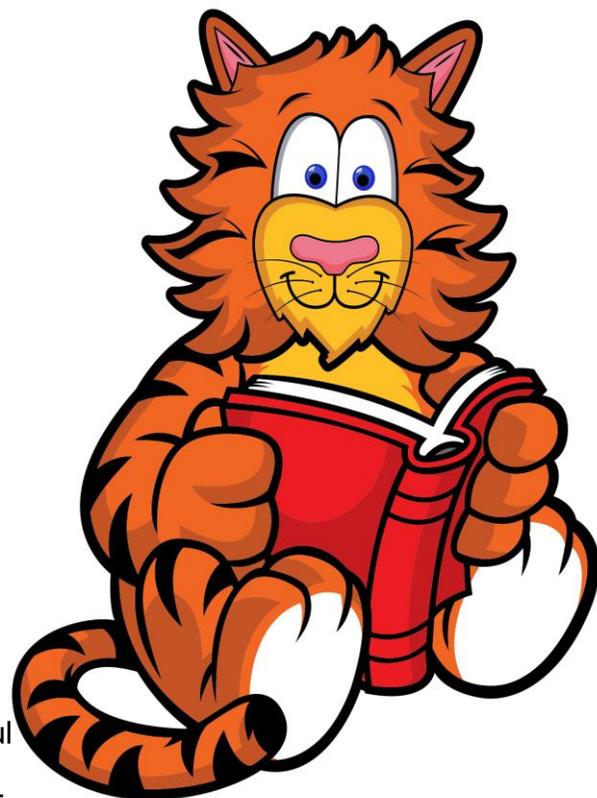


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Dear Matthew Thornton Families,

We hope everyone had a nice October! Now that we are in the month of November, it reminds us of everything we are thankful for, and the PTA certainly has a lot to be thankful for!! First of all, we are beyond thankful for the support of our wonderful MT families. We had an amazing time at our Candy Crush Run and our Fall Festival! Thank you to all of you who volunteered your time to help both of these events happen this year. We missed hosting them last year and were so happy to be able to bring those back this year. We truly cannot do these events for our families without your support – so THANK YOU!

I'd like to give a HUGE thank you to Ashley Tebbetts, Jenn Brooks, Casey Slater, and Kelly Cronin for ALL of their hard work planning the Raffle Baskets fundraiser, the Candy Crush Run, and the Fall Festival. Everyone was able to see the end result, but they didn't see the time you each spent squeezing in a few minutes during the day or at the end of a long night, preparing and planning each of your events. We are so lucky to have you all on PTA this year and appreciate all you did for our October events. A special shout out to Ken Aimone for his behind the scenes help and always jumping in to help at any PTA event!



Another huge event last month was our Book Fair. It was so nice to see books set up for our students and families to browse through in the library. Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped during the day and at night to make this happen. Another HUGE thank you to Barbara Bernard for taking on this position this year and doing a fantastic job with it!! We are tremendously lucky to have you leading the charge with the Book Fair. Thank you to all of the families who came out and visited the fair and supported the love of books and reading for our children.

The PTA is also thankful for the continued support of the administration and leadership of Mrs. Small, Mr. Sicard, and all of the staff at our wonderful school. We are incredibly lucky to have you teaching our students and leading us through this year!

This month, we are offering our Raffle Calendar fundraiser, thanks to our new Fundraising chair, Julie Gallagher. There are a ton of amazing prizes to be won every day in the month of November, with each day offering a minimum of \$50 worth of prizes! Thank you SO much to Julie for organizing this awesome calendar for us! Calendars were sent home with students, but you are welcome to email Julie for another copy or print one off on our website. Calendars are \$10, or 3 for \$25. Good luck to everyone who purchased a calendar and thank you for supporting this fundraiser!

On Friday, November 12th, the PTA will be serving lunch to the staff as they have their parent/teacher conferences that day. We will have a signup genius to send out if you are interested in signing up to help with food.

We hope all of you have a beautiful Thanksgiving holiday this month and that you have a minute to reflect on all that we are thankful for.

We hope to see you at the next PTA meeting on November 18th in the MT library from 6-7pm. Childcare will be provided, as well as some light snacks.

Jennifer Rich
MTPTA President



Photos
Courtesy of
Amity Small/MT staff



Principal's Corner:

Dearest MT Families:

October held some wonderfully joyous community moments for our school, thanks to our PTA. The Fall Festival and Candy Crush were well planned, well attended, and the weather was beautiful. We also enjoyed a fun and dynamic visit from the LHS Athletic Leadership Council during recesses, the Book Fair got us excited about new books to read, and Halloween activities promised more fun to close out October. More than anything, it's been awesome to have most of our fall traditions back in place for our students, and we can't thank our volunteers enough for making everything possible for us. November brings us to Parent Conferences and Thanksgiving, which gives me a reminder to be grateful for all the good we have, in spite of this year's challenges. Through it all, I am very grateful for the MT community.

