

# TIGER TALES



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## Letter from our President

Dear Matthew Thornton Families,

On behalf of the MTPTA, we'd like to welcome you to the 2019-2020 school year! We hope you had an amazing summer and have had a smooth transition back to school. A big welcome to our new teachers, staff members, incoming 1<sup>st</sup> graders, and new students! We are so thrilled to have you as part of our Matthew Thornton community!

We enjoyed seeing many of you at the Back-to-School Ice Cream Social. A big thank you to Mrs. Stottlar, Mrs. Kearney, Miss Juster, Miss Charette, Mrs. Brooks, Mrs. Vernet, Mrs. Forziati, Miss Kralich, Mrs. Jackes, Mrs. Small and our other volunteers for helping us scoop all the ice cream. We appreciate everyone who came out to enjoy some ice cream with us on a hot evening!



Photos courtesy of Amity Small

Like us on Facebook: [Matthew Thornton PTA](#)  
Make sure to choose to receive notifications on our posts.

Our membership drive will continue until the end of October. Please support the PTA and become a member. Membership fliers went home in the back to school packets, but should you need another one, feel free to [email](#) me.

This year, we are excited about our fundraisers that are certain to be fun for the whole family. We will be having our Fun Run, Fall Festival and Book Fair at the end of October, and our second year of Boosterthon later in April. We are confident that they will be both fun and profitable. All fundraising efforts go directly to the PTA and **help to fund every grade level program and assembly, field trips, MT indoor and outdoor beautification projects (we really want our learners to feel proud of and responsible for their learning environment), playground equipment, and so much more.** If you are not interested in fundraising, you can also contribute directly to the PTA! Please also know that when you see notes such as “childcare and pizza provided for PTA meetings”, these are all typically donations. We are very frugal with the money we all raise together.

We would love to have you join us at our next PTA meeting on Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup> from 6-7pm in the MT Library, childcare and pizza are provided. PTA meetings are a great way to become involved and learn more about what happens behind the scenes. Come and check out all the great happenings and opportunities with the MTPTA. If this meeting or others don't work for you but you have questions or input, please don't hesitate to [email](#) me.

**Thank you** to our volunteers for all you do to support our children and our school community! We look forward to another great year!

**Jennifer Rich**  
**MTPTA President**

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

[MTPTA.net](http://MTPTA.net)

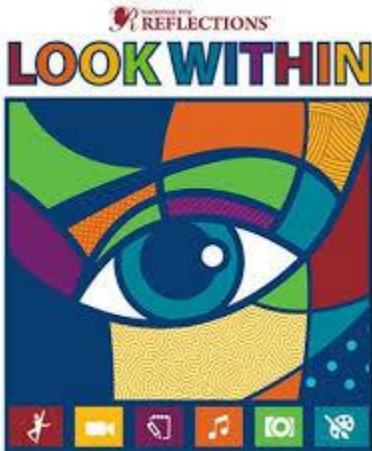
# MT Thanks Kristin Yonge and Brush and Hammer Remodeling

People have noticed MT's beautiful new entrances, and we couldn't be happier thanks to the creative genius of Kristin Yonge, the mastermind behind the finished products. MT first met Kristin over a year ago when she offered to donate her talents and time to help us dress up our bathrooms with inspirational messages for our students. We were thrilled the PTA could help us have her back this summer to dress up some of our entrances. Now our doors are the most photographed welcome areas in Londonderry. Thank you, Kristin Yonge and Brush and Hammer Remodeling! Working with you and seeing your designs come to life has been amazing.

By Amity Small

MT Principal





# Reflections

Would your child enjoy having a piece of artwork hung in an art exhibit? How about performing on stage? Then take part in Reflections! Students are encouraged to create and submit original works of art in one or all the available arts categories. All entries will be included in the Town-Wide Cultural Exhibit being held in January of 2020. Some entries may even move onto State or National Level!! Students may enter in any of the seven categories: visual arts, photography, literature, film production, musical composition, dance choreography and special artists. All entries must be an original work of art created by the student based on the current theme. This year the Reflections theme is "Look Within".

The Reflections Committee will be hosting a "Paint Night" in the Art Room at Matthew Thornton on October 16th. Permission slips and additional information will be sent home with your child.

**This is a cultural arts recognition program in need of a chairperson to volunteer in running it with the art teacher, Ms. Pichette.** The chairperson will help with organizing, mounting artwork and (sometimes) videotaping students for judging. There is a town-wide exhibit held sometime between Nov-Jan that would need a display set up for Matthew Thornton with some refreshments.

