China Primary School

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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

CPS Celebrates Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week

Today is National Teacher Appreciation Day, and this week is Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week. We appreciate our teachers and staff so much for all that they have been doing in this particularly difficult time.

Our CPS staff is absolutely amazing, and we cannot thank them enough!

Bikes For Books

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.***

Free Dental Screening for Children

Maine CDC School Oral Health Program's *second* Free Dental Screening Day will be held at the Waterville Community Dental Center on May 8 from 9 am-12 pm. The free event is open to all children through age 18 in Kennebec County and surrounding areas. Services will be provided by a Maine licensed dentist or dental hygienist. The screening should take less than five minutes.

Appointments are required and can be made by emailing Sherry Laliberte at slaliberte@mcd.org. Contact: slaliberte@mcd.org with any questions.

Tick Season is Here

With warmer weather finally upon us, we are now seeing ticks in our outdoor environment. Here are a few tips to protect yourself and your family:

- Where do ticks live? How do 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

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 will be prepared and sent out in early May.***

Kindergarten Registrations for Fall 2021

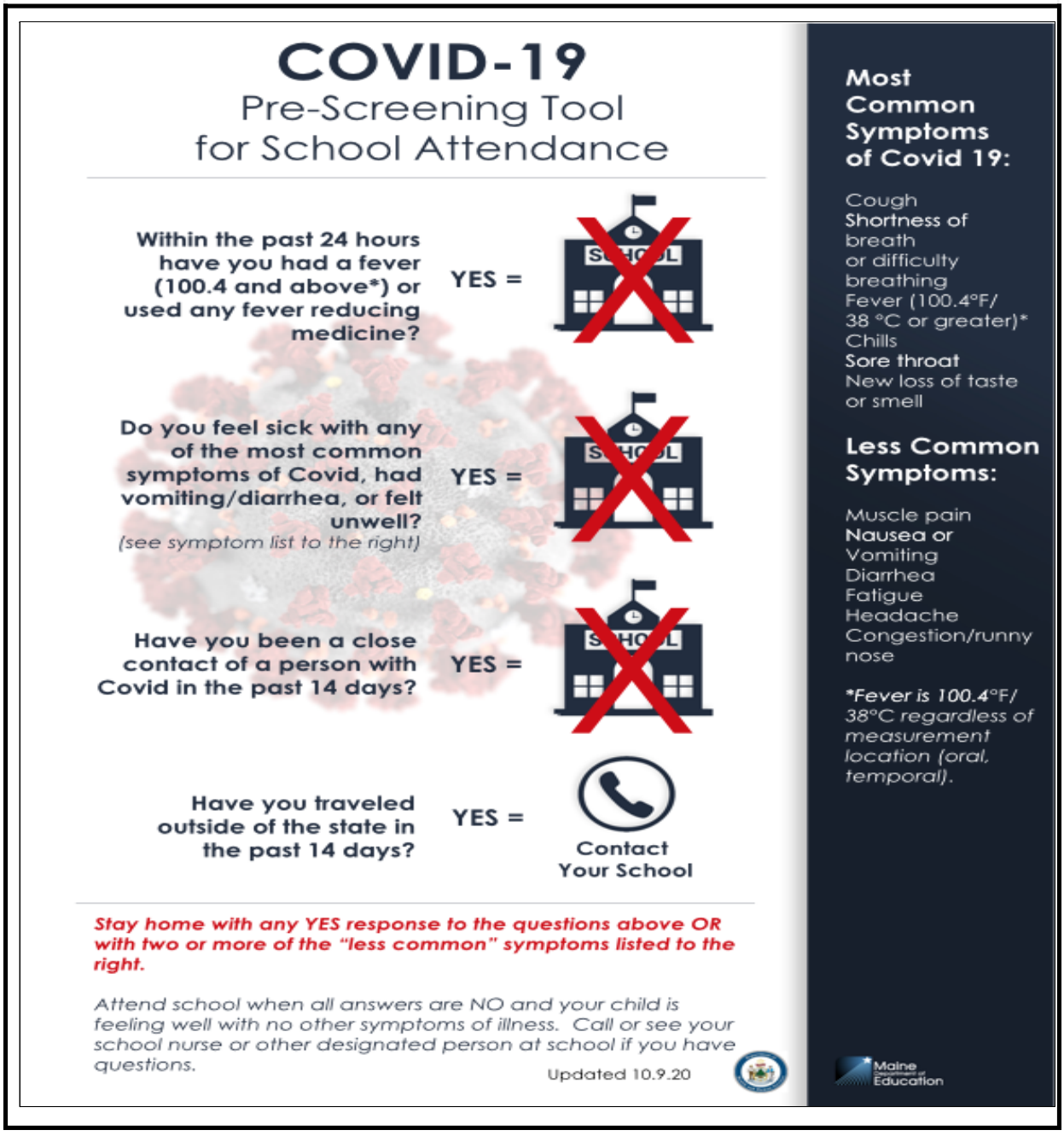
Kindergarten Registration Packets are now available for Fall 2021. If your child will be 5 years old by October 15, 2021, please contact us soon about registering for the Kindergarten Class of 2021-2022. *We are anxious to hear from you now to help us plan for next year.* Please call our office at 445-1550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

