

# TIGER TALES



Monthly Newsletter of the Matthew Thornton Elementary



## Letter from our President

Dear Matthew Thornton Families,

On behalf of the MTPTA, we'd like to welcome you to the 2018-2019 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 1st graders and new students! We are so thrilled to have you as part of our Matthew Thornton community! Also, a very special welcome to our new Principal, Mrs. Small. Mrs. Small has started this year with so much positive energy and focus on making Matthew Thornton the happiest and most productive place for our young learners!!



Photo credit: Twitter @NHS Lancers

On that note, if you have not already, you will have to come in and take a peek at the beautiful work done by Mrs. Small, Mrs. LaRoche, Miss Engler, and our AMAZING parent volunteers and Kristin Yonge, of Brush and Hammer Custom Remodeling (who has volunteered to lead us on our mission to

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### October 4

Popcorn Sale during lunches, \$0.25 a bag

### October 8

No School - Columbus Day

### October 9

Cross Country Spaghetti Dinner | 4:30PM, Cafeteria

### October 10

- School Store
- XC Team Picture
- XC Meet @3:30pm
- College & Career Day

### October 11

School Store PTA Meeting, 6-7PM, MT Library

### October 12

Picture Retake Day

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make each MT bathroom a beautiful and inspirational place to visit ;)). Our wonderful school is the oldest in the district and this face-lift has been a labor of love that we know will put smiles on faces.

Also, we enjoyed seeing many of you at the Back-to-School Ice Cream Social. A big thank you to Mrs. Small, Mr. and Mrs. Rheault, Miss Engler and other volunteers for scooping with a smile. We appreciate everyone who came out to enjoy some ice cream with us on a hot evening!

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](#). 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; make sure to choose to receive notifications on our posts.

This year, we are excited to announce fundraisers that are certain to be fun for the whole family. From the Fun Run, The Fall Festival and Book Fair (Enchanted Forest theme!), and Art to Remember for December gift giving. 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 "child care and pizza provided for PTA meetings", these are all typically donations. We are very frugal with the money we all raise together. Our heavier than typical Fall fundraisers allow us to be prepared for the year's budget and also to shift our attention to the many fun activities that the second half of the year holds!!

We would love to have you join us at our next PTA meeting on Thursday, October 11th from 6-7pm in the MT Library.....again with child care and pizza 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!

**Regan Sochanek**

**MTPTA President**

#### (UPCOMING EVENTS CONT.)

**October 18**  
Recess Academy  
(Rain Date 10/25)

**October 24-26**  
Enchanted Forest  
Scholastic Book Fair

**October 22**  
Red Ribbon Week

**October 25**  
Twilight Run @5:30pm/  
Book Fair/Glow Festival  
from 6-7:30pm in Gym

**October 31**  
Children's Dental  
Preventative  
Appointments 9-12  
Halloween Parade  
@1:30pm

**Visit our Matthew  
Thornton PTA website**

# 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? 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 of the available arts categories. All entries will be included in the Town-Wide Cultural Exhibit being held in January of 2019. 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 "**Heroes Around Me**".

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

Enjoy the arts? Then this is your program! Volunteers are needed for Reflections. Contact [Jodie Nease](#) with any questions or if you can help. Thank you for offering your time, energy and talent to Reflections.

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

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## PAWS Behavioral Expectations Program

Chaired by Kristina Mahn

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Positive Attitude

Act Responsibly

Work and Play Safely

Show Respect



The PAWS program at Matthew Thornton is used 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). Each grade level class, which receives the most "PAWS" stickers --

demonstrating positive hallway behavior -- will receive an additional fifteen-minute recess or a kickball game with Mr. McCarthy!

Additionally, "PAWS" stickers are given in the cafeteria to class tables that 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 thirty stickers.

At the beginning of September, a PAWS Assembly was held for first and second graders with skits and a PowerPoint presentation that modeled positive behavior in the hallways and bathrooms. Ask them to share what they learned with you!

An assembly with a "PAWS Family Feud" theme was held for third, fourth, and fifth grade classes. The game reviewed positive

behaviors in the café, playground, hallways, bathrooms, buses, and assemblies. All participants in the game received: either a free popcorn pass, a school store coupon, or book fair coupon. One of our 4<sup>th</sup> grade teams took first place in the competition!

Be on the lookout for future PAWS information and please continue to reinforce these *paws-itive* behaviors with your children at home.



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 the 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 25<sup>th</sup>.

Please ask your child about their red bracelet!

By Kathleen Wuorio,

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School Counselor

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## School Store

Chaired by Jennifer Rich

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Welcome back MT Families!

Our first School Store of the year will be happening on Wednesday, Oct 10<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, 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.

Each grade will have a chance to visit our School Store during recess after their lunch period.

We hope to see you there!!

# FAMILY NIGHT OUT AT MT



**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25TH**

## CANDY CRUSH 3K FUN RUN/WALK

## LOLLIPOP 200yd 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 4:30pm / Pre-Registration to MT school

Dash starts at 5pm / 3K starts at 5:30pm

[Entry Form](#)

## ENCHANTED 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 - 7:30pm

## ENCHANTED FOREST FALL 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



# Cross Country

Chaired by Caroline Edwards and Lynn Hoyt

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Our fifth graders at MT have the opportunity to participate in the intramural running program which culminates in a one-mile race scheduled for Wednesday, October 10th on the Londonderry High School Track. MT will be competing with other fifth grade athletes from both North and South Londonderry Schools.

All athletes and their families are invited to the annual PTA-sponsored spaghetti dinner event to help our runners for their cross country meet. Go Tigers!!

Special thanks to Mr. Wrubleski and Mrs. Nader for their time and support with this fun program. We appreciate all you do for our students!

**XC Spaghetti Dinner - October 9th @4:30-5:30pm, MT Cafeteria**

**XC Meet - October 10th @3:30pm, LHS Track**



**XC Practice**  
[Click here to view more photos](#)

# Art to Remember

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By Amy Wheeler and Pauline Pichette

Be on the lookout for our Art to Remember fundraiser which is just in time for the holidays! Art to Remember transfers your child's artwork onto wonderful keepsake items, such as phone covers, mugs, mouse pads, night lights, necklaces and many other useful items! This is a great holiday gift idea for friends and family all while supporting our school. The order forms will be coming home with your child in the next month, so keep an eye out!



Thank you!!

## THANK YOU



We are incredibly grateful to...



**Brush and Hammer Custom Remodeling.....**Owned in part by Kristin Yonge who is also an amazing artist!! She is mom to a 4 year-old son who will be appreciating our work at MT in a couple more years!! Thank you for so many volunteered hours into our amazing painting project!!



**Thompson Lawn Service Hardscape Division** for volunteering and helping us with our brick walkway in the courtyard which honors so many special members of the MT family.

## 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).

Caroline Edwards

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Editor, Tiger Tales

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