

# China Primary School

Regional School Unit No. 18 - [www.rsu18.org](http://www.rsu18.org)

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*Engaging Learners ~ Strengthening Communities ~ Creating Global Leaders*

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May 11, 2021

***Early Release - Teacher In-Service Workshop  
Tuesday, May 18, Students Dismissed at 12:00 noon***

***No School - Memorial Day Holiday Monday, May 31***

***Final Seat Day for All Students Wednesday, June 9***

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## **Bikes For Books - Drawing to be held this Friday, May 14!**

Our local Masonic Lodge sponsored the Bikes For Books Program at CPS again this spring. The program ran from Monday, April 5, through Friday, April 30. Students were encouraged to read daily and record their reading time. Parents helped by filling out reading slips as children completed their reading goals. Each slip returned has been entered into the drawing to be held Friday, May 14! 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!

***We are grateful to our local Masonic Lodge for helping get kids excited about reading and 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. ***Please refer to the COVID-19 Pre-Screening Tool on page 3 of this newsletter.***

## **May is Lyme Disease Awareness Month**

The Maine CDC and more than 35 other agencies and organizations throughout Maine have collaborated to promote awareness of Lyme Disease and to educate as many people as possible about prevention efforts. The 2021 Lyme Disease Awareness Month theme is “**Stop. Check. Prevent.**” This reminds us to stop and practice tick prevention measures frequently. The easiest way to avoid tick borne diseases is preventing tick bites.

Here are a few tips to protect yourself and your family:

- Know where ticks live and how they travel:
  - Ticks prefer leafy, tree or bush covered areas
  - Ticks dislike sunny, dry places because they can dry out, so open and dry habitats will reduce the number of ticks

- Ticks cannot jump or fly - ticks grab onto clothing and fur as people or animals walk by, and then crawl until they find a feeding area on the skin
- Prevention:
  - Wear protective clothing - long sleeves, long pants (tuck pants into socks), light-colored clothing so you can see ticks more easily
  - Use EPA-approved repellents:
    - On skin: DEET, oil of lemon eucalyptus, IR3535, picaridin
    - On clothing: permethrin
  - Use caution in tick-infested areas - remove brush and don't encourage deer
  - Perform daily tick checks, paying special attention to head, hairline, neck, armpits, waist, between legs, backs of knees
  - De-tick clothes by throwing everything into a hot dryer for 10 minutes, even before washing. Simply washing clothes won't kill a tick.
  - Check pets for ticks, too!
- Tick Removal: What if I find a tick on me?
  - Scoop off using a tick spoon or use tweezers to grasp tick as close to skin as possible and pull *gently* without twisting
  - Put tick in a sealed container of rubbing alcohol to kill it and preserve it in case it needs to be tested

For more information on Lyme Disease Awareness Month go to this [Maine CDC website](#).

### **PreK Registrations for Fall 2021**

Pre-K application packets for the 2021-2022 school year are still being accepted 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. ***Placement letters are being prepared and will be sent out this week.***

### **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 soon 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 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:**

- Bikes For Books Drawing Friday, May 14
- ***Early Release - Teacher Workshop, Tuesday, May 18 - students dismissed @ 12:00 noon***
- School Board Meeting Wednesday, May 19, 7:00pm
- District Budget Hearing Thursday, May 20, 6:00pm - Messalonskee High School
- Mrs. Stevens' End of Year Celebration Thursday, May 27, 6:00-7:00pm - rain or shine outside under CPS tent
- ***Memorial Day Holiday Monday, May 31 - NO SCHOOL***

- China Schools Monthly PTO Meeting Thursday, June 3, 6:00pm via Facebook Live
- PreK End of Year Celebrations Friday, June 4, AM session @ 10:00, PM session @ 1:15
- RSU 18 District Budget Validation Referendum Tuesday, June 8 - *polls open @ China Town Office 7:00am - 8:00pm*
- Final Seat Day for All Students Wednesday, June 9

**Mills Administration Updates COVID-19 School Health Advisory System - May 7, 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 =



