

# China Primary School

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## **In-Service Workshop for All Teachers NO SCHOOL Friday, March 20**

**Early Release - Teacher In-Service Workshop  
Tuesday, March 24  
Students dismissed at 12:00 noon**

### **Parent / Teacher Conferences at CPS**



Parent / Teacher Conferences are taking place from Monday, March 9, through Friday, March 20. *Our common night for conferences is Thursday, March 12.* We are asking parents to visit our CPS Conferences website at <https://sites.google.com/rsu18.org/cps-ptcs> to sign up for a conference time. Scan the QR code posted in our school lobby with your phone or other device, or visit the CPS website through [rsu18.org](http://rsu18.org). You may also contact your child's teacher by calling the school @ 445-1550 and leaving a message requesting a conference time. We are looking forward to seeing all of you at parent / teacher conferences.

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

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

### **School Forest News:**

The trails are rather muddy, especially by the Seed Tree area and the causeway at the pond, but hopefully that means spring is on its way! On Monday, March 9, the forester brought in his tractor to flatten out some of the mud ruts, and China Primary and China Middle School students were offered two learning opportunities in the forest. The logger was working out by the Logging Bridge with his wood processor. He explained how the processor works, performed a demonstration, and answered questions. We also had a person thinning trees near the SEED TREE area, and he talked to the kids about what he was doing. Retired China School Teachers Elaine Philbrook and Anita Smith were present at each of the spots to help with student questions.

Mrs. Smith has offered to come to classrooms later this week or next week to follow up with a lesson or to answer any questions students might have. China School Forest will have lots of presenters at the upcoming May School Forest Day to talk about the harvest, but we really wanted to give the

opportunity for kids to see the machinery at work. It's pretty cool! There was also a forwarder in the wood yard area just past the pond that the kids were able to look at. The forwarder hauls the cut logs to the wood yard where they are loaded onto the big truck to get hauled out to the lumber yard.

## **School Forest Day will be held May 22, 2020**

### **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. The deadline for submitting Pre-K applications is April 17, 2020.

### **Kindergarten Registrations for Fall 2020**

Kindergarten registration packets for the 2020-2021 school year are now available in our school office. Your child must be 5 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. Kindergarten applications can be submitted at any time, however, for planning purposes, we are asking for them to be returned by April 17, 2020. Students who are already enrolled in PreK do NOT need to register, but we may need an updated copy of immunization records.

## **China PTO News**

### **Our Next Meeting will be Thursday, April 2, 6:00pm @ CMS Library**

#### **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](mailto: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, under 12 are free
- **Paint Night Fundraiser** - 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** – Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, *more details coming home soon!*
- **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 Rec News:** China Rec Baseball/Softball/T-ball sign ups will be held March 11th from 5:00-7:00 in the CPS lobby and March 12th from 5:00-7:00 in both the CMS & CPS lobbies coinciding with parent/teacher conferences. Forms will be available that evening. Please call Todd Dunn at 514-4923 with any questions.

Check out our website @ <https://cylmaine.wixsite.com/chinayouthleague> for Important information on the upcoming season. You can also print your own Registration form (under Documents) and have filled out to save time when registering at the table.

**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. You do not need to be an athlete to participate in this program. Girls can run, walk, or skip, just keep moving forward! *Registration has been extended through March 13th.*

Girls on the Run - practices Tuesdays & Fridays from 5pm-6:30pm @ CPS beginning Mar 17  
Heart & Sole - practices Mondays & Wednesdays from 5pm-6:30pm @ CPS beginning Mar 16

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

**Substitute Teacher Training:** China Primary and many other schools in the area need substitute teachers. If you enjoy working with children and want to learn more about the rewards of working as a substitute in local schools, check out the Mid-Maine Regional Adult Community Education Program training offered at Waterville Senior High School on Thursday, April 9, 5:30-7:30pm or Thursday, May 28, 5:30-7:30pm (\$11 fee). For more information about this and many other adult ed offerings, or to register, contact [www.midmaine.maineadulted.org](http://www.midmaine.maineadulted.org) or call 873-5754.

