

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

100 Mile Club @ CPS

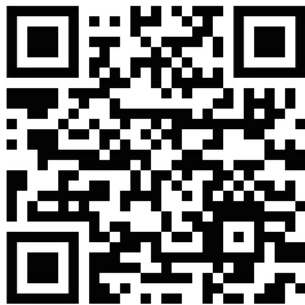
Third and fourth graders at CPS are participating in the 100 Mile Club. Students are working to achieve the goal of walking / running 100 miles before the end of the school year. Students are using a walking path in the hall for miles and using opportunities before school in the gym, as well as in P.E. classes. So far, our 3rd and 4th graders have walked a combined 388 miles! Way to go 100 Mile Club members!

Funding for this program is provided by the LET'S GO grant program administered by Northern Light Health. The LET'S GO program strives to foster healthy habits for our future generations and thereby reduce childhood obesity in our local communities. We are most grateful for their support.

Title I Reading Event for Kindergarten Families

Title I Staff will host a Reading Event for Kindergarten Families, March 5th, 4:30-5:30, in the CPS Library. Invitations were sent home with students last week.

Parent / Teacher Conferences at CPS



Parent / Teacher Conferences will take 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. 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 you at parent / teacher conferences.

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:

- Gr 1&2 Field Trip to Waterville Opera House Wednesday, March 4
- School Board Meeting Wednesday, March 4, 7:00pm @ Central Office
- Title I Reading Event for Kindergarten Families Thursday, March 5, 4:30-5:30pm in CPS Library
- PTO Meeting Thursday, March 5, 6:00pm @ CMS Library
- End of Trimester 2 @ CPS Friday, March 6
- PTO Family Game Night Friday, March 6 - 6:00-8:00pm @ CPS - *see more details below*
- ***Daylight Savings Time Begins Sunday, March 8 - set clocks ahead 1 hour***
- Parent / Teacher Conferences @ CPS Monday, March 9 - Friday, March 20 - Common Night Thursday, March 12
- PTO Paint Night Fundraiser Friday, March 13, 6:00pm @ CPS Cafe
- School Board Meeting Wednesday, March 18, 7:00pm @ Messalonskee Middle School - *presentation of proposed school budget for School Year 2020-2021*
- ***In-Service Workshop for All Teachers - NO SCHOOL - Friday, March 20***
- ***Early Release - Teacher In-Service Workshop Tuesday, March 24 - students dismissed at noon***
- Budget Workshop Tuesday, March 24, 6:00pm @ Messalonskee Middle School
- Budget Workshop Wednesday, March 25, 6:00pm @ Messalonskee Middle School
- Gr 1&2 Concert Thursday, April 2, 6:30pm

China PTO News

Join Us on Friday, March 6th from 6-8pm, Clipper Cabin Fever Reliever

This is a free family fun night hosted at China Primary School by China Schools PTO. This event is for students and family members of China Primary School and China Middle School. Join us for board games, bingo, twister, minute to win it games, and more! Light refreshments will be available. If you're willing to volunteer to help out, please reach out to chinaschoolspto@gmail.com.

Our Next Meeting is this THIS THURSDAY, March 5, 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 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, from 6:00-8:00pm @ CPS. This is a free family event, [see more details above.](#)
- **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** – 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 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 or text/call 242-6515.



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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.