

# China Primary School

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February 23, 2021

***Early Release for Teacher In-Service Tuesday, March 9***  
***Students dismissed at 12:00 noon***  
***Teacher In-Service Workshop - No School - Friday, March 19***

***(See the Revised RSU 18 School Calendar for 2020-2021 here)***

## **Parent Survey - Trimester 3**

A survey has been sent out today asking parents to choose their child's learning plan (in-person vs. remote) for Trimester 3. Please complete [this form](#) only once and submit it by March 1. The learning plan you choose will begin on March 15 and will end on the last day of this school year. Whichever plan that you feel is the best for your child(ren) will be their learning plan for the whole trimester. Thank you for your continued support!

## **Daily Health Screening Reminder**

Parents are reminded to continue checking symptoms of your children before sending them to school each day. If anyone travelled out of state over vacation, there is still a mandatory quarantine required or a negative COVID test before returning to school. If you have any questions, please contact Principal Darlene Pietz, School Nurse Amanda Saucier, or Superintendent Carl Gartley.

***Please refer to the COVID-19 Pre-Screening Tool on page 3 of this newsletter.***

## **Maine Launches Statewide Internet Speed Test Mapping Initiative**

The Maine Broadband Coalition has launched a statewide internet speed test mapping initiative. The goal of the "[Get Up To Speed](#)" initiative is to gather information needed to address where there is, and where there isn't, adequate internet service across the State of Maine. Residents are being asked to help.

***Please take a few minutes to help by participating in this brief (less than a minute!) test of internet speed in your area by the end of February.*** Your personal information will remain confidential. The Maine Broadband Coalition will use this information to provide users and state officials with up-to-date service maps. Participants can view their results ( and [watch the public map](#) of Maine grow in real time.

The speed testing initiative is the crucial next step in ensuring the delivery of broadband throughout the state and will help local, regional, and state leaders develop projects and steer investments to the

places that need it most. This map, along with other data collected, will help inform where the bond funding, approved by Maine voters in July, can have the most impact.

For more information, [read the Maine Broadband Coalition Press Release](#).

### **PreKindergarten Registrations for Fall 2021**

Pre-K application packets for the 2021-2022 school year are now available in our school office. Your child must be 4 years old by October 15, 2021, in order to participate. For more information or to request an application packet, please call our office at 445-1550. Completed application packets must be returned by April 16, 2021.

### **Kindergarten Registrations for Fall 2021**

If your child will be 5 years old by October 15, 2021, we invite you to contact us about registering for the Kindergarten Class of 2021-2022. We are anxious to hear from you soon to help us plan ahead for next year. Please call our office at 445-1550 to get on our mailing list, and we'll send a Kindergarten Registration packet to you as soon as they become available in the spring. *Students living in China and currently attending our PreK program are already registered and do not need to re-register. We will contact you at a later date about bussing arrangements.* Please share this post with any other China families you know who may have a child turning 5 years old by October 15th.

### **Theater at Monmouth Virtual Page to Stage Tour**

The Theater at Monmouth is offering their 2021 Page to Stage shows virtually. This year's theme is Fairy & Folk Tales, and CPS has reserved *The True Tale of Little Red* and *The Velveteen Rabbit*. We have a *YouTube* link for each show - streaming now through Friday, March 5 - All CPS classrooms **including remote classrooms** have access to the show for two weeks. *We thank our China PTO for once again sponsoring this wonderful opportunity for cultural and literary enrichment for our CPS students.*

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

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

### **Upcoming Events:**

- The Theater at Monmouth Page to Stage Virtual Tour @ CPS February 22 - March 5
- 100th Day of School Celebrations Friday, Feb 26
- CPS Celebrates Dr. Seuss with Spirit Week March 1 - March 5 - *see details on page 4*
- School Board Meeting Wednesday, March 3, 7:00pm
- China PTO Meeting Thursday, March 4, 6:00pm via Facebook Live
- ***Early Release for Teacher In-Service Tuesday, March 9 - 12:00 noon dismissal***
- Trimester 2 ends Friday, **March 12**. Parent/Teacher Conference window is **March 15 - March 26** with the Common Night scheduled for Thursday, **March 18** - ***watch for an invitation from your child's teacher to sign up for a conference time***
- ***Daylight Savings Time Begins - Set Clocks Ahead 1 Hour Sunday, March 14***
- Prevention Works Dental Clinic @ CPS, Wednesday, March 17
- ***Teacher In-Service Workshop Friday, March 19 - NO SCHOOL***
- Maine Ag In The Classroom Week @ CPS, March 22 - March 26

## China PTO News

**Want to join the PTO:** We would love to have you! We meet on the first Thursday of every month at 6:00pm via Facebook Live. Email us at [chinaschoolsPTO@gmail.com](mailto:chinaschoolsPTO@gmail.com) to get your name on our list.

*Next Monthly PTO Meeting - Thursday, March 4, 6:00pm via Facebook Live*

### Mills Administration Updates COVID-19 School Health Advisory System - February 12, 2021 ([Click on link here](#))

#### COVID-19 Pre-Screening Tool for School Attendance

Within the past 24 hours have you had a fever (100.4 and above\*) or used any fever reducing medicine?

YES =



Do you feel sick with any of the most common symptoms of Covid, had vomiting/diarrhea, or felt unwell?  
(see symptom list to the right)

YES =



Have you been a close contact of a person with Covid in the past 14 days?

YES =



Have you traveled outside of the state in the past 14 days?

YES =



Contact Your School

**Stay home with any YES response to the questions above OR with two or more of the "less common" symptoms listed to the right.**

Attend school when all answers are NO and your child is feeling well with no other symptoms of illness. Call or see your school nurse or other designated person at school if you have questions.

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#### Most Common Symptoms of Covid 19:

Cough  
Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing  
Fever (100.4°F/ 38 °C or greater)\*  
Chills  
Sore throat  
New loss of taste or smell

#### Less Common Symptoms:

Muscle pain  
Nausea or Vomiting  
Diarrhea  
Fatigue  
Headache  
Congestion/runny nose

\*Fever is 100.4°F/ 38°C regardless of measurement location (oral, temporal).



Dear China Primary Families,

The first week in March (Mar. 1st - Mar. 5th) we will be celebrating creativity and literature in our school with a Dr. Seuss Spirit Week! Each spirit day is based off of a beloved Dr. Seuss classic. Below you will find a quick outline of our spirit week.

Dr. Seuss Spirit Week Days

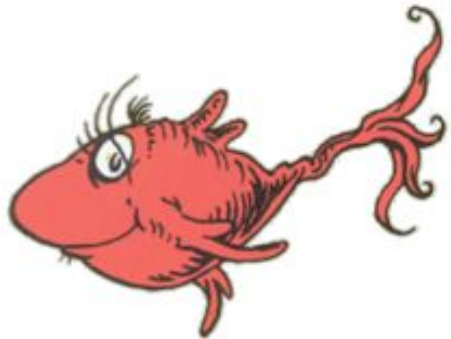


Monday- Oh, The Places You'll Go

- Wear a shirt with a place you or someone in your family has visited!

Tuesday- Dr. Seuss' Birthday!

- Dress up as your favorite Dr. Seuss character (some easy examples are Cat in the Hat, Thing 1 or Thing 2, or wear pajamas for the Sleep Book!)



Wednesday- Fox in Socks

- Wear your wackiest socks!

Thursday- Green Eggs and Ham

- Wear something green!

Friday- If I Ran the Zoo

- Wear animal print or dress up as an animal!



Thank you for your participation in our spirit week fun!

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