

TIGER TALES



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Letter from our President

Dear Matthew Thornton Families,

We hope everyone had a wonderful month of October! We are so grateful to everyone who has donated their old shoes to our shoe drive fundraiser! We are closer to our goal and still accepting through November 6th! We are accepting any gently used shoes of any kind (except shoes with wheels or blades.)

We are also so excited to begin our raffle calendar fundraiser this month!! There are so many wonderful prizes to be won! This may be our only fundraiser this year due to Covid, so we truly appreciate all of the support in purchasing the calendars. Winners will be announced on our PTA Facebook page and Mr. McCarthy will tweet the winner each day as well. A member of the PTA will contact the winner each day to let you know if you have won. Good luck to everyone!! A big thank you to Regan Sochanek for organizing this fundraiser!

Normally, we would have celebrated our Book Fair and Fall Festival, along with the Candy Crush Run in October. We missed not seeing everyone in person for these events this year, but we are so looking forward to having them next year!! The good news is that we can STILL have a virtual book fair! Don't forget to visit our online book fair to order some new books! Your purchases will earn our school Scholastic Dollars which can be used for the library to purchase new books for the school.



[Book Fair Link](#)

The book fair started Oct. 26th and runs through Nov. 8th. All purchases will be sent directly to your home this year.

I would like to say a HUGE thank you to Susan Fletcher for all of her hard work and creativity giving us our first virtual book fair. Lining up all of the celebrity readers and masked singers made for an even more fun experience this year!!

Finally, thank you to Kelly Cronin for sprucing up the outside of our school with some cornstalks, pumpkins, and mums!!

We hope to see you at our next PTA Zoom meeting on November 12th from 6-7pm.

**President
Jen Rich**



**Photos Courtesy:
Amity Small**

Principal's Corner:

Dear MT Families:

We had a wonderful fall at Matthew Thornton; despite the year's challenges students continue to grow and smile (behind their masks). We have so enjoyed the Scholastic Book Fair kick off, and the celebrity readers are fantastic. I was so pleased to have some teachers help me with my read aloud. We also enjoyed some Halloween fun, and it was great to see so many creative costumes. Please enjoy conferences with your teachers in the coming weeks. We thank our families for all of their support as we move toward second trimester.

Sincerely,
Amity Small, Your Proud Principal

Remote Learners

Remote Learners have had a wonderful October! Students continue to persevere through challenges, working hard on tough academic content and overcoming anything that stands in their way.

Remote Learners have also been finding the fun and unique things about learning remotely. For example, our "shares" (show and tell) have been epic! We can share pets, siblings, giant stuffed animals, fun crafts, and more that we wouldn't be able to transport to school! We also enjoy getting to know our classmates from other schools. Our classes are combinations of two or more Londonderry schools. We get to learn with kids we normally wouldn't get to!

As we look ahead to November, Remote Teachers, just like our in-person peers, are looking forward to conferences. It is a great opportunity to check-in, discuss progress, and make a plan going forward!

Kelly Juster

Remote Teacher





Fundraising

Chaired by Regan Sochanek

Matthew Thornton Raffle Calendar!!

We are thrilled to announce our Raffle Calendar Fundraiser, made possible through the generosity of local businesses who have graciously donated to our school. For every day during the month of November, a winner (or 2!) will be chosen to receive that day's prize(s). Each day's prize is valued at a minimum of \$50, with many days valued at well over \$100! For every entry, you will have 39 chances to win!!

What to do? Purchase calendar raffle tickets! Also, ask friends and family to purchase calendar raffle tickets for \$10 each or 3 for \$25. The prizes are amazing! You may send your entry with payment to Matthew Thornton OR you can submit your entries electronically through the attached link; <https://forms.gle/ZPr2WCqcZa9UGLsU9> (Thank you Mr. McCarthy!). Tickets can be purchased through the end of November, but to be entered for the full month, get your tickets by **November 2nd!**

Our PTA has also gotten high tech and we now accept **Venmo: @susan-fletcher-23**

Due to COVID, this may be our only fundraiser for the year. As a PTA, we have so much good to do for our students and teachers. We are not pulling back on our support, and this calendar is our means of making that support a reality.

Just as importantly, please consider patronizing the local businesses who so graciously donated to help ensure our success in this fundraiser. These are businesses who have decided to support our children with the many PTA funded extras they deserve. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact our PTA or email regan.sochanek@gmail.com.

Thank you for your support and Good Luck!!

MT Calendar Raffle sheets





Reflections

Chaired by: Deb D'Amore

Our Reflections program has started! Reflections is an annual PTA sponsored art program that encourages students to create original works of art based on a theme. This year the Reflections theme is "I Matter Because..." Entries will be accepted from now until November 20th. All entries are being accepted virtually this year; **please do not bring artwork into the school.**

Students are encouraged to create and submit original works of art in one or all the available arts categories. Students may enter in any of the seven categories: visual arts, photography, literature, film production, musical composition, dance choreography and special artists.

All entries will be included in the Town-Wide Cultural Exhibit being held in January of 2021 as well as a State-Wide Exhibit in March at the Gilbert H. Hood Middle School in Derry. Some entries may even move onto State or National Level! Matthew Thornton had a 1st Place entry in the State in Dance Choreography just last year!

To enter, please fill out an entry form, signed by both the student and a parent or guardian, and send a clear copy of the entry form, along with photos of the artwork to the Reflections chairperson, Deb D'Amore: debellben1315@gmail.com. Late entries cannot be accepted. Please email with questions or to request an entry form.

For a history of the program and detailed rules in each category, visit the [NH PTA](#) website.





Chaired by Courtney Tanguay

Hello MT Families!