- ***Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week May 3 - May 7 - help us celebrate and give thanks to the extraordinary teachers and staff who help make CPS a wonderful and supportive environment for our students each and every day !***
- 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***
- School Board Meeting Wednesday, May 19, 7:00pm
- District Budget Hearing Thursday, May 20, 6:00pm - Messalonskee High School
- ***Memorial Day Holiday Monday, May 31 - NO SCHOOL***
- PreK End of Year Celebrations Friday, June 4, AM session @ 10:00, PM session @ 1:15
- Final Seat Day for All Students Wednesday, June 9

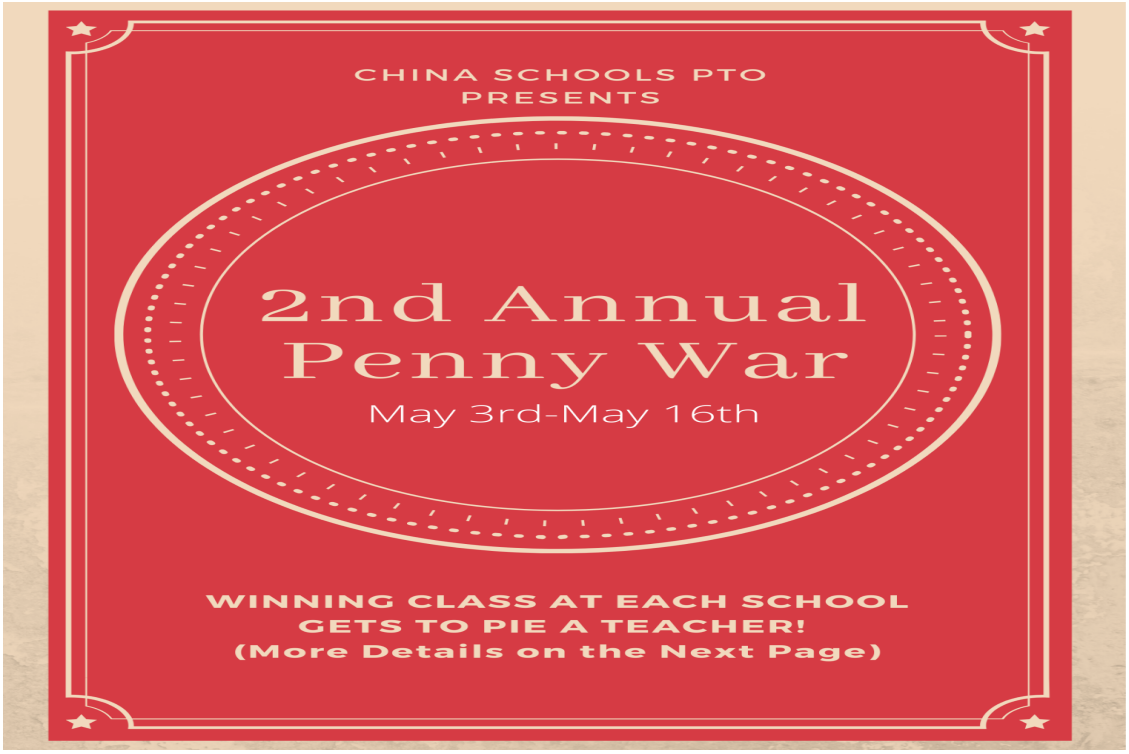


China PTO News

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.

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

Starting 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
- Softball - Through Dirigo Softball League - for kids in 1st grade and up. FMI please email at 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 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. 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 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 or call 445-4140 and leave a message with your phone number.

18th 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 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.

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Parent/Guardian Signature



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.

2021

EAGLES SOCCER CAMP

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

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.



CLINIC APPLICATION

Child's Name:_____

Parent(s) Name:_____

School:_____

Grade Entering:_____

Address:_____

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Parent Cell:_____

Work:_____

Email:_____

Shirt Size:

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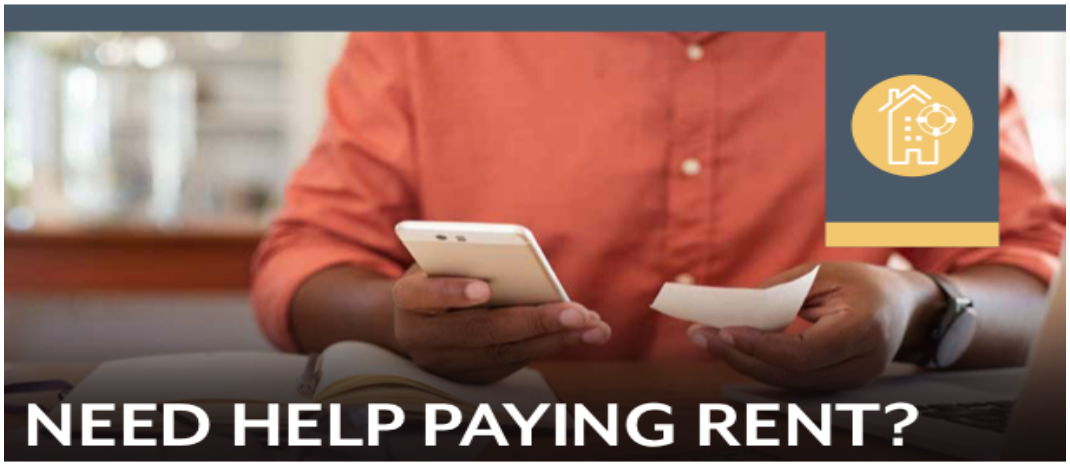

NEED HELP PAYING RENT?

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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