

# TIGER TALES

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Dear Matthew Thornton Families,

On behalf of the MTPTA, we would like to welcome you to the 2021-2022 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 and 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 so many families at our Back-to-School Ice Cream Social! A big thank you to everyone for your patience. We have never had such an amazing turnout! We would like to thank the staff at Wicked Good Scoops for staying later than planned. We appreciate everyone who came out to celebrate with us!

Our membership drive will continue until the end of October. Please consider supporting the PTA by becoming a member. Choosing to join the PTA does **not** automatically sign you up to volunteer. The money from your membership goes towards paying our state insurance fees, and for the grade level programs we are able to offer to our students. Membership fliers went home in the back-to-school packets, but if you need another one, please email our Membership Coordinator, Lisa Theroux at [lisa.theroux@gmail.com](mailto:lisa.theroux@gmail.com).



Also, please like us on Facebook: Matthew Thornton PTA. Our Facebook page is a great way to get updates and reminders of happenings in the school. Please make sure to choose to receive notifications on our posts.

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, our ever-popular Raffle Calendar in November, and our second year of Boosterthon later in April. 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!

We would love to have you join us at our next PTA meeting on Thursday, October 14<sup>th</sup> from 6-7pm in the MT Library again with childcare and snacks 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**



## Principal's Corner:

Happy October, MT Families!

We have gotten through school opening with a few bumps throughout September, but the good news is: students are learning and smiling when they come to school. We also enjoyed two in person successful parent orientations before students started, and teachers did a wonderful job making their parents nights virtual. We also had a record breaking turn out at the PTA's ice cream social (we really appreciated the patience of people waiting in line). October promises more fun for our school community as we welcome Books and Beyond, an outdoor Fall Festival, the Book Fair, Red Ribbon Week, and the Halloween Parade on 10/29. As always, MT appreciates the support we get from our families, as we want to work together to do great things for your children.

Sincerely,  
Amity Small, Your Proud Principal



### 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 28<sup>th</sup>. Please ask your child about their red bracelet!

By Kathleen Wuorio,  
School Counselor



# FALL

## festival

JOIN US FOR

*Farm Family Fun*

**THURSDAY OCTOBER 21st**  
**6:00PM-8:00PM**

**MATTHEW THORNTON COURTYARD**  
**\$25 PER FAMILY**



**You can pay by cash or check payable to MTPTA or pay  
on Venmo @MatthewThorntonSchoolPTA  
(Be sure to note that it's for the Fall Festival)**

**Petting farm, pumpkin decorating, haybag races, apple toss,  
leaf craft, corn hole, kan jam, apple cider, and popcorn!  
(No additional charge for the activities above)**





## 3k & Lollipop Dash

Thursday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 5:00pm

Join us for a fun run/walk at Matthew Thornton before the Fall Festival! Grab your sneakers, dress up in costume, and be sure to bring your sweet tooth! Candy bags will be handed out at the finish line!

Adults \$10

Students \$5

Family \$30

Lollipop Dash, 200-yard dash is free!

**Pre-Registration is required by October 20<sup>th</sup>.**

Forms will be going home soon or click and print a form here: [Candy Crush Registration](#)

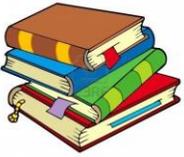
You can pay by cash or check payable to MTPTA or pay on Venmo @MatthewThorntonSchoolPTA, (6347). **Be sure to note that it's for the Candy Crush Fun Run.**





Chaired by: Kelly Cowan, MT Art Teacher

The kids and I are all so happy to be back in the art room! This month all grades have been working on making a picture for the Art to Remember Fundraiser. Younger grades have been doing guided drawing while grades 3 and up are given a theme to choose what they would like to draw. They are very excited to show you what they have been busy creating! You can expect to see order forms for this PTA fundraiser home the first week in November. Purchased items will arrive to the school in mid-December.



## Books and Beyond

The theme for this year's Books & Beyond program is "We're Wild About Reading!" We are looking forward to another fun year of reading with this program offered by the PTA and the Reading Department. We will be sending out a sign-up genius soon for classroom volunteers, so please be on the lookout for that if you're interested in helping out in your child's classroom.

If you're interested in being the chairperson for this position, please let Jen Rich know at [richjennifer12@gmail.com](mailto:richjennifer12@gmail.com).

Happy Reading!!

Jen Rich





## Fundraising

Chaired by Julie Gallagher

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 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!

**What to do?** Purchase calendar raffle tickets! Coming soon! Also, ask friends and family to purchase calendar raffle tickets for **\$10 each or 3 for \$25**. The prizes are amazing!

Do you have a business you'd like to promote? By donating your product and/or service to our raffle calendar, you will be seen by thousands of local families! To do so, email [Julie Gallagher](mailto:Julie.Gallagher)

Most 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.

Be on the lookout!

Raffle Calendars will be coming home in back packs soon!!!





# Reflections

Chaired by: Deb D'Amore

Do you enjoy creating art? Take part in Reflections, a National PTA sponsored art event! You can participate in any of the seven categories: visual arts (drawing, painting and 3D art), literature, photography, musical composition, dance choreography, film production, or Special Artist. All program participants will receive a certificate and a ribbon. Some entries may even move onto State or National Judging where they are eligible for scholarship prizes!