The MTPTA is honored to be a part of our Stockings for Soldiers and Adopt A Family programs once again. We partner with local organizations to help those in our community in need. In the month of November, we will be accepting donations for both of these programs. If your family is able to do so, we would greatly appreciate any help you can offer!

From Nov. 2nd-Nov. 13th, there will be a bin in the lobby of the school to collect donations for Stockings for Soldiers. This program supplies an 18-inch stocking full of much-needed supplies to soldiers deployed overseas during the holidays. Currently, they are asking for the following:

- Beef Jerky
- Flip-top fruit containers
- Protein bars
- Protein snacks, such as nuts in individual bags
- Hydration mixes, such as Gatorade, Crystal Light, etc.

They are also happy and grateful to receive a picture or letter your child can color to include in a stocking!! They need between 4,000-15,000!

From Nov. 2nd-Nov. 20th, we will also be collecting items for our Adopt- A- Family program. This program has made the holiday season a happier one for some local families who may be in need this year. A sign-up genius link will be sent out this year if you are interested in contributing to help these families. Items can be sent into school with your student, or you can arrange to drop off the items at the front office. Please return items **unwrapped**.

****If you are interested in chairing this position next year, or shadowing this year, please email Courtney at courtney.tanguay@nemoves.com.**

Thank you so much in advance for your support to these two very important programs!





Friendly Reminders from the Nurses Office

Sorry if we sound like a broken record, but for us to continue in-school learning, it requires schools and families to work together to continue to limit the spread of transmission of the virus that causes Covid-19. We appreciate all the extra time and effort it takes for these added layers of protection that are necessary to keep our staff and students safe. These include making sure your child has a clean mask each day, being a role model and frequently washing your hands, wearing a mask in public places, physical distancing and performing daily screenings on your child before sending to school.

We will continue to remind everyone that New Hampshire still has a travel advisory in place for all people who travel outside of the New England States (NH, ME, VT, MA, CT or RI) We understand and appreciate that some of you have family that you will be visiting over the upcoming holiday season. Please remember that if you are traveling outside of the New England states, students must remain out of school for 14 days, the first day being the day you return to NH, and self-monitor for Covid-19 symptoms. You cannot "test out" of quarantine. Please reach out to your child's teacher as well as the office staff and nurses prior to travel, so that we are all aware of the situation and can prepare for your child's change in schedule.

On another note.... If you keep your child home from school, please let us know the reason for your child's absence and if they are sick what symptoms they are having. There are many different symptoms of Covid-19 including fever 100.4>, chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, sore throat, headache, vomiting, diarrhea. If your child is home or sent home from school with these symptoms, we advise you to call your health care provider for Covid testing (PCR or antigen). A student may return to school once they have a negative Covid result (note required) or a note from your physician saying symptoms not Covid related and cleared to be in school or if you choose not to test may return after 10 days from symptom onset and until at least 24 hours have passed with no fever and improvement in other symptoms.

Where can a student go to get tested for Covid-19?

Covid Testing Options

Thank you again,

Nurses Office





October focused on conversations about Gratitude, the second part of the Choose Love Formula (Courage + Gratitude + Forgiveness + Compassion in Action = Choosing Love).

Did you know there are so many benefits to beginning a day with thoughts of gratitude? Your child may have talked about how gratitude is when you feel thankful and want to share that feeling with others. They talked about how gratitude can help build positive relationships with their family and friends. How it can help them celebrate small successes and build confidence in their ability to accomplish their bigger goals. Students have been eager to share and write about the things that they are grateful for. In one 2nd grade class, students talked about being grateful for “trees so that we can have books and paper, friends, family, and their teacher.” You may want to have them share what they are grateful for, the people they are grateful for who help them, or have them show you how to take a Gratitude Breath.

In this unprecedented time, we as teachers are truly grateful to be back in school, to have the daily opportunity to connect and teach your children, and as always, your on-going support. Wishing you a day filled with grateful thoughts!

By Nancy DeLew





Merchandise

Chaired by Julie Gallagher

Thank you for the wonderful merchandise orders! Everything has been placed with our manufacturer and we are hoping to get the merchandise in and out to families in the coming weeks. If you have any questions - do not hesitate to reach out. julie.gallagher@hotmail.com



Books and Beyond

First collection date is December 2

[Books and Beyond Info Sheet](#)

[Books and Beyond Log Sheet](#)



Ski Club

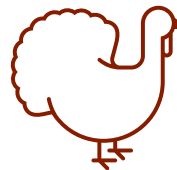
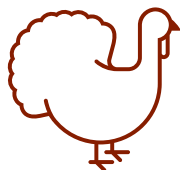
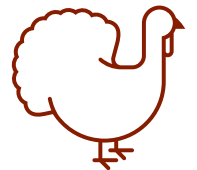
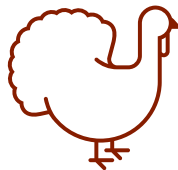
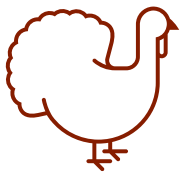
Chaired by Regan Sochanek

Ski Club Flyer



November Calendar

November 2	Picture Retakes 9:00-10:30
November 3	Election Day/ Teacher Workshop/ No School
November 6	Friday Dress Day: Red, White, and Blue
November 10	Veterans Day Assembly
November 11	Veterans Day/ No School
November 12	Virtual PTA Meeting 6-7pm
November 13	Stockings for Soldiers Collection Due
November 13	Parent/ Teacher Conferences- No School
November 20	Friday Dress Day: Favorite Sweatshirt
November 20	Reflections Deadline
November 20	Adopt-A-Family Collection
November 25-27	No school / Thanksgiving Break



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Jenn Brooks, Editor, Tiger Tales