

# TIGER TALES

Monthly Newsletter of the Matthew Thornton Elementary



## Letter from our President

Dear Matthew Thornton Families,

Thank you all for a very rewarding October!! A lot of family fun and productivity to report!! Matthew Thornton seems to have a renewed spring in its step; some beautiful artwork in the bathrooms and some TLC to show for out front! And a lot of volunteers who are feeling inspired by each other, our community, and our Principal, Mrs. Small! Thank you to all who were involved in making our school an even brighter home-away-from-home for our kids. You are amazing!

We had a very successful fundraiser with our coupon books! Thank you all for the support! Those who earned spirit wear, it is in process and we will have it to you soon. KidStuff books have all been sent out, so please let us know if anything is outstanding and we will take care of it.

Our Fifth graders made us proud in the Cross Country meet held at the LHS track a few weeks ago. Thank you to Coach W and Coach Nader for guiding our kids through this challenge and leading MT girls to an overall first place victory!! Congratulations to every MT student who succeeded by giving your all at this event!

October 25th was a big night at MT!! We held our second annual "Candy Crush 3k and Lollipop Dash". Top Runners were: Colby Lynch, age 14, 12:03, Ryan Quinlan, age 39, 12:03, Brendan Julian, age 14, 12:11, Brody Gray, age 14, 13:21 and Leo Sochanek, age 10, 14:05. A huge thank you to Kate VonPichl for leading



### Ski Club

MT Ski Club will be Thursdays from 4:30-6:30 on Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 at McIntyre Ski Area in Manchester. More information to follow.



### Save the Date

Winter Wonderland and Secret Shop  
Saturday, December 1st,  
8am-11:30am



### Art to Remember

If you haven't placed an order but still want to, it's not too late! You can go online to [Order.ArtToRemember.com](http://Order.ArtToRemember.com)

this event for the second year!

After the run, families entered MT for our Fall Festival filled with games, unbelievable basket raffles (thank you Aaron Duffy and all room parents who went above and beyond on these!) and food and goodies galore! The first grade hallway turned to an Enchanted Forest and was the talk of the week!! What an amazing experience for all who passed through! The hours and hours of creative work that were put into this project...na huge thank you to Julie Maloney for leading this event!!



Also, packed into this Fall celebration was the Book Fair. Always a huge success and such a gift to see our kids so excited about books!! Susan Fletcher, year in and out, thank you for all of your work on this program!!

Thank you to Amy Wheeler for chairing Art To Remember this year. We moved this project from January to the Fall, so that families could have the chance to purchase their students' artwork for the holidays. The due date was 10/29 to guarantee order delivery by Dec.ember 1, in time for all December holidays; however orders are still being accepted.

And what a way to end our month....the annual costume parade and classroom Halloween parties! A very exciting break for our students to show off their costumes while being led by the LHS Marching Band! Thank you to all room parents and parents who helped to put on the parties, and teachers/ MT administration who see to it that we can all have a great time while staying safe.

**Save the date:** Our Next PTA meeting will be November 8 at 6:00 pm with child care and pizza served!

Lastly, as we enter the month of November we wish our entire Matthew Thornton family a very Happy Thanksgiving! So much to give thanks for this season!

**Regan Sochanek**

PTA President

**Jen Rich**

PTA Vice President

### A WORD OF THANKS FROM OUR MT PRINCIPAL, MRS SMALL

At long last, Matthew Thornton has finished its bathroom project – countless volunteers put in many hours to create art to beautify our bathrooms. PTA President, Regan Sochanek, and local painting business co-owner, Kristin Yonge, made this vision a reality. Student Council President, Khoi Totten, said:

“When I think about all the hard work done, and the messages the PTA put on the stalls, I feel grateful. I appreciate all the work that they put in and think it was a great

idea. I hope we can continue with great projects.” As the new Principal, I am so

inspired and impressed by all the people who came together to make this happen. This work and these wonderful messages have spread all kinds of positivity in our building.