Sincerely,
Amity Small, your proud Principal



Chaired by: Kelly Cowan, MT Art Teacher

Order forms for Art to Remember will go home with students the week of November 2nd. Parents can place orders and send them back to the school or order online. Deadline to order is November 17th.

Art to Remember is a fundraiser that allows you to purchase keepsake products customized with your child's art. There are over 60 products, and many are less than \$15. These make great gifts, and a percentage of every purchase goes right back to our school. Click on the link below and enter the online order code shown on your child's order form or to search for your child's artwork. Then, have fun shopping!

<https://arttoremember.com/school/4FPFXR>





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 programs. If your family is able to do so, we would greatly appreciate any help you can offer!

There will be a bin in the lobby of the school to collect donations for Stockings for Soldiers through Nov 17th. 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
- ~Lip Balm with SPF
- ~Protein bars
- ~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!

We will also be collecting items for our Adopt-A-Family program during the month of November. 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 next week 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**. We will also have gift card options to purchase on the signup genius if that's an easier option for your family to donate. We are hoping to sponsor 10 local families and make their holidays a little brighter.

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



STOCKINGS FOR SOLDIERS

PLEASE SEND IN DONATIONS TO OUR LOBBY
NOW THROUGH NOVEMBER 17TH

MT IS HONORED TO
SUPPORT OUR
TROOPS YET AGAIN!

ALL DONATIONS WILL BE
STUFFED INTO STOCKINGS FOR
OUR TROOPS. PLEASE HAVE
YOUR CHILD SEND IN A LETTER
OR DRAWING ADDITIONALLY
FOR SOME EXTRA JOY!

THIS YEAR THEY ARE ASKING
FOR:

BEEF JERKY

LIP BALM W/SPF

PROTEIN BARS

HYDRATION/ENERGY DRINK
MIXES



ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE
CONTACT COURTNEY TANGUAY:
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.COM





Fundraising

Chaired by Julie Gallagher

Our Fall Raffle Calendar is underway and started Nov. 1st. You can still order raffle calendars if interested! Please send your orders back to school with your child to enter. This is a quick and easy fundraiser sponsored by the PTA and made possible through the generosity of local businesses who have graciously donated to our school. For every day of November, a winner will be chosen to receive that day's prize. Some days we even have a TWO WINNER DAY!

Print a calendar here: [Raffle Calendar](#)

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING MATTHEW THORNTON PTA
 MTPTA strives to improve our school in various ways (through field trips, educational programs, technology improvements, student activities, family social events and more). We count on our MT families to make this happen by supporting our fundraisers. Please consider purchasing a MT Raffle Calendar. Each day in November, a name(s) will be drawn to win the prize of the day. That's more than 30 chances to win! Get your calendars today and support our students...this makes you a winner!!!

THANK YOU TO THE BUSINESS DONORS WHO SUPPORTED OUR CALENDAR

\$10 per Calendar or 3 for \$25

Please help us give back to our community by supporting the local businesses who graciously donated to our calendar.



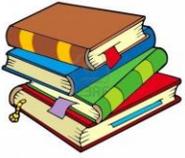
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Wrap City \$25 Gift Card Renegades \$25 Gift Card	2 Orange Theory Gift Card & Goodie Bag \$149 value	3 Mosquito Joe \$100 Gift Card	4 TWO WINNER DAY Melissa Rowland & Homegrown Barber Gift Card \$50 each	5 Renegades \$25 Gift Card & Rocco's	6 Golden Nozzle Car Wash 3 Washes!!
7 Salon Bogar \$50 Gift Card	8 TWO WINNER DAY O'Sheas & La Carreta (\$50)	9 Salon Sorella \$25 Gift Card, Curling Iron, & Products	10 Cozy Kids \$50 Donation Gift Card to local business	11 Benson's Bakery Gift Card \$30 & La Carreta(\$50)	12 Pipe Dream \$25 Gift Card and Pint Glasses	13 Londonderry Soccer Club Gift Bag & Gift Card to local business
14 Hamington Flowers \$50 Gift Card	15 Golden Nozzle Car Wash 3 Washes!!	16 Sorellina \$50 Gift Card & Goodie Bag	17 Granite State Escape \$125 Gift Card	18 TWO WINNER DAY 603 Brewery & Mr. Steer \$25 Gift Card	19 Xtreme Craze Laser Tag or Inflatable Park Pass	20 Mosquito Joe \$100 Gift Card
21 Aaron Duffy \$50 Gift Card to Noon-Day Collection	22 Steam Kings Carpet Gift Card	23 Spectrum Gymnastics \$50 Gift Card	24 TWO WINNER DAY Lazy Dog Brewery (\$30) Lucianos (\$25)	25 Countryside Florist \$50 Gift Card	26 TWO WINNER DAY Wrap City & Back Yard Brewery	27 Chunky's Movie Tickets & Popcorn Passes
28 TWO WINNER DAY Golden Nozzle Car Wash 3 Washes!! Stumble Inn	29 Garside Septic \$310 Gift Certificate	30 Granite State Escape \$125 Gift Card				

