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The Math Meet scheduled for this Thursday, February 6th, has been postponed due to the incoming weather. New date TBD.

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We have started our annual CLYNK for Schools Recycling Challenge! Your child will receive a packet with a green plastic bag and a **China MS bag tag** for students to collect redeemable bottles and cans. Once the bag is filled and tagged, it should be dropped off at a Hannaford Supermarket. For every \$1 earned in redeemed containers, Hannaford Supermarkets will give an extra 50 cents to our school! The schools that earn the most money between Jan. 21 and March 20 will also take home an additional \$1,500 in prize money! The money earned from this challenge will go into our Student Activity Account to help pay for Clipper Ticket prizes, field trips, and other events that we have at our school. If you would like additional recycling bags and tags, please have your child pick them up from Ms. Lyons. Thank you for your help with this fundraiser challenge!

Slugger’s Challenge:

CMS has decided to take on Slugger’s Challenge from the Portland Sea Dogs. Slugger has challenged students to read five books above and beyond any school required reading. Each student that successfully completes the challenge will be given a FREE ticket to a Portland Sea Dogs baseball game! There are three games you can choose from in April and May.

Not only is this a great opportunity for students individually, but by participating, they can help our school too! Portland Sea Dogs will make a cash donation to the top three schools with the highest percentage of students who complete the challenge. 1st Place will get a \$1,000 donation, 2nd Place will get a \$500 donation, and 3rd Place gets a \$250 donation.

The challenge ends on March 20th, so it’s time to get reading!

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Please remind your student to take a moment and look through our ever growing lost and found. Items will be donated after February break. Thank you.



RSU #18 Job Opportunities: Ongoing Openings:

Substitute Bus Drivers, Van Drivers/Aids, Substitute Custodians, Substitute Nurses, Substitute Nutrition Workers and Substitute Teachers. Please go to

<https://rsu18.org/about-us/employment-opportunities/> to apply or contact Lois Bowden @ 445-1500 if you have any questions.

School News:

Clipper Gear is still on sale, adult sizes:

CMS Baseball Shirts - sm, med, lg and xlg

CMS Clipper lace up sweatshirt - lg

CMS Clipper Black Sweatshirts - xlg youth, sm, med and lg

Also available China Clippers Water Bottles!! \$10.00 each

Please contact Tina Strout in the office if you are interested. Photos of the merchandise are available. Thank you.

Yearbook News:

Pre-order your 2019/2020 yearbook now. Order forms can be found in the office or see Ms. Armour. They cost \$10 each (checks can be made out to CMS. Please include “Yearbook Order” on the memo line).

Parents of 8th Graders

It’s time to start selling our March Madness Calendar tickets! I will be sending calendars and tickets home this week. Tickets can be sold the whole month of February. If you have any questions please let me know.

Thanks, Tina

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Baby Photos: We would love to have a baby and younger photo of your student for the slideshow/yearbook. Photos may be emailed to darmour@rsu18.org or tstrout@rsu18.org. Photos can also be given to Ms. Armour or Mrs. Strout. Thank you to everyone who has already sent in their photos.

If you are interested in placing an ad or a special message for your graduate you may do so by going to <https://www.jostens.com/apps/jcom/router.mvc?affiliateId=2736385>
Follow the steps provided. Space is limited so get yours today. The deadline is February 13th.

Athletic Dept. News:

Tuesday, 2/4

Boys Varsity PRACTICE 2:45-4:15 CMS

Girls Varsity PRACTICE 4:15-5:45 CMS

Boys JV PRACTICE 2:45-4:15 CPS

Wednesday, 2/5

Boys JV GAME VS TEMPLE 4:15 CMS

Girls Varsity PRACTICE 2:45-4:15 CPS

Boys Varsity GAME VS EA FRESHMAN 5:00 CMS

Thursday, 2/6

Girls Varsity PRACTICE 2:45-4:15 CMS

Boys Varsity 4:15-5:45 CMS

Friday, 2/7

Boys Varsity 2:45-4:15 CMS

Girls Varsity 4:15-5:45 CMS

Saturday, 2/8

SVAC Quarterfinals at Erskine Academy

Seeding and playoff information will be decided Thursday afternoon.

All Girls JV players need to return their uniform to Mr. Schmidt as soon as possible.

