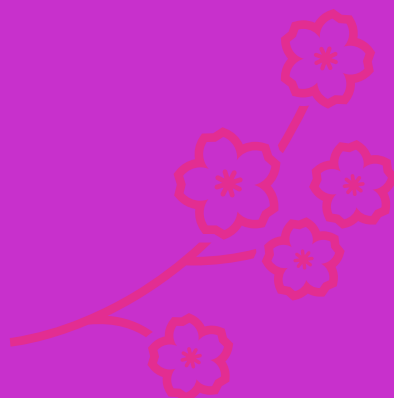
Our next PTA meeting will be held via Zoom on May 13th from 6-7 pm. We hope you can join us as we finalize the end of the year events, make nominations for next year's PTA board, and look to fill any remaining open PTA Chair positions.

We hope to see you there!

Jen Rich
President

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Our Matthew
Thornton Staff



Principal's Corner:

Welcome to May, MT Families!

The past few weeks, Spring has been in the air—and so has appreciation for our Volunteers and now our Staff Members. We are so fortunate to have such giving and kind people throughout our school community who are committed to our learners. Volunteers add wonderful opportunities and traditions, and our staff cares for children and their learning and well-being deeply. Thanks to everyone's continued efforts, we are getting through one of the most difficult years in education. I hope everyone got to enjoy last week's vacation, and now we head into the year's final stretch. We are working on plans for the end of the year events, and we will share them in the coming weeks as we get to June. Enjoy the sunshine and May flowers as they bloom.

Sincerely,
Amity Small, your proud Principal

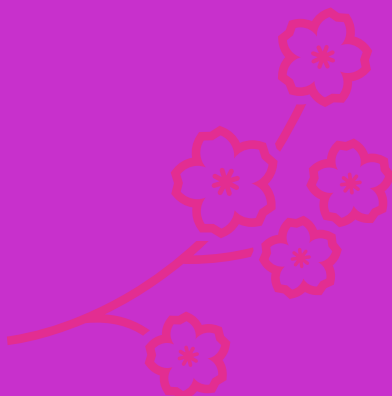
Remote Learners

MT remote learners had a great April. We really enjoyed getting to play with our classmates at our playground visits!

We are looking forward to nice spring weather and hopefully scheduling more face-to-face meet ups!

Kelly Juster

Remote Teacher





Staff Appreciation Week

Chaired by Laura McElroy & Krista Dembkoski

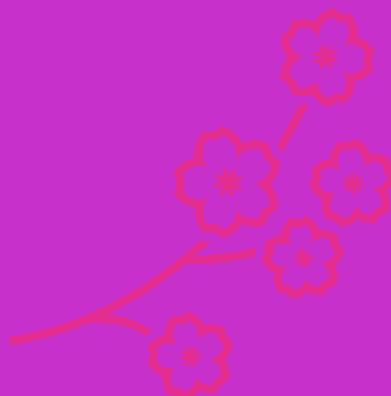
We will be kicking off our staff appreciation week on Monday, May 3. We want to thank everyone that contributed this year. We will be leaving the staff with a surprise in the teacher lounge daily, a pizza and dessert lunch on Friday as well as daily raffles with multiple winners. We are so grateful to be able to do all of this and we thank our generous community for helping to make it happen!!

Thank you everyone!
Your MT PTA



Chaired by Amy Wheeler

Don't Miss Out! It's time to place your order for custom keepsake products featuring your child's artwork. These items make great gifts for parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and any other important person in your child's life. The deadline to order is May 4th. Go to ArtToRemember.com to place your order or return your order form to the school May 4th. Thank you for supporting our school!





Books and Beyond

Chaired by Jen Rich

Thank you to all of the families who are submitting hours read for our Books & Beyond program! Congratulations to Mrs. Nault's class for having the highest number of hours read last month with 148 hours! Our **LAST** collection date will be **Wednesday, May 5th**.

We will have more information to come about our raffle for any student who read 35 hours or more this year. Their name will be entered into the raffle for every additional 5 hours read after 35 hours!

Keep up the good work!



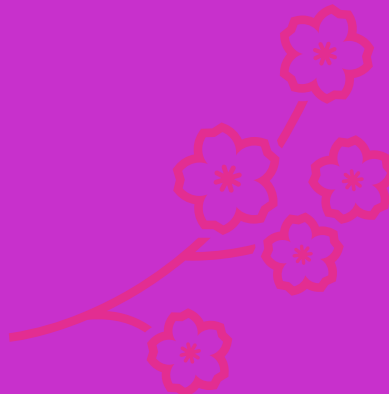
MT Beautification



We are sprucing up the front grounds of Matthew Thornton this spring and are planning a small shade garden for the Carol Mack Garden. If you are thinning out your garden this month and have any plants to donate, you can drop them off to the front office between 9am and 2pm on school days.

