

# China Primary School

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## **NO SCHOOL - Friday, April 12 - Teacher Comp Day**

## **NO SCHOOL - Saturday, April 13 - Sunday, April 21 - Spring Break**

### **Spring Portraits with Lifetouch - TOMORROW!**

Spring Picture Day is coming to CPS Wednesday, April 3rd. All students will be photographed, and portrait packages will be sent home a few weeks later so families can see their child's portraits before making a purchasing decision. If you don't love your child's portraits, just send the entire package back to school and we will return it to Lifetouch. Please notify your child's teacher if you do not want an individual portrait taken of your child.

### **Bikes For Books**

Our local Masonic Lodge has graciously offered to bring the Bikes For Books Program back to China Primary School this spring. We held a Bikes For Books Kick-Off Assembly on Friday, March 29. Students are encouraged to read daily and record their reading times on slips to be entered into a drawing. One boy and one girl from each grade level will win a bike! For every 20 minutes of reading that a student completes, they can fill out a slip, have a parent sign it, return it to school, and then it will be entered into the drawing. There is no limit on how many entries a student can make, but each slip must be completely filled out and signed by a parent. We will collect slips during the month of April. The bike drawing will take place in an all-school assembly to be held Friday, May 17. *Let's get kids excited about reading!*

### **Visiting Author Lynn Plourde @ CPS**

Maine Children's Author Lynn Plourde will visit China Primary on April 4, 2019. She will share her new chapter book, *Maxi's Secrets*, with classes as well as present workshops focused around other children's books she has written. Students will have an opportunity to purchase books prior to the visit for the author to sign. This will be a very exciting day for all CPS students. - Mrs. Boudreau (School Librarian)

### **Title I Reading Parent Event**

Our last parent event for the year will be Thursday, April 4th from 3:00-4:00 pm with visiting Maine author Lynn Plourde. A handout was sent home about this event including a booklist. If you have questions, please contact Mrs. McCormac 445-1550 x7123.

## **CPS Celebrates Our Own Writers**

On top of celebrating writing with Ms. Plourde, we are even more excited to celebrate our very own authors here at school at our second annual Writing Open House! On Friday, April 5th from 8 AM - 9 AM, our doors will be open and CPS families will be able to come check out our writing growth this year in our classrooms. This will be a casual event where you may come and go as you please within that hour. If you have children in other classrooms, you will be able to sign your child out from his/her room and visit other rooms as long as everyone is back in their own classrooms by 9 AM! We cannot wait for you to see all of your child's hard work this year!! This event is open to the whole school, so please be mindful of parking!

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# **WHAT AN ARTIST!**

Paper orders are due TODAY (April 2)  
However, the deadline for online orders  
**HAS BEEN EXTENDED to April 10!!!**  
Check out [www.square1art.com/shop](http://www.square1art.com/shop)

Personal access codes are on customized order forms  
or email [mrobie@rsu18.org](mailto:mrobie@rsu18.org)



## **Messalonskee Athletic Complex - Opening Celebration**

Please join the RSU 18 Community for the opening of the Messalonskee Athletic Complex on Friday, April 12, at Messalonskee High School, 131 Messalonskee High Drive, Oakland.

- 4:30 Youth in Sports: Sport-specific activities led by student athletes
- 5:00 Reception for invited guests and alumni sponsored by All Sports Boosters
- 5:30 Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
- 6:00 Boys' Varsity Lacrosse Game
- 8:00 Girls Varsity Lacrosse Game

R.S.V.P. at [Messalonskeeboosters@rsu18.org](mailto:Messalonskeeboosters@rsu18.org)

## **Monmouth Theatre Coming to CPS**

We are so excited to announce our upcoming Page-to-Stage event at CPS. On Tuesday, April 30th, Monmouth Theater will be joining CPS to bring adaptations of classic literature to our students in order to deepen an understanding and appreciation of classic literature to all learners!

Our school has the privilege of seeing the "Tall Tales Twice Told" show, a collection of American folk tales featuring characters and situations larger than life and older than time. From Paul Bunyan and his Big Blue Ox, to John Henry the Railroad Man, we'll explore tales of Johnny Appleseed the Planter of Orchards as well as Kate Shelley who's known for saving the Midnight Express! These timeless and timely tales will introduce students to American History and Culture!

