

China Primary School

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Year-End Reminders

Lunch Accounts - Please update and close out your child(ren)'s lunch accounts. If you have any questions about your account, please call 445-1550 Ext 7107 between 6:30 am and 1:00 pm. If you would like to make arrangements to pay your account off over time, please call Nutrition Director Barbara Bonnell at 465-7384 Ext 2661. Any remaining balance will follow your child into the next school year and the next school building. Thank you.

Library Books - Please return all library books by this Friday, June 7th.

Lost & Found - Please remind your children to check Lost & Found in the CPS lobby for any items they may have lost at school. Anything left on June 20 will be donated to charity. Thank you.

CPS Field Day



Sign Up to Volunteer at China Primary School's Field Day to be held Thursday, June 13, 8:30 - 2:00 p.m.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080A45ABA929AAF49-cpsfield>

We are also doing a color war that day. Each grade level will encourage students to wear the following colors:

- Kindergarten White
- Grade 1 Yellow
- Grade 2 Green
- Grade 3 Red
- Grade 4 Blue

Students should bring a refillable water bottle.

If you have questions, please email: Ms. Kriger at jkrieger@rsu18.org

Rain date is Friday, June 14.

RSU 18 School Budget for SY 2019-2020

Voting for the RSU 18 School Budget for 2019-2020 will take place next Tuesday, June 11, in the portable building behind the China Town Office. Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

China Primary School **Celebrating Our Retiring School Staff**

As we rapidly approach the end of our school year, we are thinking more about those among our staff who will be retiring in June: **Jon Garrity, Brenda MacDonald, and Nancy Pfeiffer**. We appreciate their positive and cheerful greetings to students and school staff every day. We appreciate their enthusiasm for learning and teaching, their dedication, and their professionalism in serving the children who have passed through our hallways. We appreciate their unique personalities and the individual strengths they each have contributed to our China Primary School family and community. We cherish the short time we have left with them; we are a little envious of their new freedom to choose how they spend their days; and most of all, we will miss them when they move on to their new adventures. As we celebrate with them, we want to share with you a little bit about what makes each one so special.

Jon Garrity has taught physical education for the last thirty-four years, twenty-nine of those years at the China schools. A countless number of children have joined Jon in the gym over the years, with the average yearly number over 200 students! In addition to teaching, Jon served as Athletic Director for many years and has coached many track, basketball, soccer, and baseball teams. He stopped coaching when his own children started high school so he would be able to watch them play.

Jon and his wife Betsy have four children and a 14-month old granddaughter. Jon loves to golf, to work around his very "green" home, and being a grandfather. His retirement will allow him to spend more time doing what he loves.

According to Jon, the best part of teaching is sharing in a student's success. He shared a recent moment about a student who repeatedly missed catching a ball because he looked away each time someone tossed it, fearful he would be hit. Jon encouraged him to watch the ball and assured him that by watching it, he could control it. The young boy tried keeping his eye on the ball, and he caught it! He was so excited, he wanted to do it again and again!

Brenda MacDonald came to China Primary School five years ago. Her teaching career has spanned thirty-nine years in the area of special education. Her first year of teaching was at the Passamaquoddy Indian Reservation in Pleasant Point. Most of her teaching years were in the Auburn schools working with students in grades kindergarten through six.

Brenda enjoys teaching primarily because of the human connections and relationships she builds with students and adults. Recently, a former student contacted Brenda through Facebook. He shared with her that his mother had kept a book that Brenda had given him when he was in the third grade. Brenda had written a message in the book wishing him the best in grade four. He wanted to tell her that today he is married, has two children, and is a practicing physician. He thanked her for the support she had given him in his early years. Brenda also has always been excited about the learning that goes on each day . . . her own!

Brenda has two sons and a one-year-old grandson. She plans to spend more time with family and doing what she enjoys. Running, physical fitness, dancing, sewing, reading, and gardening are just some of those pleasures. She will be busy!

Nancy Pfeiffer has been part of China Primary School staff for twenty-nine years providing instructional support to students in the Title 1 program. Nancy has also assisted in the Title 1 summer program for the last seventeen years.

Nancy has truly enjoyed working with young children. When asked about what brings a smile to her face each day, she replied, "hugs". She marvels at the growth she sees in the students each year.

Nancy and her husband Al live in China Village with their golden retriever. She has two children and three grandchildren. Every day from early spring to late fall, you can find Nancy tending her gardens. Enter her home and you most likely will walk on one of her beautiful braided rugs. She enjoys crafting and creating. Nancy will miss the children and staff but is looking forward to spending more time doing the many things she enjoys.

*We will keep Jon, Brenda, and Nancy in our hearts
and wish them all the best in retirement.*

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 us at 445-1550.

Lifetouch Spring Portraits

Please send in your envelope with payment (checks payable to Lifetouch) and/or return all portraits you do not want to purchase as soon as possible. Thank you.

Summer Meal Program

This summer, kids and teens can eat for free at the China Primary School cafeteria beginning Monday, June 24, and ending Friday, August 9. Breakfast will be served Monday through Friday 7:30 - 8:30 AM, and lunch will be served Monday through Friday from 11:15 - 11:45 AM. No meals will be served on weekends or July 4th.

Upcoming Events:

- PTO Meeting Thursday, June 6, 6:00 pm in CMS Library
- PreK End of Year Celebrations Friday, June 7, 10:00 for AM & 1:30 for PM
- Fun Day for Grade 4 Students hosted by CMS Student Council Friday, June 7, 2:40-4:00pm
- Kindergarten Concert Tuesday, June 11, 11:30 am
- RSU 18 District Budget Referendum Tuesday, June 11, **VOTE @ China Town Office - Polls open 7:00 am to 8:00 pm**
- Grade 4 States Fair Wednesday, June 12, 6:00 pm
- School Board Meeting Wednesday, June 12, 7:00 pm @ Central Office
- CPS Field Day Thursday, June 13 - *rain date Friday, June 14 - volunteers needed please*
- Final Day for PreK Classes Friday, June 14
- Fall of 2019 Kindergarteners & Parents - Adventure through Kindergarten Classrooms Tuesday, June 18, 5:30 pm
- **Final Seat Day Gr K-4 Wednesday, June 19 - 12:00 noon dismissal**

Summer Events & Beyond:

- Board Meeting Wednesday, June 26, 7:00 pm @ Central Office
- Summer Meal Program @ CPS Monday-Friday, June 24 - Aug 9

- Title 1 Summer School - Mondays, Tuesdays & Wednesdays, July 8 - July 31
- Teachers' Summer Letters - first week of August
- Kindergarten Trial Bus Run - *to be determined*
- ***Opening Day for All Students PK-Gr 4 - Wednesday, August 28***

Community News

China Youth League Upcoming Events: Year End Awards ceremony/elections on Wednesday, June 19th @ 6pm @ China Primary School gym.

We would like to thank the following for working concessions so far this season: Shauna Exner, Jenn Shaw, Katie Miller, Angel Lishon, Pam Soule, and Jo Studholme.

We have a few unfilled dates where we are looking to fill those spots if anyone is interested: Wednesday, June 5th, and two volunteers for Saturday, June 15th. If any Erskine students volunteer, we will sign off on community service hours as well. Please contact Steph Peaslee @ 557-5667 or cylmaine@gmail.com. Thank you.

Albert Church Brown Memorial Library - COMMUNITY EVENT: China's own ***KahunaKAM Band*** will perform blues, rock, new country and original music for your enjoyment Sunday, June 9, 2:00 pm at the library (37 Main Street, China Village). All are welcome - free admission - refreshments will be served.