

# China Primary School

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## **Spring Portraits Have Arrived!**

Spring Portraits were sent home with students yesterday. Please review your child's portraits, make your purchasing selections, and send your payment in to school (make checks payable to Lifetouch). The easiest way to pay is online at [mylifetouch.com](http://mylifetouch.com). If you don't love your child's portraits, just send the entire package back to school and we will return it to Lifetouch.

## **Spring Book Fair is Coming to CPS Next Week!**

China Primary School will be having our annual BOGO (buy one, get one free) Spring Book Fair *April 29th-May 3rd*. The Book Fair will be held in the CPS library all week. If you would like to volunteer, please sign up in the office or contact Mrs. Boudreau in the library.

## **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 bring adaptations of classic literature to our students in order to deepen an understanding and appreciation of classic literature to all learners!

Our students have 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!

## **Bikes For Books**

Our local Masonic Lodge has graciously offered to bring the Bikes For Books Program back to CPS this spring. We have extended the end date for turning in reading slips to Monday, May 5. The bike drawing will take place in an all-school assembly to be held Friday, May 17. *Let's get kids excited about reading!*

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

Pre-K and Kindergarten application packets for the 2019-2020 school year are available in the CPS office. For more information or to request an application packet, please call our office at 445-1550.

## 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.

## Upcoming Events

- School Board Meeting (Budget Adoption) Wednesday, April 24, 7:00 pm Messalonskee Middle School
- Spring Book Fair @ CPS Monday, April 29 - Friday, May 3 - *Volunteers Needed Please*
- Monmouth Theater performance of "Tall Tales Twice Told" @ CPS Tuesday, April 30
- Public Hearing on Proposed 2019-2020 Budget Tuesday, April 30, 7:00 pm @ China Middle School
- China Schools PTO meeting Thursday, May 2, 6:00 pm @ CMS Library
- Grade 4 Field Trip to Maine State Museum Wednesday, May 8
- School Board Meeting Wednesday, May 8, 7:00 pm @ Central Office
- Grade 3&4 Spring Concert Thursday, May 9, 6:30 pm - *student performers arrive by 6:00 pm please*
- Prevention Works Dental Hygiene Clinic @ CPS Wednesday, May 15
- Gr 1&3 Field Trip to Northeast Livestock Expo Thursday, May 16
- District Budget Hearing Thursday, May 16, 6:00 pm @ Messalonskee Performing Arts Center - *This is the hearing where citizens discuss, make motions, and vote on the budget. (Open Town Meeting)*
- Bikes For Books Assembly Friday, May 17
- **Teacher In-Service Workshop Tuesday, May 21 - Early Release - Students dismissed at 12:00 noon**

## Community News

**China Youth League Important Dates Coming Up:** *Field Day April 27*, 9:00-12:00 noon. Coaches, parents, and "majors player" volunteers should meet at the softball/baseball field to help clear and prepare the fields for the season. Volunteers are needed for this every year. Some duties needed are: walk the fields and pick up trash; rake the infield on both the north and south fields; draw baselines using league equipment; outline batter's box using league box outline; rake leaves to clear the outfield; please bring gloves.

*Pictures/Bottle Drive May 4* - Team picture times TBD. Bottle Drive immediately to follow team pictures. Due to games, bottle drive may have to be rescheduled. We will keep everyone posted. This is our largest fundraiser and it is the major contributor to why our league fees are the lowest around. *Pitch, Hit and Run May 11* - Local players will compete individually in their age groups in 3 areas: pitching, hitting, and running. Scores are added and highest ones move on to State Competitions. Check out our website @ <https://cylmaine.wixsite.com/chinayouthleague> or contact Steph Peaslee @ [cylmaine@gmail.com](mailto:cylmaine@gmail.com) or 207-557-5667 for more information or questions.

**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.

**Free Community Event @ Albert Church Brown Memorial Library**, 37 Main St, China Village. **Herb Wilson** will lead a *Bird Walk* on Saturday, May 4, 8:00-10:00 am. Meet at the west end of the causeway at the head of China Lake beside the China Baptist Church. Bring your binoculars. Refreshments will be served 10:00 am at the library. Everyone is welcome.