**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

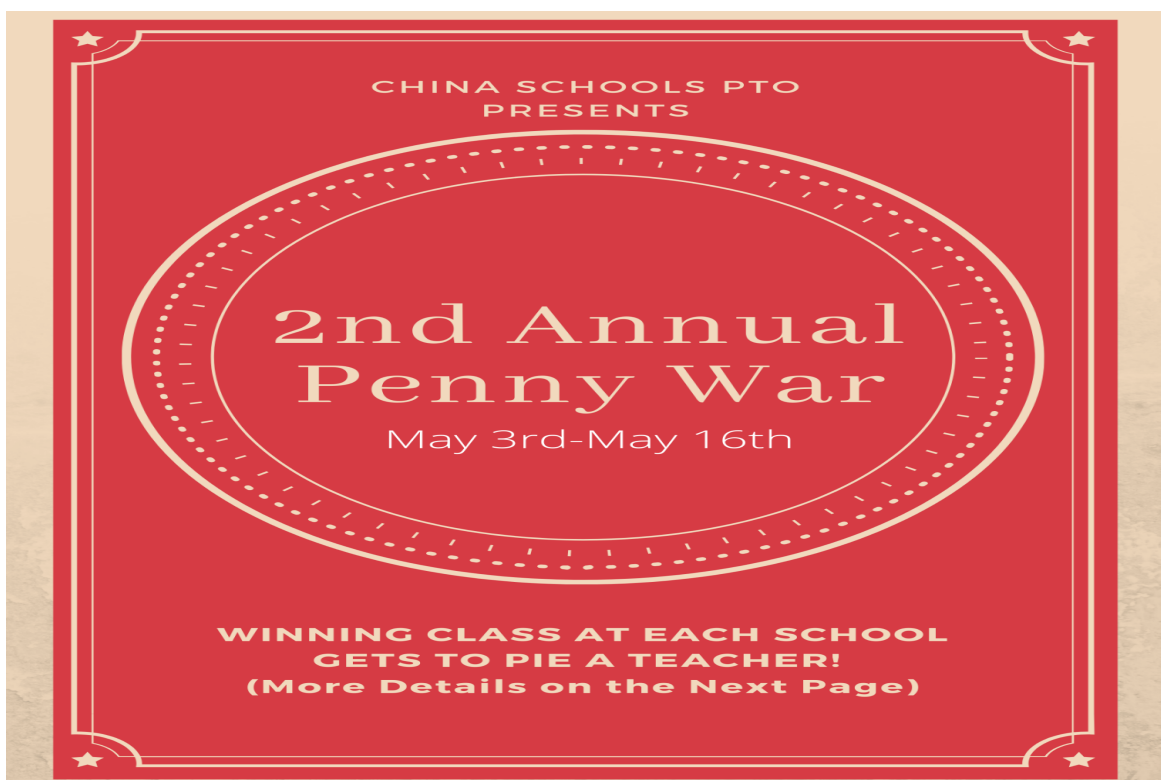
\*Fever is 100.4°F/ 38°C regardless of measurement location (oral, temporal).

## 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, June 3, 6:00pm via Facebook Live*

### **Continuing This Week . . . Our Second Annual PTO Penny War!**



- 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.

## China Rec Sports News

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

**Important Dates:** 5/15 – Picture Day and Pitch Hit & Run

## China Community News

**Are you interested in a better internet?** Join the **Broadband Committee** - tasked with coming up with a plan to provide all residents of China with high speed internet at a price they can afford. If you are interested in working with this committee, please email Bob O'Connor at [bob@mainebob.com](mailto:bob@mainebob.com) or call 445-4140 and leave a message with your phone number.

## **18<sup>th</sup> Annual China Community Days**

*Bringing the community together*

*In the event that the state of emergency is lifted, China Community Days will be held on August 6th, 7th, and 8th of 2021.* However, the festivities cannot happen without several volunteers stepping up to help coordinate the celebration. Volunteers of all ages are needed! We need several people willing to dedicate a few hours every couple of weeks to plan the weekend, and then we need a larger group of volunteers to facilitate the events. While considering state guidelines for gatherings, we will plan to enjoy many of the prior years' activities. If we do not have a list of volunteers in place by June 1st, we will have to cancel most of the weekend's activities. Volunteers will receive guidance from the town office staff but will have flexibility to plan and add new events that meet safety and gathering requirements. Meetings can be held virtually or in person following the limits placed on the meeting facility. Please reach out by email to Town Manager Rebecca Hapgood at [becky@chinamaine.org](mailto:becky@chinamaine.org) or call the office at (207) 445-2014. We need YOU!

## 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.

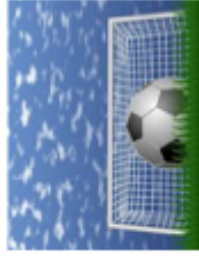
Hannaford has helped raise over \$17 million for local schools since the inception of this program in 1999. We appreciate the way Hannaford is helping to make a difference for the children in our community. And, thank you for your support as well.