**Last year's chairperson has all her notes and is willing to help the next chairperson by explaining everything to them. The new chairperson can also work with the Reflections chair for the other elementary schools and Moose Hill. Enjoy the arts? Then this is your program! Other volunteers are needed for Reflections as well. Thank you for offering your time, energy and talent to Reflections. If you are interested in chairing this program you can [email](#) for more information.**

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

## *Volunteer Opportunity: Teacher Appreciation Chairperson*

This position involves celebrating our awesome MT staff in the spring for a weeklong event by showing them how much we appreciate all they do for our students. The chairperson will organize gifts for a raffle for the teachers where each teacher receives a gift (gift cards to local shops, restaurants, etc.). Breakfast or lunch is provided in the teacher's lounge each day for a week as well as activities which will vary depending on the chairperson's theme they choose. Last year's chairperson is willing to work with the new chair so you would have support. PTA volunteers always help daily as well. If you are interested in this position or more information, please email [Jen Rich](#). Thank you.





## Red Ribbon Week

Since 1988, we have been celebrating Red Ribbon Week across the country. The goal of Red Ribbon Week is for all of us to make healthy choices about alcohol and other drugs. Courtesy of our PTA, all students will receive a red bracelet to wear that week, as a reminder of the importance of being healthy. Mrs. Small will make announcements each day about healthy choices over the intercom, in addition to some statistics about substance abuse. Classroom teachers will have a variety of activities to engage their students in discussions about how to make good choices. All staff and students are encouraged to wear red clothing on Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. Please ask your child about their red bracelet!

By Kathleen Wuorio,  
School Counselor

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## School Store

Chaired by Jennifer Rich

Welcome back MT Families!

Our first School Store of the year will be happening on Friday, Oct 11<sup>th</sup>. For those of you new to Matthew Thornton, the School Store is set up outside of the cafeteria for your child to come visit and make purchases of school supplies and a few fun items, too. We offer a fun selection of pencils, erasers, pencil sharpeners, highlighters, pencil pouches, etc. Prices vary anywhere from \$.25 to \$5.00.

We also sell MT water bottles for \$8 and our black and orange Matthew Thornton cinch bags for \$10.

This year we are trying something new. The store will only be one day, on Friday. We host the School Store 4 times a year: in October, January, March and May. Please plan accordingly for the new Friday store time. We will send a reminder email the week of the store.

Students in Grade 1 will have a chance to come visit the School Store during their snack time. Students in Grades 2-5 will have a chance to come visit the store during their recess time after lunch.

A sign-up genius will be going out soon for volunteers to help during the store. We need volunteers to help cash the students out and to help them make their purchases as well.

We hope to see you there!!



## Merchandise

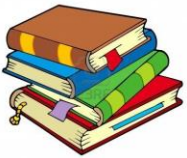
Chaired by Julie Gallagher & Jennifer Rich

Hello MT Families!

Order forms went home last week for our MT merchandise. Many of our students enjoy wearing their t-shirts for PAWS days to show their school spirit. We have other items for sale, including our water bottles and cinch bags as well. If you can't find your order form you can email [Jen Rich](#) or [Julie Gallagher](#) and we can get you a new one. Orders will be placed to the vendor on Friday, Oct. 4th.

If you would like your order to be a surprise for your child, that's no problem! Let us know and we can arrange to have your merchandise picked up at the front office.

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## Books and Beyond

Chaired by Lisa Burns

The reading incentive program, Books and Beyond, is back and has officially kicked off for the 2019-2020 school year. This year's theme, selected by the Reading Department, is "Grab A Book And Go Places". Log sheets will be sent home with all students at the beginning of October to start tracking hours from October 1st through November 6th. Additional log sheets can be found on the Matthew Thornton website.

Students can log reading in 15-minute increments. Volunteers track your child's progress in 5-hour blocks with a progress chart in each classroom. If your child reads at least 5 hours of reading at home, the log sheet can be brought into school. Log sheets will be collected the first Wednesday of each month. November 6th is the first collection day this year.

Students earn a gold medal for completing 35 hours of reading from October through April. Gold medals are presented at an assembly at the end of the year. Additionally, students earn prizes for completing 5 hours, 15 hours, 25 hours, and 35 hours of reading. By reading more than 35 hours total, students earn chances to win prizes in the year-end raffle, also part of the year end assembly. So, keep reading, track those hours, and remember to send in those log sheets each month. "Grab A Book And Go Places"!



