

China Middle School

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March 30, 2021

School News:

Quarter 4 begins on Monday, April 5th
District Remote Learning, April 14 & 15
Spring Break, April 16 - 23

Area Elementary Middle School Students and Families:

Erskine Academy would be grateful for your help to meet Cony High School’s Cereal Box Challenge by raising food and funds to win a friendly competition and benefit our local food pantries. Please join with our Jobs for Maine Graduates (JMG) students, Student Council, National Honor Society, and Leo Club to raise 1,334 boxes of cereal to be lined up to create a dominoeffect spiral through Erskine’s hallways and gym on Monday, April 5. Following the livestreamed event, the EA Domino Effect-Cereal Box Challenge, we will deliver the cereal to food pantries serving Erskine’s eight sending towns: Chelsea, China, Jefferson, Palermo, Somerville, Vassalboro, Whitefield, and Windsor. We, in turn, will challenge two Maine high schools to keep the charitable momentum going with their own cereal drives. We’ve only two weeks, March 22 through April 2, to collect boxes of cereal and funds to purchase cereal locally (\$3 will buy a standard box). Donations can be brought to the school, deposited in the EA shuttle parked in the front of Erskine’s main building, or mailed to Erskine Academy, 309 Windsor Rd, South China, ME. 04358. Every gift received will be leveraged for its maximum benefit.

We’ve learned in this pandemic year how much we need each other, especially when it comes to being nourished—body, heart, and spirit. Please join us in this broad community service event—The EA Domino Effect-Cereal Box Challenge—and set off a chain reaction of philanthropy and goodwill across our region and state as we move the challenge forward. We are most grateful for your goodwill and partnership to strengthen our communities by stocking our local pantries’ shelves with their highest requested food item—cereal. We hope that

you, too, will accept “The Challenge.” An EA shuttle will be parked in area elementary school parking lots to receive boxed cereal donations on Saturday, March 27, at these times:

Chelsea and Palermo 10am—11am

Whitefield 11am—Noon

Jefferson Noon—1pm

Windsor 11am—1pm

China and Vassalboro 1pm-2pm

Best wishes,
Michael J. McQuarrie
Headmaster

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Spring Dress Code

We are on the brink of SPRING and nice weather will soon be here! This is a great time to remind everyone of our dress code. Shirts or tops should have either sleeves or a wide shoulder strap (three fingers, 2-3 in.). Tank tops with low cut armholes are prohibited. Skirts, shorts, and dresses must be mid-thigh or longer in length (minimum 3 in. inseam). Bare midriff clothing, shorts with holes above the mid-thigh are prohibited, and undergarments should not be showing.

CLYNK for Schools Challenge

We are collecting for our annual CLYNK for Schools Recycling Challenge! Once the bag is filled, drop your bag off at Hannaford Supermarket. Students that submit a photo to Mrs. Lyons dropping off their CLYNK bag will be entered into a drawing for a variety of prizes!

To make giving to this cause even easier, **beginning this week** we'll have two large blue barrels out at student pick up time. Feel free to drop off your empty bottles and we'll bring your bottle donations to Hannaford for you!

The money earned from this challenge will go into our Student Activity Account to help pay for Clipper Ticket prizes and other events that we have at our school.

If you would like additional recycling bags, please have your child request them from Mrs. Lyons. Thank you for your help with this fundraising challenge!

Athletic Dept. News:

Wednesday, 3/31

Track PRACTICE 2:45 to 4:15 (7/8 playground)

Thursday, 4/1

Track PRACTICE 2:45 to 4:15 (7/8 playground)

Softball TRYOUT 2:45 to 4:15 (Softball field or gym based on weather.)

Baseball TRYOUT ****IF WEATHER IS NICE**** 2:45 to 4:15 (baseball field)

****IF WEATHER IS NOT**** 4:15 to 5:45 (cms gym)

Friday, 4/2

Track PRACTICE 2:45 to 4:15 (7/8 playground)

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Monday, 4/5

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Participation Packets need to be turned in to coach or Mr. Brooks in order to participate.

Yearbook News:

Pre-order your 2020/2021 yearbook now. See Ms. Armour for an order form. They cost \$10 each (checks can be made out to CMS. Please include Yearbook on the memo line.) You can also order online at

<http://jostensyearbooks.com/?REF=A07634466>

8th Grade News:

We have started our March Madness drawings! Thank you to all that have supported our 8th graders.

It's not too late to buy a ticket!

