

China Middle School

Regional School Unit No. 18

Belgrade – China - Oakland - Rome – Sidney

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Our 8th graders are currently selling March Madness tickets to help support their end of the year celebration. If you would like to purchase a ticket, they are available in the front office. Purchase a \$10 ticket and be entered to win 31 great prizes drawn each day in the month of March. Tickets will be re-entered so you could win multiple prizes with one ticket. Our amazing calendar is attached to this email. For more information please call Mrs. Strout at 445-1500. Thank you.

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!

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

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<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

Cony High School 8th grade student/parent info night Thursday, March 5th, in the Cony band room. Snowdate: March 12th. There will be 2 sessions to choose from: 4:00 to 4:30 or 6:30 to 7:00 pm.

It’s time to start selling our March Madness Calendar tickets! Calendars and tickets were sent home with students on Monday, Feb. 10th. Tickets and money should be sent to the office by March 2nd. If you have any questions please let me know.

Thanks, Tina

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, 3/3

Spring Sports Banquet (PLEASE NOT DATE CHANGE)

All winter uniforms need to be turned in to Coach or Mr. Brooks ASAP

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Tentative Spring Dates

March 23 - March 27 BASEBALL PITCHERS/CATCHERS 4:15-5:45 CMS

March 23- March 27 SOFTBALL TRYOUTS 2:45-4:15 CMS

March 30th FIRST TRACK PRACTICE 2:45-4:15 CMS

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.

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:

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.

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 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!

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

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

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03/23 - 03/27 - eMPowerME assessments 8:50 - 11:00

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