Hosta, Astilbe, Sedum, Forget Me Nots, Lily of the Valley, Impatiens, Bee Balm, Begonia, and Ferns are just a few examples of shade plants that would be great for that space.

Thank you for helping us make the garden green again!

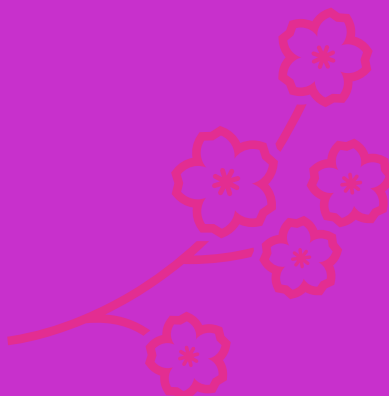
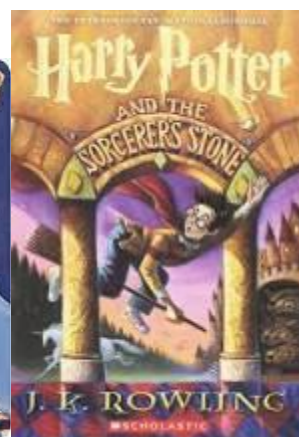
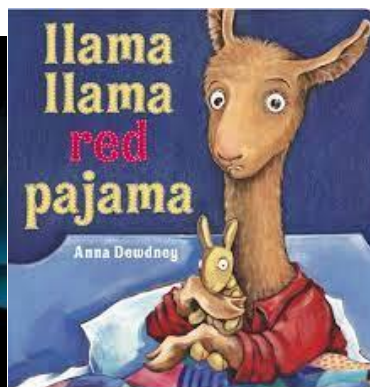
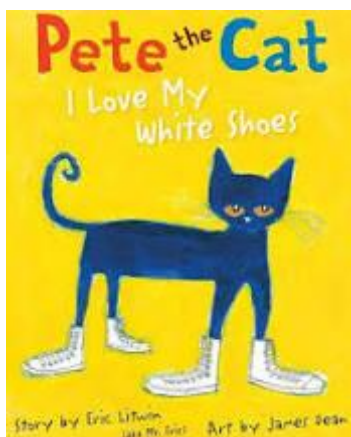


Matthew Thornton Spring Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Matthew Thornton Spring Virtual Book Fair. We celebrated some great characters such as Pete the Cat, Llama Llama, Harry Potter, and of course Dog Man. Scholastic Books gives 25% of the total Book Fair sales back to Matthew Thornton to use to purchase books for the school. The MTPTA was able to use this to purchase a collection of new chapter books for the library. Through the generosity of the Matthew Thornton community and the PTA, every classroom teacher received some new books to refresh their libraries as well. Hopefully, the next book fair will be in person, in the school - but we all rocked the virtual world and had a blast this Spring.

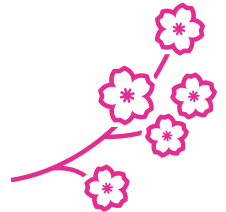
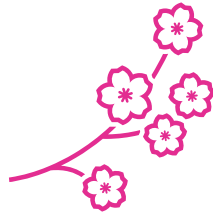
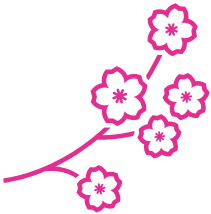
As this was my last book fair as Chairperson, I wanted to give a shout out to all of the volunteers, teachers, and administrators who helped make some memorable book fairs in the last six years. Without each and every one of you, we would not have been able to help kids find the perfect book, play some crazy games, move furniture in library, and have such successful book fairs. We have made memories each year and for that I will always be grateful.

Thanks again!
Susan Fletcher



May Calendar

May	Trimester 3 POP Assembly
May 1	School Lunch Hero Day
May 3-7	Staff Appreciation Week
May 5	School Nurse Appreciation Day
May 5	Class pictures – café
May 6	Class pictures – café
May 7	School Nutritionist Appreciation Day
May 10-14	Moose Hill first grade visits
May 13	PTA Meeting from 6-7—virtual
May 15 (Sat)	5th: Scavenger Hunt at LMS
May 19	Books and Beyond Collection Date
May 31	No school / Memorial Day



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