COUNSELING SERVICES

Sweetser Services accepts MaineCare and most other insurance programs. If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact Lois Bowden or Meaghan Murphy at 445-1500.

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China PTO News:

Join us for our meetings and add your voice! We meet the first Thursday of every month, at 6pm. Most often in the CMS Library. Join our closed FaceBook group for regular updates on meetings & the meeting agenda, upcoming events, volunteer needs or to watch our meeting on FB Live! Find us by searching for China Schools PTO.

Upcoming Events:

Girls on the Run and Heart & Sole:

Girls on the Run (grades 3-5) and Heart & Sole (grades 6-8) are 10 week program focused on inspiring girls to recognize their inner strength and celebrating what makes them one of a kind. To participate in this program you do not need to be an athlete, girls can run walk or skip, just keep moving forward!

Come as you are, become a part of a unique team of girls and unlock your amazing potential. Registration opens 2/3/2020 and closes 2/13/2020. Teams size minimum is 8 girls and max is 15, so don't delay. The registration fee is done on a sliding scale, so pay what you can afford! To register, go here: www.girlsontherunmaine.org

Girls on the Run - practices Tuesdays & Fridays from 5pm-6:30pm

Heart & Sole - practices Mondays & Wednesdays from 5pm-6:30pm

Questions? Reach out to Raigan York, Site Coordinator and Head Coach, at GOTRChina@gmail.com or text/call 242-6515.

Zumba – returning with a new instructor (from China) starting 1/8/2019 at 5:30pm at CPS. Class will be every Wednesday at 5:30pm, at CPS going forward.

Paint Night – 2/7/2020 at 6pm, in the CPS Café. More details and event ticket sales link to follow.

Family Fun Night – 3/6/2020, free family event...more details to follow!

Annual Fun Run & 5K – 5/30/2020, more details and event ticket sales link to follow.

Health & Wellness Week – 5/25/2020-5/29/2020, leading up to our Fun Run & 5K and our Health & Wellness Fair below. More details to follow!

Health & Wellness Fair – 5/30/2020, this will begin after the Fun Run & 5K end! More details to follow!

Volunteers are always needed! In order to continue to provide events like the above, we need more parent volunteers. Don't want to join the PTO? Not a problem! Consider becoming a 2 hour power volunteer. Pledge

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two hours of your time to volunteer at an event, and we'll contact you with our specific needs! After that, you won't hear from us!

China Rec News:

The China Rec Basketball Awards Night has been changed to **Tuesday, 2/11/2020, at 6:00pm** to accommodate the Erskine Academy Dirigo Night date change. We will still be presenting in the CPS Gym. Please be prepared to also participate in the Rec Sports board vote, to elect next year's Soccer/Basketball board.

Erskine Academy Dirigo Night will now be Wednesday, 2/5/2020, at 6:30pm. See the Rec page for more information on this.

We will also be taking early sign ups for Baseball/Softball/T-Ball at the Basketball Awards ceremony. We will have registration forms available at a table in the gym. Please reach out to Todd Dunn with any questions: 514-4923.

Community News:

The Albert Church Brown Memorial Library in China Village hosts Tom Parent on Sunday, Feb. 9 at 2 PM. He will discuss the topic: Forest fires, Maine & beyond. All are welcome. This is a free event with refreshments after.

Calendar of Events: For a more detailed calendar please see our website.

02/05 - School Board Mtg. @ CO, 7:00 pm

02/06 - Math Meet, 9-12 @ CLCC

02/06 - China PTO Mtg, 6:00 pm @ CMS Lib.

02/17-02/21 - Winter Break, No School

02/27 - Winter Sports Banquet, 5:30 pm

02/28 - Winter Carnival, 5:00 pm

03/12 - Parent Teacher Conferences, 3:30-7:00 pm

03/15-03/21 - 8th Grade Heritage Tour

03/20 - Teacher Workshop, No School

03/24 - Early Release, 12:00 Dismissal

04/03 - Quarter 3 Ends

04/04 - District IV Music Festival

04/07 - Dental Clinic

04/17 - Teacher Comp Day, No School

04/20-04/24 - Spring Break, No School

04/30 - Ed Fair, 3:30 - 7:00 pm

05/19 - Early Release, 12:00 Dismissal

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