**IN CASE OF EMERGENCY**

CONTACT : \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

**I do hereby assume responsibility for my child for the risks involved in participating in the Eagles Soccer Camp. I understand that in case of personal injury while participating at the camp, I will not hold Erskine Academy, or any staff member or coach of the camp responsible. I also accept that my insurance company or I will pay any medical care expenses or property loss. Finally, I give permission in case of emergency to allow the staff and coaches of Eagles Soccer Camp to seek medical help for my child.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Parent/Guardian Signature**



**2021  
EAGLES SOCCER  
CAMP**

**Clinic Directors**

Mike Falla – Girls Varsity Soccer Coach

Carrie Larrabee – Boys Varsity Soccer Coach

**ABOUT THE CAMP**

This will be the twenty-seventh annual Eagles Soccer Camp at Erskine Academy. Over the past years, the staff of Eagles Soccer Camp has enjoyed the opportunity to promote the game of soccer to area youths. We have concentrated on teamwork, building skills, and having fun. We would like to encourage all kids with an interest in soccer to participate in camp this year.

The Eagles camp will provide an opportunity for players of all abilities to be challenged through a fun learning environment. A focus will be on skills with an introduction and opportunity for mastery.

Unfortunately, because of scheduling conflicts, if there is a rain day where camp has to be canceled, there will be no make-up day.

**LOCATED AT THE ERSKINE ACADEMY  
ATHLETIC COMPLEX**



*June 21-June 25*

*8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.*

*Boys and Girls Entering Grades 2-8*

**COVID-19**

All Covid guidelines will be in place and followed for this camp. These are always changing and parents will be emailed prior to the start of camp current updates and practices.

### CLINIC FEES

Tuition will be \$100.00 if payment is received by June 1st. Tuition paid after that date will be \$125.00. Tuition includes a camp T- Shirt and a soccer ball.

### MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

**ERSKINE ACADEMY**

**NO REFUNDS AFTER JUNE 1st**

### MAIL TO:

**Eagles Soccer Camp  
Erskine Academy  
309 Windsor Road  
South China, ME 04358**

### DISCIPLINE

Any serious violations of regulations such as damage to property or other behavior deemed detrimental to the group will result in immediate dismissal. There will be no refund for expulsion or voluntary withdrawal from the camp.



### EQUIPMENT

Campers should bring cleats and/or sneakers, shin guards, shorts, t-shirt, socks. If the weather is hot, a light colored T-shirt helps with the heat. Campers must also bring their own water bottle.

### DAILY EVENTS

- Group Lessons
- Skills Demonstrations
- Individualized Attention
- Individual Skills Competitions
- Full-Field & Short-Field Games



### CLINIC APPLICATION

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Entering: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

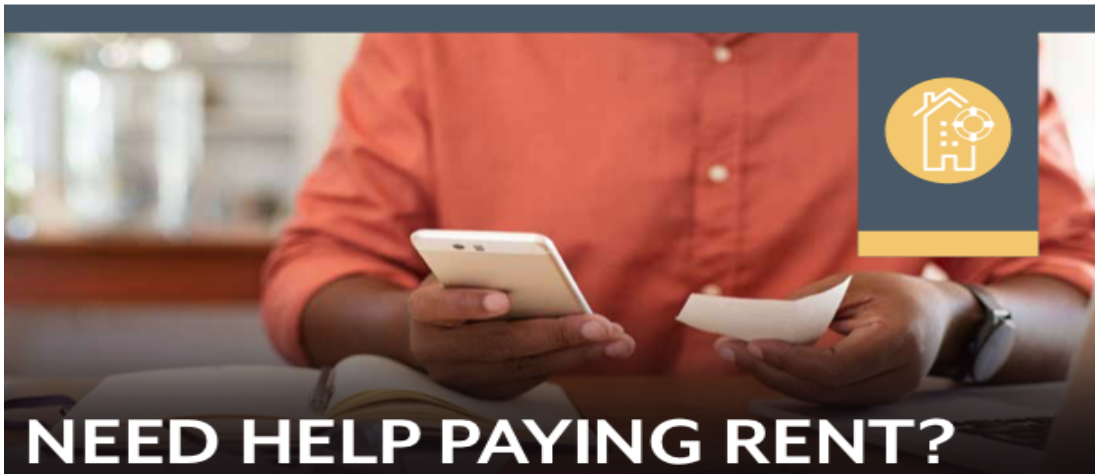
Shirt Size:

YS    YM    YL    YXL

AS    AM    AL    AXL

Please cut and return this form.

Day	Topic	Theme	Description
M	Dribbling/ 1v1	Home-town Pride	Wear your favorite gear from your rec or school team.
T	Passing/Receiving	Red, White, Blue	Wear any combination!
W	Defending	Eagle Pride	Wear your Erskine Blue!
T	Shooting/Finishing	Crazy Hair	Style your hair crazy, in true soccer fashion!
F	World Cup	World Cup	Make or wear jerseys for your World Cup team.



## 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](https://mainehousing.org/covidrent) or call MaineHousing at 1-800-452-4668.



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