03/01 - Kasie Wooley, \$100.00 Dr. Auto Gift Certificate
03/02 - Tonya Reynolds, \$25.00 Amazon Gift Card
03/03 - Annette Bickford, \$25.00 Jorgensen's Cafe Gift Card
03/04 - Todd Dunn, \$25.00 The Landing Gift Certificate
03/05 - Karla Busmanis, 5 Free Skate Sharpenings Kennebec Skate Shop
03/06 - Darrell Fraser, \$20.00 Cash
03/07 - Lacey Studholme, \$20.00 Back's Dairy Gift Certificate
03/08 - Tamra St. Amand, \$15.00 Target Gift Card
03/09 - Tammy DeMerchant, \$50.00 Hussey's General Gift Card
03/10 - Chris Clark, \$50.00 Hannaford Gift Card
03/11 - Denise Clark, \$25.00 The Landing Gift Certificate
03/12 - Annette Bickford, Raider's Sugarhouse Maple Syrup Basket
03/13 - Becky Kanzler, New England Imports Oil Change Gift Card
03/14 - Debbie Farrington, \$25.00 Jorgensen's Gift Card
03/15 - Denise Clark, \$50.00 Visa Gift Card
03/16 - Stephanie Oliphant, \$25.00 Lakeview Lumber Gift Card
03/17 - Ryan Sweeney, \$100.00 Cash
03/18 - Kelly Cowing, \$25.00 The Landing Gift Certificate
03/19 - Doreen 4000 Armour, Natural Bath and Beauty Gift Basket
03/20 - Cindy Senkbeil, \$100.00 Cash
03/21 - Andy Cowing, \$25.00 Cash
03/22 - Tiffany Gould, \$25.00 Hannaford Gift Card
03/23 - Andy Cowing, New England Imports Oil Change
03/24 - Ken Stepnick, \$25.00 Cash
03/25 - Linda Bengtson, \$25.00 The Landing Gift Certificate
03/26 - Terry Shelton, \$50.00 Hussey's General Gift Card

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03/27 - Jeromy Lee, \$25.00 Hannaford Gift Card

03/28 - Laura Allen, \$50.00 Whitt's Gift Card

03/29 - Tammy DeMerchant, \$100.00 Cash

03/30 - Lacey Studholme, \$50.00 Visa Gift Card

High School Information for Grade 8 Students/Parents:

We will post pertinent information as it becomes available from various high schools.

8th grade students that are interested in obtaining high school information should contact Mr. Sweeney. Mr. Sweeney is available to help with transitioning students to high school, completing registration packets, signing up for classes and answering any questions. His contact information is rsweeney@rsu18.org

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.

Community 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 , or complete the registration form [here](#).

Softball - Through Dirigo Softball League we are able to offer Softball for kids in 1st grade and up. If you have any questions please email at dirigosoftballleague@gmail.com*

Little League Baseball - Through Augusta Little League we invite you to play Baseball for ages 8 & up. For more information please visit the [Augusta Little League](#) webpage.

T-Mobile has a grant program to help with registration costs! The T-Mobile Little League® Call Up Grant Program is dedicated to helping families in need by covering registration fees associated with their local Little League program. Follow the link below to complete the application [T-Mobile Little League® Call Up Grant Program](#)

Important Dates:

3/31 – Registration Closes

4/07 – Last Payment Receipt Date

4/6 – Coaches Meeting & Selection

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4/17 – Field Clean up

5/1 – Bottle Drive

5/15 – Picture Day and Pitch Hit & Run

China Rec Sports, Dirigo Softball League and Augusta Little League baseball look forward to hearing from you and to.....**Play Ball!**

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

03/31 - Virtual School Board Meeting, 7:00

04/01 - Virtual PTO Meeting, 6:00

04/02 - Quarter 3 Ends

04/14 - Virtual School Board Meeting, 7:00

04/14 & 04/15 - Remote Learning for all students in RSU #18

04/16 - No School, Teacher Comp Day

04/19-04/23 - April Vacation, No School

5/3-5/7 Teacher Appreciation Week

5/17 - 6/11 window for Science Assessment (New Meridian) grades 5 & 8

3/1 - 6/15 window for NWEA Assessment (grades 5 - 8)

5/18 - Early Release @ Noon

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Thank you for supporting the China Schools!

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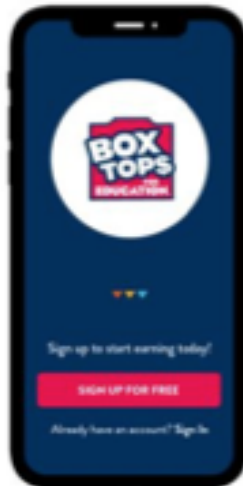
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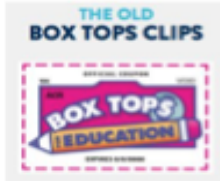
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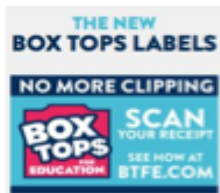
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Traditional Box Tops clips are being phased out of production, but may continue to be found on many products throughout the store. You can still clip and send them to school.

Every valid Box Tops clip is worth 10¢ for your school. Make sure each one has a clearly visible product acronym and expiration date.



Eventually the Box Tops program will become digital-only. Participating brands are starting to change their packaging from a traditional Box Tops clip to the new Box Top label.

If you see this label, use the new Box Tops app to scan your receipt. Box Tops are still worth 10¢ each for your school. The app will find participating products purchased at any store and instantly add cash to your school's earnings online.

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