

# China Primary School

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*Engaging Learners ~ Strengthening Communities ~ Creating Global Leaders*

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## **All RSU #18 schools are closed from Monday, March 16 through Friday, March 27**

**For more information, please go to:**

[RSU 18 Closure Letter 3-15-20](#)

[RSU 18 COVID 19 Update 3-16-20](#)

[RSU 18 Meals & Sites Times](#)

*Please continue to look on our website and Facebook page for updates.*

### **Dear China Primary Families and Students,**

I have never known such significant, far-reaching changes happening so quickly. I do believe that the steps taken to reduce the threat of the Coronavirus have not been taken lightly but have been deemed necessary.

As you have read in Mr. Gartley's messages, classroom instruction will not be taking place in our schools for the next two weeks. He has directed teachers to provide resources to families in order to keep our children engaged in academic learning. Teachers have added these resources to folders that will be available to you through our website by Thursday of this week. Teachers will be available to answer questions through email or Class Dojo and welcome you to contact them. Our office will be open daily between the hours of 8:00 am and 3:00 pm to provide you with copies of materials found within the folders and supplies such as glue sticks, pencils, markers, etc. Also, during those times you will be able to come by and collect any belongings left by your children.

Lunch and breakfast will be available to ALL children under the age of eighteen at CPS. The times for pick up are 9:00 am to 11:00 am. You may take as many meals as you have children and the goal is to have available enough meals for people to gather three days worth.

As I stated earlier, changes are happening quickly. Mr. Gartley's goal and mine is to keep you informed. You will be hearing more as information is gathered. I have been part of the China community and schools for many years. I know how supportive and resilient this community is and I know firsthand the commitment of the CPS staff to its students and families. With all of that in place we will ride this through with strength, compassion and unity.

*Take care everyone, Darlene Pietz*

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

Parent teacher conferences are cancelled. If any parent wishes to speak with a teacher, please send the teacher a message and they will contact you. Online or phone conversations can still happen to keep parents involved with their children's education.

## **National Children's Dental Health Month @ CPS**

In February, Tiffany Arsenaault, a parent of a student in Miss Preston's class, volunteered to teach the class about Dental Hygiene for National Children's Dental Health Month! The students had a great time learning from all the activities she brought.

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

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

## **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.

## **Upcoming Events:**

- At this time, all extra curricular activities after school are cancelled until further notice. With very few exceptions, we will not be allowing our facilities to be used after school or on weekends. This will allow our custodians time to do the extra cleanings to keep our buildings safe. All of our schools are receiving extra cleaning on a daily basis.
- School Board Meeting Wednesday, March 18, 7:00pm @ Messalonskee Middle School - *presentation of proposed school budget for School Year 2020-2021*
- Budget Workshop Tuesday, March 24, 6:00pm @ Messalonskee Middle School
- Budget Workshop Wednesday, March 25, 6:00pm @ Messalonskee Middle School

## **China PTO News**

**Our monthly meeting is held the first Thursday of the month at 6:00pm in the CMS Library. Stay tuned to our facebook page for updates.**

## **Community News**

**China Rec News:** Please call Todd Dunn at 514-4923 with any questions.

**Girls On The Run and Heart & Sole:** The Girls On The Run and Heart & Sole programs have been cancelled. Questions? Reach out to Raigan York, Site Coordinator and Head Coach, at GOTRChina@gmail.com or text/call 242-6515.

**Albert Church Brown Memorial Library News:** Due to coronavirus concerns, the library will be CLOSED until further notice. Books and magazines can be returned in the book return box by the sidewalk. We can be reached by email at [chinalibraryacb@mail.com](mailto:chinalibraryacb@mail.com). For updates, please check our website, [www.chinalibrary.org](http://www.chinalibrary.org)

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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](http://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.