



Tiger Tales

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Matthew Thornton Elementary School PTA
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LETTER FROM OUR PTA PRESIDENT



by [Aaron Duffy](#)

Dear Matthew Thornton Families,

What a fun and busy month October was at Matthew Thornton School!!! Our 5th grade Cross-Country team did an amazing job at the meet held at the LHS track, earlier this month. After “carbing up” at our Annual Spaghetti Dinner, our team was determined to show that any goal can be achieved through hard work and dedication. Congratulations to all the MT runners for showing that MT students know how to “Tiger Up”.

The “Fall Festival, Book Fair and Basket Raffle Night” was a huge success and such an enjoyable evening for all. We had a cupcake walk, fall activities, Paws Photo Booth and basket raffle. Thank you to all that came out to join in the fun and an extra big thanks to Alli Flaherty and Julie Maloney for putting on a great Fall Festival for the children! We also want to thank all of the high school students that came and volunteered their time for this event; we truly could not have done it without you. The baskets for the basket raffle turned out beautifully, special thanks to Lynn Hoyt and Liz Paul for putting those together! Last but not least, we want to also extend a big thank you to Susan Fletcher and Katie Grayson for running the Fall Book Fair; it’s always such a joy to see the children so excited to be picking out books to bring home and read! Without the support of the Library staff, the Book Fair would not be

possible; thank you for letting us take over for a few days, so that we can provide the staff and students of MT with so many great books! It was a success!

Next up, was our first ever, "Candy Crush 3K and Lollipop Dash". The weather was perfect and the candy was plentiful. Thank you to all who came out to participate in this event. By participating in events like these, you are supporting educational programs for each grade level that the PTA sponsors throughout the school year. Thank you for your support. A huge thanks to Kate Von Pichl for coordinating this event. It truly was a wonderful time for all ages.

What better way to end this crazy month than with Halloween celebrations? From the costume parade, to the class parties, everyone enjoyed the "spooktacular" festivities!! Having all the parents come and see the student's costumes is always a highlight of the year.

SAVE THE DATE! Our next PTA meeting will be held November 30th from 6-7PM in the MT library. We hope to see you there.

We want to extend our warmest wishes to all of you for a wonderful Thanksgiving. May you all enjoy the holiday surrounded by loved ones and taking time to reflect on all you are truly thankful for.

[Aaron Duffy](#)
MTPTA President

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MTPTA VP Fundraising

NOVEMBER HAPPENINGS AT MT

November 1	Student Council Meeting after school in Room 208
November 2	Popcorn Sale during lunch recess \$.25
November 9	Veterans Day Assembly at 9:15AM in the Gymnasium
November 10	Veteran's Day - No School
November 13	4 th Grade Field Trip to the Currier Museum of Art/Manchester
November 17	Parent-Teacher Conference Day/No School for students <ul style="list-style-type: none">•PTA Sponsored Staff Lunch•Kick-Off Christmas Tags/Giving Tree
November 20	4 th Grade Field Trip to the State House and NH History Museum/Concord
November 22-24	Thanksgiving Break/No School
November 30	PTA Meeting at 6:00-7:00PM, MT Library

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REFLECTIONS "WITHIN REACH"



By [Jodie Nease](#)

*Would your child enjoy having a piece of artwork hung in an art exhibit?
How about performing on stage?*

Then take part in Reflections! All entries will be included in the Town-Wide Art Exhibit being held at LMS on January 6, 2018. Some entries may move onto State or National Level! This year the Reflections theme is "Within Reach." All entries must be an original work of art created by the student based on the current theme. Reflections entries will be collected in the lobby of Matthew Thornton School between November 27th-December 1st, 2017. There will be a collection box along with entry forms.

Students may enter in any of the seven categories: visual arts, photography, literature, film production, musical composition, dance choreography, and special artists. For [entry form](#) and detailed rules in each category, visit the [NH PTA website](#) or click to see [the flyer](#).

If you enjoy the Arts, then this is your program! **Volunteers are needed for Reflections!** Contact [Jodie Nease](#) with any questions, or to let her know if you can help.

Thank you for offering your time, energy and talent to Reflections.

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 September was hallway behavior and POP (Perseverance, Ownership, Practice). At each grade level, the classes who received the most "PAWS" stickers received a 15-minute recess.

Winning classes announced at the beginning of October were:

1 st grade	Mrs. Kearney	2 nd grade	Mrs. Rheault
3 rd grade	Ms. Keshigian	4 th grade	Mrs. Slozak
5 th grade	Mrs. Memmolo		

The focus for the month of October was showing respect and anti-bullying. The classes who receive the most “PAWS” stickers at each grade level will receive an extra 15-minute recess or a recess game with Mr. McCarthy!

Additionally, “PAWS” stickers are given in the cafeteria to class tables who demonstrate positive school behavior. Other special awards will be given as tables accumulate more cafeteria stickers.

On Friday, September 13th, there was a PAWS Family Feud event in the gym. Twelve 4th graders and twelve 5th graders were selected as contestants. The two grade levels competed against one another to answer the highest number of questions correctly. The categories were: behaviors in the cafeteria, hallway, bathroom, bus, and the playground.

Recess Academy was held on October 19th. Londonderry High School students from the Athletic Leadership Team taught the students playground rules and game skills. The students enjoyed their time outside!

Be on the lookout for future PAWS information and please continue to reinforce PAWS with your children at home.



Fun At Recess Academy! Our MT students with helpers from the LHS Athletic Leadership Team
Photos credit: Aaron Duffy

FALL BASKET RAFFLE

We had a fabulous Basket raffle at the Fall festival. THANK YOU to all the families who donated items and purchased Tickets!

The Winners were:

Nora Portnoy, Eileen Sullivan, Lynn Hoyt, Terri Brunelle, Erin Fennessey, John Tringali, Alison Kerrigan, Stacey Leon and Julie Vigliotti.

Thank you,

[Lynn Hoyt](#) and [Liz Paul](#)

EDITORIAL NOTE



By [Caroline Edwards](#)

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