

China Primary School

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CPS CARES!!



CHINA PRIMARY TO THE RESCUE:

One day a young kindergartener asked his teacher what his class could do to help the Australian wildlife that are suffering due to the devastating bushfires ravaging The Land Down Under. This cry for help led to several staff discussions about how many caring students have pleaded to help Australia's wildlife. Your children's voices have been heard! On Friday, Jan 31, CPS staff and students chose to wear animal themed clothing and collected donations to send to our furry/feathered friends through service organizations that are helping to save the Australian wildlife.

CPS is pleased and proud to report that we collected \$334.64 which translates to 500 Australian dollars through the international monetary exchange rate. Our donations have been sent to The Koala Hospital in Port Macquarie, Australia. The Koala Hospital is a not-for-profit organization staffed mostly by volunteers treating sick and injured koalas and conducting important research into koala diseases. More information about The Koala Hospital can be found at www.koalahospital.org.au

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Global School Play Day



Dear Parents,

On Wednesday, February 5th, our school will be participating in Global School Play Day 2020 (GSPD.) GSPD has been promoted by Psychology Today and is being celebrated at schools around the world. You can learn more about the benefits of unstructured play by visiting the official GSPD website: www.globalschoolplayday.com. I am inviting all of our students to bring in things to play with on this very special day. Here are some examples of things your child may bring in (be sure your child's name is clearly marked on all items):

- **Non-Violent Toys (no weapons)**
- **Legos, blocks, cardboard boxes, etc.**
- **Dress-Up**
- **Puppets**
- **Stuffed Animals**
- **Board Games**
- **Puzzles**
- **Sports equipment**

no electronic devices

Though our play day will be unstructured, it will still be supervised by teachers. It is my hope that this one day of play will inspire families to plan for more unstructured play time during non-school hours.

Darlene Pietz, Principal

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PreKindergarten Registrations for Fall 2020

Pre-K application packets for the 2020-2021 school year are now available in our school office. Your child must be 4 years old by October 15, 2020, in order to participate. For more information or to request an application packet, please call our office at 445-1550.

Upcoming Events:

- Global School Play Day Wednesday, Feb 5
- School Board Meeting Wednesday, Feb 5, 7:00pm @ Central Office
- PTO Meeting Thursday, Feb 6, 6:00pm @ CMS Library
- Volunteer Appreciation Celebration Friday, Feb 14, 8:00am
- **Mid Winter Recess - NO SCHOOL - Monday, Feb 17 - Friday, Feb 21**
- Northern Stars Planetarium - Grade 2 presentation - Thursday, Feb 27, CPS Gym
- Student of the Month Assembly Thursday, Feb 27, 2:00pm
- Gr 1&2 Field Trip to Waterville Opera House Wednesday, March 4

China PTO News

Our Next Meeting is this Thursday, Feb 6, 6:00pm @ CMS Library

CHINA SCHOOLS PTO TEACHER SUPPLY DRIVE

Please help us thank our teachers by supplying their
classroom needs this Valentine's Day

THANKS FOR PUTTING YOUR



INTO TEACHING

NEEDS: **AMAZON GIFT CARDS**, DRY ERASE MARKERS,
CLOROX WIPES, PENS, POST-IT NOTES, MARKERS, and
KLEENEX

PLEASE SEE OUR AMAZON WISH LIST FOR SPECIFIC
TEACHER NEEDS



**Donations due by February 12th, drop off
boxes at CPS and CMS**

Join us for our meetings and add your voice!

We meet the first Thursday of every month, at 6pm. Most often in the CMS Library. Join our closed FaceBook group for regular updates on meetings & the meeting agenda, upcoming events, volunteer needs or to watch our meeting on FB Live! Find us by searching for China Schools PTO.

Volunteering with the PTO:

You don't have to 'join' the PTO to volunteer at an event! Email me with your name and I will add you to my list of power volunteers. Once a volunteer need comes up, I'll send out a notice with specific needs to all our power volunteers. You won't have to attend meetings monthly to be a power volunteer.

Want to join the PTO?

We'd love to have you! Just show up to a meeting, no invitation needed! We will most likely need volunteers at some or all of the events below! Email us at chinaschoolsPTO@gmail.com to get your name on the volunteer list!

Upcoming PTO Events:

- **Zumba** – every Wednesday in the CPS Café at 5:30pm. Ages 13 and up are \$7, 12 and under are free
- **Family Game Night “Cabin Fever Reliever”** – March 6, 2020. A free family event, more to follow!
- **Paint Night Fundraiser - *Date change*** - March 13, 2020 at 6pm in the CPS Café. Childcare will be provided! Tickets are \$30 and are being sold on Eventbrite.
- **Family ‘Glow’ Dance** – tentatively set for April 10th, more details to follow!
- **Health & Wellness Week** – 5/26/2020-5/29/2020 – Events/challenges during the school day, leading up to our Fun Run & 5K, and Health & Wellness Fair. More details to follow!
- **Fun Run & 5K** – 5/30/2020, 5K will start at 8am, followed by the Fun Run at 9am.
- **Health Fair** – 5/30/2020 – beginning after the Fun Run ends, more details to follow!

Community News

China Recreational Sports News: The China Rec Basketball Awards Night has been changed to **Wednesday, 2/5/2020, at 6:30pm**. We will still be presenting in the CPS Gym. Please be prepared to also participate in the Rec Sports board vote, to elect next year’s Soccer/Basketball board.

We will also be taking early sign-ups for Baseball/Softball/T-Ball at the Basketball Awards ceremony. We will have registration forms available at a table in the gym. Please reach out to Todd Dunn with any questions: 514-4923.

Albert Church Brown Memorial Library in China Village will host Tom Parent on Sunday, Feb 9th at 2:00pm. He will discuss the topics: forest fires, Maine and beyond. All are welcome. This is a free event, and refreshments will be served.

Girls On The Run and Heart & Sole: Girls on the Run (grades 3-5) and Heart & Sole (grades 6-8) are 10 week programs focused on inspiring girls to recognize their inner strength and celebrating what makes them one of a kind. To participate in this program you do not need to be an athlete, girls can run, walk, or skip, just keep moving forward!

Come as you are, become a part of a unique team of girls and unlock your amazing potential. **Registration opens 2/3/2020 and closes 2/13/2020**. Team size minimum is 8 girls and max is 15, so don't delay. The registration fee is done on a sliding scale, so pay what you can afford! To register, go here: www.girlsontherunmaine.org

Girls on the Run - practices Tuesdays & Fridays from 5pm-6:30pm @ CPS
Heart & Sole - practices Mondays & Wednesdays from 5pm-6:30pm @ CPS

Questions? Reach out to Raigan York, Site Coordinator and Head Coach, at GOTRChina@gmail.com or text/call 242-6515.

China School Forest News

This February there will be a small tree harvest in the China School Forest. The harvest is part of our management plan and will take place on the acres behind the Reading Tree and out to the power lines. Our forest is a certified Tree Farm and demonstration area to show a variety of ways a forest can

be managed. It has been over 20 years since our last harvest and many trees are mature and are ready to be removed so that new trees can grow. We recognize that seeing logs taken out of the woods may be concerning for some children. Volunteer Natural Science Educator Anita Smith and Elaine Philbrook have offered to come to as many classrooms as possible to do a story and activity to help children understand why the harvest is taking place and to assure them that we will still have lots of trees and animals in the forest. We are also hoping to have the logging equipment near the school so students can see it up close and talk to the logger or forester (like a show and tell time), depending on their availability.