# Art to Remember

By Amy Wheeler and Pauline Pichette

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Thank you for your support in the Art to Remember fundraiser! The kids will be so excited to see their artwork on a keepsake! If you placed an order, please expect to receive it the first week of December. If you haven't placed an order but still want to, it's not too late! You can go online to [Order.ArtToRemember.com](http://Order.ArtToRemember.com). Online orders are open until December 31<sup>st</sup> and arrive in early February 2019.

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# Community Outreach Program

Chaired by Shawna Carroll

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Happy Fall, MT Families!

The Community Outreach Team is getting started on our two biggest collections. Please be on the lookout for Stocking for Soldiers and Adopt-A-Family announcements. If you are at Matthew Thornton you can also take a peak in the lobby for more information. We are always amazed by the response to these collections. In addition to the overwhelming number of items we receive for those in need, it does not go unnoticed that there is a lot of thought, care and compassion that accompanies every purchase and word of encouragement. Any questions, please feel free to reach out to [Shawna Carroll](#).

Thank you,  
The MTPTA Community Outreach Team.

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# Reflections "Heroes Around Me"

Chaired by Jodie Nease

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Would your child enjoy having a piece of artwork hung in an art exhibit? Then can take part in this year's PTA Reflections Program! This year the Reflections theme is **"Heroes Around Me."**

All entries must be an original work of art created by the student based on the current theme.

Reflection entries will be collected in the lobby of Matthew Thornton from November 12th until November 16th. There will be a collection box along with entry forms. Students may enter in any of the seven categories: visual arts, photography, literature, musical composition, dance choreography, film production and special artists. For detailed rules in each category, visit the NH PTA website ([nhpta1.org](http://nhpta1.org)). Any questions or concerns, contact Reflections Chair, [Jodie Nease](#). Thank you for offering your time, energy and talent to Reflections!

## **Want to perform on stage at the Reflections Exhibit?**

Students are encouraged to perform at the Reflections town-wide exhibit. These performances add to the fun nature of the event, so if your child is interested in reciting a poem, singing a song, or playing an instrument, let us know!

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# PAWS Behavioral Expectations Program

Chaired by Kristina Mahn

Positive Attitude

Act Responsibly

Work and Play Safely

Show Respect



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** (**P**erseverance, **O**wnership, **P**ractice). 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:

1 <sup>st</sup> grade	Miss Miller
2 <sup>nd</sup> grade	Mrs. Dussault
3 <sup>rd</sup> grade	Mrs. Mack
4 <sup>th</sup> grade	Mrs. Allen
5 <sup>th</sup> grade	Mrs. Memmolo

The focus for the month of **October** was showing respect and anti-bullying. The classes who receive the most "PAWS" stickers at each grade level will receive an extra 15-minute recess or a recess game with Mr. McCarthy!

On Thursday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, there was a **PAWS Family Feud** event in the gym. Ten fourth graders and ten fifth graders were selected as contestants. The two grade levels competed against one another to answer the highest number of

questions correctly. The categories were behaviors in the cafeteria, hallway, bathroom, bus, assemblies and the playground. Congratulations to the 4<sup>th</sup> graders for taking home 1<sup>st</sup> place!

Additionally, "PAWS" stickers are given in the cafeteria to class tables who demonstrate positive school 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.

Recess Review (formerly known as Recess Academy) was held on October 19<sup>th</sup>.

Londonderry High School students from the Athletic Leadership Team taught the students playground rules and game skills. The students enjoyed their time outside!

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



## Secret Shop 2018

Chaired by Lisa Burns and Ashley Engler

**DATE: Saturday December 1st**

**PLACE: Matthew Thornton Gymnasium**

**TIME: 8:00 a.m. – 11:30 p.m.**

Every year students eagerly await Matthew Thornton's Secret Shop. The kids love to shop in a safe, festive environment for holiday gifts for their families and friends. The gifts are priced from \$0.25 to \$10.00 with most gifts under \$5.00. All

profits from the Secret Shop are used by the MTPTA toward supporting our school, students and community. Please set aside the date to join us at the Secret Shop!

