

TIGER TALES



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Letter from our President

Dear Matthew Thornton Families,

October was a busy month at Matthew Thornton! At the beginning of the month we held our first Popcorn Day and School Store. Both days were a lot of fun for the students! Popcorn Day was busy, and the School Store had many visitors who were able to purchase school supplies, as well as a few fun items.

A big thank you to Kelly Cronin for organizing the outdoor beautification of our school in October! It looks wonderful, thanks to some fresh mulch, weeding and pruning, new mums and pumpkins. Also, thank you to Kelly for organizing our Fall Raffle Baskets. We had so many donations for the baskets! Thank you to all the families who generously donated to this fundraiser!!

October 24th was an exciting night at MT! We held our 3rd annual Candy Crush 3K run and Lollipop Dash, along with our Fall Festival and Book Fair. Thank you to all the families who came out and joined us for this fun night! We had an amazing turnout for the Candy Crush run; it was so exciting to see so many families take part and run the race together. We had the perfect weather for it! A huge thank you to Kate Von Pichl for making this event an incredible one this year, yet again!

This was our biggest turn out yet! Check out your time:

Candy Crush 2019 Results



After the run, families were able to come into MT and enjoy the Fall Festival in the gym with plenty of games, a cupcake walk, pizza, and snacks. Everyone had a great time! Thank you to Julie Maloney for all of the hard work and organization she put into ensuring this event was a success!! Our families were also able to visit the Book Fair in the library. It was wonderful to see so many children excited to purchase books. Thank you for all the hard work that went into setting up the book fair. We had a lot of amazing volunteers this year that helped make this happen. New to MT this year, thank you, Ken, Barbara, and Nicole for your help! Also, a huge thank you to Susan Fletcher and Laura McElroy for all your time put into making it a successful event!!

Finally, thank you to all the room parents and parents who donated to the classroom Halloween parties. Thank you to the MT staff for allowing a fun afternoon on Halloween for our students!

Our next PTA meeting will be held on November 14th from 6-7pm. Pizza and childcare will be provided. We hope to see you there!

President Vice President
Jen Rich Laura McElroy



Photos Courtesy of Amity Small and Jen Rich

You can find this newsletter as well as other information about the PTA and how you can join or volunteer at: MTPTA.net

Principal's Corner:

What a wonderful Fun Run, Fall Festival, and Book Fair we had last week! I can't thank the PTA and volunteers enough for all they did to make the magic happen for our families. I was so pleased it was such a beautiful evening, and children in the Lollipop Dash and Candy Crush Run were smiling and giving their all. The raffle baskets were overflowing, and the line for the Book Fair was immense. Our first grade team went all out with their hallway decorating.

This time of year, we do ask a lot from our families to give back to our school and community for traditions and help as the holidays make their way into our schedules. Please know whether you can give a lot or a little, it makes a difference, and your efforts and generosity are appreciated.

We will enjoy the end of fall and the approaching winter!

Sincerely,
Amity Small

Save the Date: MT Ski Club will be Thursdays from 4:30-6:30pm on January 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30 at McIntyre Ski Area in Manchester.

More information to follow.





PAWS Behavioral Expectations Program

Chaired by Kristina Mahn

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:

1st grade	Mrs. Vernet	2nd grade	Mrs. Dussault
3rd grade	Mrs. Jackes	4th grade	Mrs. Murphy
5th grade	Mrs. Memmolo		

The focus for the month of October was playground behavior. Students from the Londonderry High School Athletic Leadership Team came over for Recess Review on October 21st. They spent time with all students during recess to encourage great sportsmanship and to reinforce playground activity rules. The students all had a wonderful time!

Additionally, "PAWS" stickers are given in the cafeteria to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade tables who demonstrate appropriate cafeteria behavior. When a table receives fifteen stickers, that class receives an extra fifteen-minute recess. Other special awards will be given as tables accumulate more cafeteria stickers. The 4th and 5th grade classes receive golden spatulas as they demonstrate PAWS behavior. When they receive 3 golden spatulas, they earn open seating in the cafeteria. They have already earned this reward multiple times!

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

PAWS:

Positive Attitude, **A**ct Responsibly, **W**ork and Play Safely, **S**how Respect



Box Tops

Chaired by Abigail Burton

Happy Fall and thank you to everyone who has already submitted Box Tops this year! The first submission was due Nov 1 and we are submitting nearly \$250 worth of tops to support the MT PTA!
THANK YOU!

This year we have initiated the Box Tops All Stars program. The classroom with the MOST collected Box Tops this year will win an extra recess with a Freeze Pop treat in the spring. We hope that this incentive encourages your little learners to help collect and submit tops, too!

Please see below good sportsmanship tips for your Box Top submissions!

- 1) Make sure the date is valid and not expired and that you can read the date.
- 2) Clip as close as possible to the dotted line.
- 3) Submit to classroom in an envelope or plastic bag and make sure it's labeled with home room teacher.

We appreciate all your help and look forward to a fun celebration with our Box Top All Stars in the spring!

Coming Up:

*Adopt A Family: November

*Stockings for Soldiers: Nov. 13th

*Books and Beyond Collection: Nov. 6th *Winter Wonderland and Secret Shop: Dec. 7th

Get blank sheets [here](#)

Join us for Hour of Code Family Night!



Matthew Thornton School

Wednesday, December 11

6:00 – 7:30

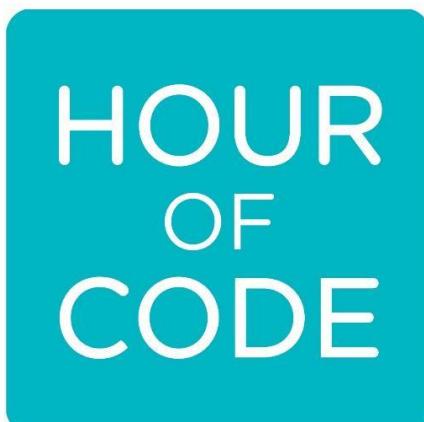
You and your learner will pair up with a provided laptop to complete coding puzzles from the code.org website.

You will be part of a global movement led by Code.org in celebration of Computer Science Education Week (12/9 – 12/15)

Our goal is to give every student the opportunity to explore coding in an engaging and meaningful way.

We hope to see you there!

Families Welcome

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**HOUR
OF
CODE**

November Calendar

November 1	Friday Dress Day: PAWS / School Color Outfit
November 6	Books and Beyond Collection Date
November 7	Popcorn Sale during lunches
November 8	Friday Dress Day: Red, White, and Blue
November 8	Veterans Day Assembly 9:00-10:00
November 11	No school / Veterans Day
November 13	Stockings for Soldiers Collection Due
November 13	Marionette Show Grades 3-5 @9:30 in Gym
November 14	PTA Meeting 6-7 in Library: Free Childcare & Pizza
November 14	4th grade field trip to Currier Museum
November 14	Reflections Paint Afternoon 3:15-4:30
November 15	Parent Conferences-No School for students
November 22	Friday Dress Day: Favorite Sweatshirt
November 25	Gr 4 Field Trip/ State House, Slozak, Coltin, Francoeur
November 26	Gr 4 Field Trip/ State House, Murphy, Keshigian
November 27-29	No school / Thanksgiving Break

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Jenn Brooks, Editor, Tiger Tales