## PAWS Behavioral Expectations Program

Dear parents,

As educators, our role at MTS is to provide your children with a safe, welcoming place to take risks and reach their ultimate potential as learners. In order to create this joyful space, our staff implements a positive behavior approach called PBIS, Positive Behavior Interventions and Support. The goal of the program is to promote respectful, kind behaviors by using strategies that are fun and exciting. Teachers are always on the lookout to reward kindness with PAWS stickers, PAWS awards and Tiger Up awards. If your child comes home with any of the above...be proud!! Even during a long day of hard-work your child exhibited what it means to be a Matthew Thornton Tiger!


By Molly Kralich  
First Grade Teacher

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**OCTOBER 24TH, 5pm MATTHEW THORNTON ELEMENTARY**  
Registration opens at 4:00pm OR send into the school prior

### ***CANDY CRUSH 3K & Lollipop Dash***

This one-of-a-kind event features a 3K  Run/Walk and a Lollipop 200yd Dash and of course CANDY!

Candy handed out at every quarter mile, closed course stays on MT/MH/LHS school grounds, and all finishers receive a goody bag. Be sure to bring your sweet tooth!

Costumes Welcome!

Adults \$10  
Students \$5  
Family \$30  
(Parents & Children)

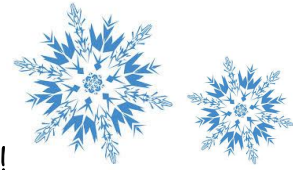
**Candy  
Crush**



A LITTLE SCHOOL SPIRIT. A LITTLE RUNNING.  
AND A WHOLE LOT OF HAPPY!

A FAMILY NIGHT OUT AT MATTHEW THORNTON!

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24TH



CANDY CRUSH 3K FUN RUN/WALK & LOLLIPOP 200yd DASH (Dash-for the littles)

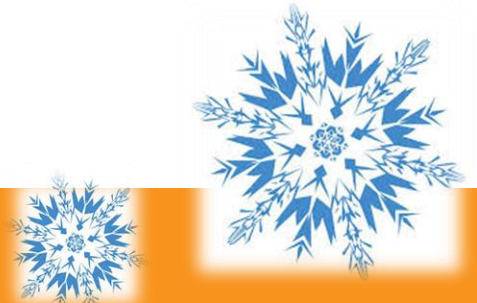
Join us at twilight for a fun run/walk on school grounds with candy, glow sticks and a ton of fun! Costumes are welcome! Registration opens at 4:00p / Pre-Registration to MT school / Dash starts at 5p / 3K starts at 5:30p

ARCTIC ADVENTURE BOOK FAIR

Join us in the Library for Scholastic Books for purchase where there are so many stories of adventures you can fall in love with. 6 - 7:30p

ENCHANTED FOREST WINTER FESTIVAL

Join us for a Family Night of Fun through the Enchanted Hallway & Gym for games, prizes, food for sale, \$1 cupcake walk \$5 per family for entry.





# October Calendar

<b>October 1</b>	Trimester 1 POP Assembly
<b>October 3</b>	3rd gr. Explore the Ocean World
<b>October 3</b>	Popcorn Sale during lunches
<b>October 4</b>	Friday Dress Day: PAWS / School Color Outfit
<b>October 8</b>	XC team dinner
<b>October 9</b>	Picture Retake Day
<b>October 10</b>	Recess Review During Recesses (Rain date 10/21)
<b>October 10</b>	XC team picture 8:50
<b>October 10</b>	Elementary XC Meet afterschool @ LHS Track (rain date 10/15)
<b>October 10</b>	PTA Meeting from 6-7 in Library
<b>October 11</b>	Friday Dress Day: Favorite Shirt Day
<b>October 11</b>	PTA School Store
<b>October 14</b>	No school / Columbus Day
<b>October 16</b>	College and Career Day
<b>October 16</b>	Reflections Paint Night in Cafe
<b>October 18</b>	Friday Dress Day: Patriots or Football Attire
<b>October 21-25</b>	Red Ribbon Week
<b>October 23</b>	1st Grade Plymouth State TIGERS Presentation
<b>October 23-25</b>	Arctic Adventure Fall Book Fair in Library
<b>October 23-25</b>	Dentist Visits in Nurses Office
<b>October 24</b>	Fun Run / Fall Festival/ Book Fair from 5-7:30
<b>October 25</b>	Friday Dress Day: Fall Season Outfit
<b>October 31</b>	Halloween Parade @1:35 with LHS Band (weather permitting)

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To advertise in the next Tiger Tales, there is a \$15 monthly charge. If you're interested in advertising in next month's or every upcoming issue for the scholastic year (discounted price!), please contact me at my [email](#).

Jenn Brooks, Editor, Tiger Tales