This year, the Reflections theme is "I Will Change the World By..." It doesn't matter if the entry has been created in the classroom or at home, as long as it is an original art that has been created by you based on the current theme.

The Reflections program will accept entries virtually beginning in October and running through mid-November. We are hoping to continue with our annual Town Wide Cultural Art Exhibit in January or February; more details will follow if we are able to hold that event in person again.

Please contact the Reflections chairperson with any questions: Deb D'Amore, [debellben1315@gmail.com](mailto:debellben1315@gmail.com). And keep an eye out for entry forms going home in early October.

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

## Categories





## Friendly Reminders from the Nurses' Office

Hello from the Nurses Office!

Covid-19 is still being seen in our community. In order to keep students and staff safe we are asking parents to screen their child before school for any symptoms of Covid-19 (as documented below) and keeping them home and contacting their physicians. If your child has any symptoms while in school, we will be sending them home for the following symptoms:

Fever

Cough

Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath

New loss of taste or smell

Sore throat

Headache

Muscle or body aches

Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea

Fatigue

Nasal congestion/runny nose

We are following the NH Department of Public Health and the CDC guidelines, and we appreciate your understanding. In order to return to school, we require proof of a negative Covid test, 24 hours fever free without medication, and that symptoms have improved, or a note from the physician stating the symptoms aren't Covid related, or they may return after 10 days from symptom onset, 24 hours fever free, and improving symptoms. Please be sure to speak with the school nurse prior to returning for clearance. We appreciate your cooperation and together we will get through these challenging times.

Many thanks!

Kristen Hughes, Sarah Brown, & Marilynn Sullivan



## Merchandise

Chaired by Julie Gallagher

2021 merchandise orders are underway! Thank you to all the families who purchased shirts in September! This is a great way for kids to show their school pride on Paws day AND around town! If your family needs Matthew Thornton merchandise and you didn't see the order form come home with your child, please reach out to [Julie Gallagher](#).

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## 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, but we do want to inform families that **we will NOT be offering transportation** this year as we have in the past.

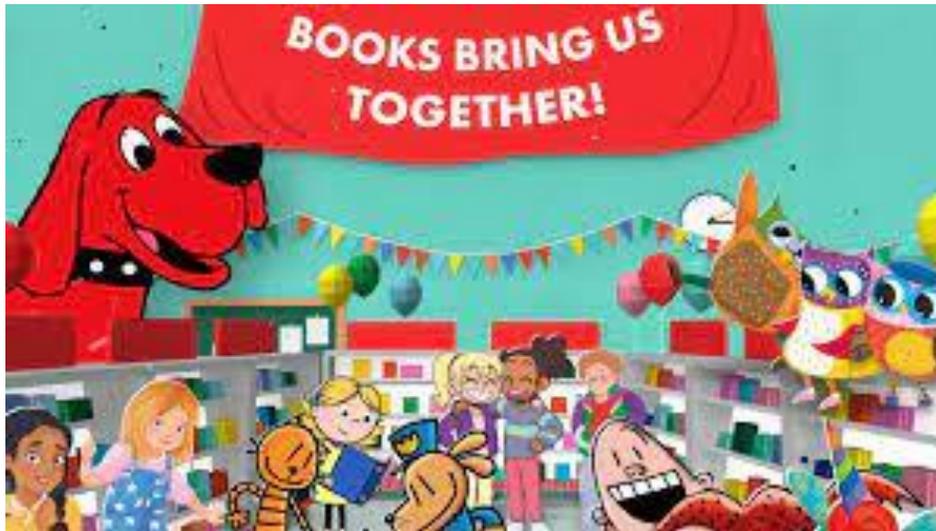
Hope to see you there!!



## Matthew Thornton Fall Book Fair

Chaired by Barbara Bernard

The Book Fair is back in person October 26-29. This year's theme is "Books Bring Us Together." Students will have the opportunity to visit the book fair in the library to purchase books or make out a wish list of books they are interested in during school hours.



### 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>

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# October Calendar

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| October       | Trimester 1 POP Virtual Assembly                    |
| October 1     | Books & Beyond Kick Off                             |
| October 1     | Friday Dress Day: Football                          |
| October 2     | School Custodian Appreciation Day                   |
| October 8     | Friday Dress Day: Favorite Sweatshirt Day           |
| October 11    | No school / Columbus Day                            |
| October 13    | X-Country picture 8:45 (10/14 rain date)            |
| October 13    | 5th Grade Cross Country Race (10/14 Rain date)      |
| October 14    | PTA Meeting: 6-7 in the library                     |
| October 15    | Teacher Workshop Day/ No School                     |
| October 19    | LHS visits for Recess Academy (rain date 10/21)     |
| October 18-22 | Bus Driver Appreciation Week                        |
| October 21    | Fall Festival / Fun Run                             |
| October 22    | Friday Dress Day: Favorite Fall Color Day           |
| October 25-29 | Red Ribbon Week                                     |
| October 26-29 | Book Fair -- "Books Bring Us Together" Theme        |
| October 28    | Wear Red to Support Red Ribbon Week                 |
| October 29    | Friday Dress Day: Halloween Costumes / Fun / Parade |

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Jenn Brooks, Editor, Tiger Tales