We are so looking forward to this educational experience as students explore the elements of American folktales, especially tall tales, while learning how these stories are passed on from generation to generation. We'll observe how these tales use exaggeration and how they convey a message or make a point. This presentation will help students examine stereotypes and behaviors through activities and discussions before and after the performance. They will explore ways to take responsibility for their actions and become both confident and caring citizens!

### **Help Wanted @ CPS**

We are looking to fill an open position at China Primary School. We have a morning student monitor position open Monday through Friday 7:10-7:55 AM. We also need substitutes for teachers, ed techs, bus drivers, and the office. Please call the office (445-1550) for more information or visit the [rsu18.org](http://rsu18.org) website to complete an online application.

### **PreK and Kindergarten Registrations for Fall 2019**

Pre-K and Kindergarten application packets for the 2019-2020 school year are now available in the CPS office. Children must be 4 years old by October 15, 2019, in order to enter Pre-K, and 5 years old by October 15, 2019, to enter Kindergarten. For more information or to request an application packet, please call our office at 445-1550. The deadline for Pre-K Applications is Friday, April 12. Kindergarten Registrations can be submitted at any time, however for planning purposes, we are asking for them by April 12 as well.

### **RSU 18 District-Wide News**

Want to keep up with district news? Follow us at <https://rsu18messenger.com/>

### **Upcoming Events**

- Spring Portraits Wednesday, April 3 - ***Volunteers Needed Please***
- School Board Meeting (Budget Discussion) Wednesday, April 3, 7:00 pm Messalonskee Middle School
- Visiting Author Lynn Plourde @ CPS Thursday, April 4
- Title 1 Parent Event @ CPS Thursday, April 4, 3:00-4:00 pm
- China PTO Meeting Thursday, April 4, 6:00pm @ CMS Library
- Celebrating Writers @ CPS Friday, April 5, 8:00 - 9:00 am
- China Annual Town Meeting Saturday, April 6, 9:00 am @ China Middle School
- Grade 1 & 2 Spring Concert Tuesday, April 9, 6:30 pm - *student performers should arrive by 6:00 pm please*
- ***Teacher Comp Day - NO SCHOOL - Friday, April 12***
- ***Spring Break - NO SCHOOL - Saturday, April 13 - Sunday, April 21***
- School Board Meeting (Budget Adoption) Wednesday, April 24, 7:00 pm Messalonskee Middle School
- Monmouth Theater performance of "Tall Tales Twice Told" @ CPS Tuesday, April 30
- Spring Book Fair @ CPS Monday, April 29 - Friday, May 3 - ***Volunteers Needed Please***
- Public Hearing on Proposed 2019-2020 Budget Tuesday, April 30, 7:00 pm @ China Middle School

### **Community News**

**China Schools PTO News:** Our next monthly meeting will be held Thursday, April 4, at 6:00 pm in the CMS Library. We hope to see you there, or you can attend virtually by joining us on FB Live. Please join us in helping to support enrichment activities for our students. Newcomers are always welcome.



#### **China Youth League:**

Check out our website @ <https://cylmaine.wixsite.com/chinayouthleague> for important information on the upcoming season. Contact Steph Peaslee @ [cylmaine@gmail.com](mailto:cylmaine@gmail.com) or call 207-557-5667 for more information or questions. Thank you.

**Substitute Teacher Training:** China Primary, China Middle, and many other schools in the area need substitute teachers. If you enjoy working with children and want to learn more about working as a substitute, the Mid-Maine Regional Adult Community Education Program is offering training @ Waterville Senior High School on *Thursday, April 25*, 5:30-7:30 pm (1 session). For more information or to register, contact [www.midmaine.maineadulted.org](http://www.midmaine.maineadulted.org) or call 873-5754.

**Summer Jobs in China** - The China Region Lakes Alliance has summer jobs available - Youth Conservation Corps and Courtesy Boat Inspectors ages 14 and up; and Youth Conservation Corps Director. Applications can be found on [www.china.govoffice.com](http://www.china.govoffice.com) under the China Region Lakes Alliance.