Please fill in your information below and detach - keep the calendar and return this portion with payment to MTPTA to be entered to win. Enter as many times as you wish! Cash, Check, or Venmo (@MatthewThorntonSchoolPTA) is accepted.

Your Name & Email: _____ Your

Student's Name and Grade: _____ Phone: _____ Your





Books and Beyond

Our Books & Beyond program is underway! 'We're Wild About Reading' is our theme for this year. We will be having our first collection date on **Wednesday, November 3rd**. This year, we will be collecting hours read two ways: you can enter your child's time read via a Google form; or you can turn in a paper log sheet to your child's teacher. You cannot do both or else there will be double entries made. Please choose which method works best for your family.

Students will earn prizes for every 5, 10, and 25 hours read. After turning in their 5 hours of reading they will receive a safari bookmark. The prize for 10 hours of reading is a safari themed pencil, and the prize for reading 25 hours is a safari themed rubber duck. This year, we are bringing back our class poster which will track how many hours read for each student participating. It will be located outside of each classroom.

If you have any questions or you would like to chair this position this year, please feel free to reach out to Jen Rich at richjennifer12@gmail.com.

Happy Reading!

Matthew Thornton Fall Book Fair

Chaired by Barbara Bernard

Thank you to Mrs. Small, Mr. Sicard, Paula Archambault, the teachers, students, and their families, and of course all the volunteers who made this possible. What a great week! We had many generous families buying books for teachers' classroom libraries, as well as parents who purchased books for entire classrooms. The students were very excited to have the book fair back in the library to browse and purchase books in person.

The Scholastic Book Fair, "Books Bring Us Together" was a giant success! Books truly did bring our Matthew Thornton community together!





Reflections

Chaired by: Deb D'Amore

Our Reflections program is underway! 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 Will Change the World By..."*** Entries will be accepted from now until November 22nd. 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 early 2022 as well as a State-Wide Exhibit in the Spring. Some entries may even move onto State or National Level where the winners will receive scholarships!

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](#)





Ski Club

Chaired by Kristy Fitzpatrick

It may feel early, but the ski season is quickly approaching, and McIntyre Ski Area will be running Ski Club this year! As in the past, Matthew Thornton students who choose to participate will be skiing/riding on Thursday afternoons with lessons beginning at 4:30. January 6th will be the first of 5 consecutive Thursdays.

More information will follow, registration will need to be completed by December 20th once the flyer goes home, and we do want to inform families that **we will NOT be offering transportation** this year as we have in the past.

Hope to see you there!!

Attention Amazon Shoppers!

Matthew Thornton is now registered for Amazon Smiles,

which donates 0.5% of orders to our school.

Use this link to shop and save it to ensure future

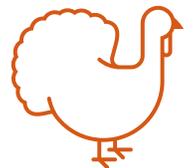
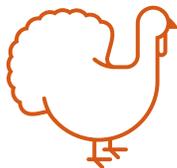
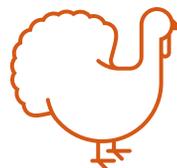
orders qualify for donations!

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/02-0428596>



November Calendar

November	MTPTA Adopt-A-Family 2021
November	MTPTA Raffle Calendar
November 1	Books and Beyond Collection Date
November 5	Friday Dress Day: PAWS gear
November 10	Veterans Day Assembly-wear Red, White, and Blue
November 11	Veterans Day/ No School
November 12	Parent Teacher Conferences/ No School
November 17	Stockings for Soldiers Collection Due
November 18	PTA Meeting from 6-7 in the library
November 19	Friday Dress Day: Favorite Flannel Day
November 22	5th Grade Drama Show
November 24-26	No school / Thanksgiving Break



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Jenn Brooks, Editor, Tiger Tales