

China Primary School

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Remote Learning Days District-Wide Wednesday, April 14, and Thursday, April 15

Please see links below:

[CPS Remote Learning Plan for April 14 & 15](#)

[Care and Proper Use of Devices](#)

[Guide to Remote Learning on iPad](#)

Teacher Comp Day - No School - Friday, April 16

Spring Break - No School - April 19 - April 23

Bikes For Books

Our local Masonic Lodge has graciously offered to bring the Bikes For Books Program back to CPS this spring. The program began Monday, April 5, and will run through Friday, April 30. Students are encouraged to read daily and record their reading time. Teachers have sent reading slips home for parents to fill out as children complete their reading goals. There is no limit to how many entries a student can make, but each slip must be completely filled out and signed by a parent and then returned to school to be entered into the drawing. One boy and one girl from each grade level will win a bike! Also, the top 5 students at each grade level (as measured by total number of reading slips entered) will win t-shirts! ***Let's get kids excited about reading!***

We are grateful to our local Masonic Lodge for encouraging literacy in our community..

Daily Health Screening Reminder

Parents are reminded to continue checking symptoms of your children before sending them to school each day. If anyone has travelled out of state, 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 4 of this newsletter.

PreK Registrations for Fall 2021 - Deadline for Registrations Friday, April 16

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 Friday, April 16, 2021.***

Kindergarten Registrations for Fall 2021

Kindergarten Registration Packets are now available for Fall 2021. If your child will be 5 years old by October 15, 2021, please contact us about registering for the Kindergarten Class of 2021-2022. We are anxious to hear from you now to help us plan for next year. Please call our office at 445-1550 to request a Kindergarten Registration packet. *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.

RSU 18 District - Wide News

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

Upcoming Events:

- ***Remote Learning Days District-Wide Wednesday, April 14, and Thursday, April 15***
- School Board Meeting Wednesday, April 14, 7:00 pm
- ***Teacher Comp Day Friday, April 16 - NO SCHOOL***
- ***Spring Break April 19 - April 23 - NO SCHOOL***
- Public Hearing on Proposed School Budget for 2021-2022 Wednesday, April 28, 6:00 pm
- Visiting Author Lynn Plourde @ CPS Wednesday, May 5
- School Board Meeting Wednesday, May 5, 7:00 pm
- China PTO Meeting Thursday, May 6, 6:00 pm via Facebook Live
- ***Early Release - Teacher Workshop, Tuesday, May 18 - students dismissed @ 12:00 noon***
- ***Memorial Day Holiday Monday, May 31 - NO SCHOOL***
- Final Seat Day for All Students Wednesday, June 9

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 to get your name on our list.

Next Monthly PTO Meeting - Thursday, May 6, 6:00pm via Facebook Live

Coming Soon:

Our Second Annual PTO Penny War!

Please see details on next page

CHINA SCHOOLS PTO
PRESENTS

2nd Annual Penny War

May 3rd-May 16th

**WINNING CLASS AT EACH SCHOOL
GETS TO PIE A TEACHER!
(More Details on the Next Page)**

- The winning homeroom (CPS) or advisor group (CMS) will randomly choose a lucky student to pie the faculty member
- Buckets for each staff member will be placed in the school lobby, whoever gets the most has agreed to be pied
- Mrs. Bowden and Mrs. Studholme have agreed to represent the middle school staff
- Mrs. Pietz or Ms. Kathy Jacobs have volunteered to represent the primary school staff

Rules: All funds collected go toward total money raised for each class. Coins and bills are both allowed.

Mills Administration Updates COVID-19 School Health Advisory System - April 9, 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° 38°C regardless measurement location (oral, temporal).

China Schools Forest News

Community Work Day Saturday, May 8, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

If you or your kids enjoy the forest, please join us for this work day opportunity. Message your RSVP (chinaschoolsforest@gmail.com) as soon as possible to help us better prepare the needed materials for the day. We would appreciate your help with any and all of the following projects:

- Repair broken boards on bridge (bring power drill and hand saw)
- Repair arbor at the Gathering Place (bring power drill)
- Cut fallen trees to clear the North Loop trail (volunteers need to bring chainsaws)
- Clean branches and leaves off trails (bring sturdy rakes)
- Sweep outdoor classroom areas of pine needles and small branches (we have brooms)
- Remove old boards with nails and take to transfer station (need steel-plate boots, truck, and heavy gloves)
- Dig small plunge pool to divert water from flooding the trail (bring shovels)
- Cut felled trees into firewood for community (bring chainsaw)
- Restack cord wood at Wood Measurement Area
- Build a simple lean-to at the Geology Station (let us know ASAP so we can discuss the plan and order materials)
- Move cut logs to outdoor classroom areas (needs ATV and wagon)
- Smooth ruts in trails (bring shovels and study rakes)
- Build simple bog bridge over wet area on trail (bring hammers)
- Chip branches into wood chips (bring chippers)
- Repair compass
- Polyseal wood animal cutouts (we have materials for this)

This event will be held rain or shine.

Come for part or all of the day.

Please share with others you know who enjoy our forest trails.

China Rec Sports News

After a year of so much change *China Rec Sports* is excited to welcome back a favorite American pastime to 2021...

- T-Ball and Coach Pitch Baseball - for kids ages 8 & under! For more information please contact chinarecsports@gmail.com
- Softball - Through Dirigo Softball League - for kids in 1st grade and up. For more information please email at dirigosoftballleague@gmail.com*
- Little League Baseball - Through Augusta Little League - for ages 8 & up. For more information please visit the [Augusta Little League](#) webpage.

Important Dates:

4/17 – Field Clean up

5/1 – Bottle Drive

5/15 – Picture Day and Pitch Hit & Run

Hannaford Helps Schools

Hannaford is once again sponsoring the *Hannaford Helps Schools* fundraising program in our community from March 14 - May 29, 2021. You can help raise money for *China Primary School* by purchasing participating products and spreading the word to friends and family.

1. **Shop** - Look for the specially marked shelf tags on more than 1500 participating products
2. **Check Out** - Get 3 School Dollars for every 4 participating products you buy
3. **Deposit** - Deposit your School Dollars in the Hannaford Helps Schools Collection Tower at the front of your store, or if you are an on-line shopper, just send them in to school before May 29, 2021.

Hannaford has helped raise over \$17 million for local schools since the inception of this program in 1999. We appreciate the way Hannaford is helping to make a difference for the children in our community. And, thank you for your support as well.



NEED HELP PAYING RENT?

The Emergency Rental Assistance Program helps pay rent and utilities for Maine renters* affected by COVID-19. One application can pay:



UNPAID & FUTURE RENT

This program can pay rent you owe your landlord back to March 13, 2020. We can also pay the next three months from when you apply.



UNPAID & CURRENT UTILITY BILLS

Eligible utilities: electricity, water, sewer, trash, heat, and internet.

* Eligibility rules apply. Learn more: mainehousing.org/covidrent or call MaineHousing at 1-800-452-4668.



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