We need your help! Volunteers are needed to assist with the set up, shopping with students, cashiers, and wrapping at the Secret Shop. If you, or anyone you know, can lend a hand and help support the MTPTA, please be on the lookout for a signup genius request or contact us directly. High school and middle school students are always a big help and are more than welcome!

We look forward to seeing you there!

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## SAVE THE DATE!!

**Winter Wonderland and Secret Shop  
Saturday, December 1st, 8am-11:30am**

Come enjoy a pancake breakfast while listening to our MT Chorus perform some seasonal favorites. Visit with Santa, customize an ornament, and select from an assortment of holiday cookies. Each child will also have the opportunity to visit the Secret Shop to shop and wrap gifts for their family, with help from our elves!

Come on out for a fun and festive morning at MT. More details to follow!



By Julie Maloney

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The enchanted forest and the fall festival were a huge success.

Children enjoyed walking through the Enchanted Forest to get to the Fall Festival games in the gym.

The Enchanted Forest was filled with magical creatures that were created by the first grade students and teachers. The hallway was lit with twinkling lights and glowing eyes. Special thanks go out to Ms. Pichette for helping students create forest animals, Miss. Kralich for her creative vision, and all the first grade teachers for the wonderful bulletin boards and for the time putting the forest together.

The Fall Festival also had a cupcake walk, a special visit from our school mascot Paws for pictures, and many Halloween/Fall themed games and activities. Special thanks go out to all who baked for the bake sale and for the cupcake walk. Special thanks also go out to Abbey Sloper and the wonderful students from the high school who gave of their time to volunteer to help make this event possible. We would also like to thank Kristen Allfrey and Alli Flaherty for helping to organize the event.

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## Cross Country

Chaired by Caroline Edwards and Lynn Hoyt

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The 2018 Cross Country season came to a successful close on what was probably the hottest day in October! The girls' team snagged first place, with the boys also performing strongly and admirably. Coach W and Coach Nader supported and cheered our runners with pride and enthusiasm and for this we thank them.

Thanks to the runners' families for joining our Tiger athletes for a carb-loading Spaghetti Dinner on the Eve of the Cross Country Meet and also for providing the many delicious desserts. A shout out to our awesome Fifth Grade Teachers who were more than happy to turn up and serve dinner to the runners! The kids had a great time. Please check out photos of the XC dinner and XC meet on [mtpta.net](http://mtpta.net).

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## GARDEN PROJECT

Chaired by Liz Paul

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As the seasons change, so has the "Mrs. Mack Garden." With the help of some parent volunteers, it's been transformed into a beautiful autumnal scene. While this project started with the "Mrs. Mack Garden," it's been expanded to improve the area in front of the gym, and we're optimistic that it will spread further. After seeing how well the autumnal theme looks, we'd like to continue changing the scenery with each season. We are looking for volunteers to help continue the beautification, as well as participate in the next season's theme. If anyone has ideas, donations, has a green thumb, and would like to volunteer, or

know of student groups that may wish to help, please contact [Liz Paul](mailto:Liz.Paul).

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## November School Events

### November 2

Children's Dental Preventative appnts from 9-11AM

### November 2-14

Student Council Canned Food Drive

### November 6

Election Day / No School

### November 8

PTA Meeting 6-7PM in Library

### November 9

Veterans Day Assembly 9-10AM

### November 12

No school / Veterans Day

### November 15

1st grade Plymouth State Program @9:15AM in Cafe

### November 15

4th Grade Field Trip to Currier Museum

### November 16

Parent-Teacher Conferences / No school

### November 19

4th Grade Trip to State House

### November 21-23

No school / Thanksgiving Break

### November 27

5th Grade Science Night from 6-7PM in Gym

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## Editorial

Tiger Tales is a monthly publication of the Matthew Thornton PTA and is sent out to parents and guardians of every student.

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 [caro.edwards@icloud.com](mailto:caro.edwards@icloud.com).

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