

# China Primary School

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## ***EARLY RELEASE FOR TEACHER WORKSHOP TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22***

***Students dismissed to busses at 12:00 noon  
Parent Pick Up from 11:50-12:10 please***

***If you have special instructions for your child's dismissal on this early release day,  
please communicate with your child's teacher and the office as soon as possible.  
Thank you.***

### ***Hello to Our CPS Students and Families,***

*We are so incredibly excited and happy to be back in our school together! Everyone here has worked extremely hard to create a safe and welcoming environment for our young learners. Things are a bit different with mask wearing and keeping safe distances from each other, but the excitement of learning and being together fills the building once again.*

*We hope to keep you informed through our weekly Tuesday notices of upcoming school events, important information and community activities. For the most up to date information on RSU 18's Response and Updates on COVID - 19, go to our district website [rsu18.org](http://rsu18.org) and click on "Learn More" at the top of the webpage.*

*So, welcome back to our wonderful families and students. Together, we will make this school year a fantastic one!*

*Darlene Pietz, Principal*

### **Student Emergency Contact Info**

Please review, update, sign, and return your child's emergency contact / permissions sheet, the daily bussing schedule / early release instructions, and the health history and medication forms to us as soon as possible. It is very important that we have accurate and up-to-date contact information in case an emergency or illness should occur while your child is at school. In addition, if there is an unexpected early release due to weather, it is most helpful to have your instructions in advance in order to minimize confusion and stress for your child and for school staff. We appreciate your immediate attention to these important matters.

### **School Nutrition News:**

As stated in Superintendent Gartley's letter to our school community this past weekend, the federal government has made it possible for us to provide free breakfast and free lunch for all students through Christmas vacation. ***However, it is still vitally important for you to fill out and return the Free & Reduced Price Meal Application Forms because several sources of our federal and state school funding are based on our ratio of families that qualify for this support. Also by submitting your application now, your child's nutrition benefit status will already be established and you will have no gap in coverage when the federal benefit expires after Christmas.***

Applications for free and reduced price meals at school must be submitted for each school year. Forms are included in the student information packets along with the student handbooks, etc., or you can apply online at [www.school lunchapp.com](http://www.school lunchapp.com). Please submit your completed application to CPS or to RSU 18 Nutrition Director Barbara Bonnell at 41 Heath Street, Oakland, ME 04963. If you need an application form or need help in filling it out, please call the school office at 445-1550 or Barbara Bonnell at 465-7384 Ext 2661.

### **Flu Vaccination Clinic @ CPS**

RSU 18 and Maine General Medical Center will host a free flu vaccination clinic at China Primary School Tuesday, Oct 6, for all China PK-4 students including our remote learners. The Federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend flu vaccinations for all children age 6 months and older. A *Vaccine Information Statement* and a *Health Screen & Permission Form* will be sent home this week and must be completed, signed, and returned in order for your child to participate. ***Please return your forms by Tuesday, Sept 29.***

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

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

### **Upcoming Events:**

- School Board Meeting Wednesday, Sept 16, 7:00pm @ Messalonskee High School
- ***Early Release for Teacher Workshop Tuesday, Sept 22, students dismissed at 12:00 noon***

- Flu Clinic sponsored by RSU 18 and MaineGeneral Medical Center Tuesday, Oct 6
- Fall Portraits with Lifetouch Wednesday, Oct 7
- School Board Meeting Wednesday, Oct 7, 7:00pm @ Messalonskee Middle School
- ***Teacher Comp Day Friday, Oct 9 - NO SCHOOL***
- ***Columbus Day Holiday Monday, Oct 12 - NO SCHOOL***

## China PTO News

**China Schools PTO News:** We will host a Fall Portrait Mini Fundraiser Sunday, September 27th from 2:00 - 6:00 pm at the China Lake Boat Launch on Route 32 in East Vassalboro. Each session will be 20 minutes, \$85 for 10 images. A \$25 deposit is due at the time of booking.

**Want to join the PTO:** We would love to have you! We meet on the first Thursday of every month at 6:30pm via Facebook Live. Email us at [chinaschoolsPTO@gmail.com](mailto:chinaschoolsPTO@gmail.com) to get your name on our list.

## Community News

**Cub Scout Pack 479 News:** Pack 479 scouts and scout leaders are excited to begin organizing new dens and activities for the year. If you are interested in joining, please contact [scouts479@gmail.com](mailto:scouts479@gmail.com) for more information, meeting dates and locations, typical activities, etc.

**Albert Church Brown Memorial Library News:** Come join us for a September Outdoor Event Sunday, September 20 @ 2:00 pm at the Albert Church Brown Memorial Library on Main Street in China Village. In honor of Maine's bicentennial, we will host ***Maine Memories - an afternoon of reminiscing featuring stories shared by our patrons and guests.*** Do you have a special memory about your vocation back in the day, the Grange, the boys who went to war, early transportation, your China, Maine, or Maine ancestors, a unique tradition or invention? Come prepared to share a brief (5-10 minute) story that captures a topic you'd like to talk about. If you plan to share, please sign up in advance by emailing [chinalibraryacb@mail.com](mailto:chinalibraryacb@mail.com) or call us at 968-2926 during open hours. We will also open it up for others during the event.

This is an outdoor gathering on the library lawn. Social distancing and masks are required. Bring your own chair and refreshments. Maximum capacity is 40. Rain date is September 27. For updates, please check our website, [www.chinalibrary.org](http://www.chinalibrary.org)

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