**Albert Church Brown Memorial Library Community Event:** Genealogy Workshop presented by B. J. Jamieson from the Maine State Library, Sunday, March 15, **1:00pm** at 37 Main Street, China Village - *please note the early starting time.* Everyone welcome, free admission, refreshments will be served.

Upcoming community events at the Albert Church Brown Memorial Library include:

- Sunday, March 22, 2:00pm - Pre-town meeting informational session
- Sunday, April 5, 2:00pm - Gerry Boyle, Maine mystery writer
- Sunday, May 17, 2:00pm - Deb Perkins, First Light Wildlife Habitats
- Wednesday, May 20, 3:00pm - Trudy Price, Maine author of *The Cows Are Out* sponsored by library book group)
- Sunday, June 14, 2:00pm - Daniel Dunkle, fantasy writer
- Saturday, June 20, 8:00am - Bird walk with Jen Smith (rain date June 27)





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Parents,

In our schools, as is the case across the country, there are valid concerns about the spread of the Corona Virus (COVID-2019). We know and respect how serious this is, but it is important to listen to our resources, stick to facts and not panic and scare our students. There is currently no vaccine to prevent the Corona Virus. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the Maine School Management Association reminds schools and parents that the best way to prevent the spread of this virus is to use the same precautions we urge people to take to prevent the spread of the flu.

- Frequent and thorough washing of hands and avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.

As recent as yesterday, we were in contact with the Maine CDC asking for guidance on specific issues around student attendance. At this time there are no plans to cancel events or close our schools. As we communicate with state and medical officials, we will listen to and communicate any official recommendations with our parents and our communities.

Another question I have received is: what can families do to prepare? On the CDC website there is information about preparedness for families and communities. One of the recommendations from the CDC in preparing for any emerging situation would include basic supply kits: food, water, prescriptions and other medications, cell phone and charger, doctor and insurance information, and other items depending on your family make up and the timeframe you are preparing for.

There is no reported emergency in Maine at this time. However, we know that all of this information is changing quickly. Therefore, we urge people to simply be aware, follow the precautions provided by the CDC and keep up to date with current information.

For more information from the CDC visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

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# 2020 Hannaford Helps Schools Program



Hannaford Helps Schools has been raising funds for local schools since 1999!

## Basic Program Info

**When:** March 1 - May 16, 2020

**How do I help?** Buy 4 participating products and earn 3 School Dollars

**Where:** Your local Hannaford store or on [hannaford.com/helpschools](https://www.hannaford.com/helpschools)

## How does Hannaford Helps Schools work?

For every 4 qualifying Hannaford Helps Schools items you buy, you will receive a "3 School Dollars" printout at the register. This means that:

- 4 products purchased = 3 School Dollars
- 8 products purchased = 6 School Dollars
- 12 products purchased = 9 School Dollars
- 16 products purchased = 12 School Dollars

Note: All products must be purchased in a single transaction. Products will be identified with the **helps schools tags** in stores.

If you earn School Dollars, you can deposit them in the slot marked for your preferred school in the collection tower at the front of the store. You may also turn them in at your local school, which will, turn them in to Hannaford at program end.

In addition to a payout check for School Dollars earned, the school with the highest number of School Dollars earned per store receives an additional \$1,000 donation from Hannaford! This is an amazing opportunity to bring the community together to raise funds for school supplies, after-school programs, sports equipment upgrades and more!

Each school is only registered at **one Hannaford location**, so make sure you know which store your preferred school is registered with.



Look for these shelf tags on more than 1,500 participating products.



Look for this apple icon when you shop online.

## Your Involvement

Be sure to spread the word about the program to friends and family, so they can be aware of the shelf tags in-store and the Helps Schools Apple icon online when they shop! PTA meetings, social media and everyday conversations are great ways to engage your community and raise money for your school.