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2019 National Blue Ribbon School, Golden Apple Award Winner, 8 National Board Certified Teachers, 18 Google Certified Educators, Excelling Creative (Arts) Schools Certificate, **Prescott School 2022 Exemplary Summative Designation**

Prescott School

Emails for this newsletter were pulled from Aspen on 2/10/23. If you have an updated email, please contact Clerk Ms. Williams at clpalmer6@cps.edu. **Please sign up for digital access to your 1st-8th grader's grades via Parent Portal in Aspen.** Contact Ms. Williams.

April 14, 2023

Prescott families and friends,

Our first graders hosted their annual *Peaceful Leader Museum* on Wednesday. Teams of first graders researched and prepared poster presentations about leaders, such as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr, Malala Yousafzai, Cesar Chavez, and Wangari Maathai. The wrote in developmentally-appropriate spelling on their posters about their leaders.

- Dr. King: "His most famous speech is called "I have a dream."
- Malala Yousafzai: "Girls allowed to go to school."
- Cesar Chavez: "Farmers didn't get enough."
- Wangari Maathai: "Planted trees so Kenya would not become a desert."

Family members came to learn from students, and then first graders circulated as well to learn. They asked questions, such as:

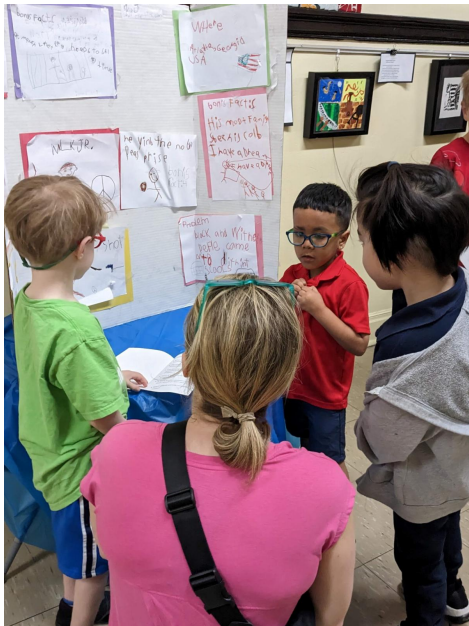
- What do you admire most about your peaceful leader?
- Can you tell me more about the problem your peaceful leader faced?
- Can you tell me more about what your peaceful leader tried to do to fix the problem?
- What is your favorite part of your project board?
- Is there another peaceful leader you think I should go learn about?
- Was it difficult working on a group project?

See photos below. Thanks to teachers and staff Ms. Stewart, Ms. Hazelip, Mr. McCarthy, Ms. Marks, Ms. Buckley and Student-Teachers Ms. Mejia and Ms. Hasaan for facilitating our first graders' learning!

Erin Roche, Principal
Meghan Breyer, Assistant Principal

Prescott School 2022 Illinois Exemplary Summative Designation

**In 2016 and 2019, Chicago Magazine ranked Prescott in the top 15 schools in the city
In 2018 and 2019, Prescott was one of few schools among 700+ to be named a fully Healthy School**



Calendar of upcoming events

April

- 17-21 Vision and hearing screening
- 26 Progress Reports go home for 4th Quarter
- 27-29 Drama Club performances of *Peter Pan*

May

- 1-5 Scholastic Book Fair (see times below)
- 9 School tour 9am
- 12 Movie Night on the turf field 7:30-9pm
- 18 Art Show K-8th grade 5-6:30pm
- 19 Walkathon (rain date 5/26)
- 19 3rd grade field trip to Chicago Childrens Museum
- 25 Choirs perform at Millenium Park
- 25 Prescott alumni get-together 4pm
- 30-June 2 Spirit Week

Prescott School 2022-23
Calendar (updated)

Prescott School absent
form/ Formulario de ausencias
de la escuela Prescott

Family plans to return to Prescott 2023-24

Planes para volver a la Prescott 2023-24

Please let us know if you plan to return to Prescott next school year. We value your input and we want to see you next year!

¡Hola! Háganos saber si planea regresar a Prescott el próximo año escolar.
¡Valoramos su opinión y esperamos verlo el próximo año!

Plan to return for 2023-24/ Planes para volver para 2023-24

Physical Education

Students in Rooms 203 and 304 have been working on net games during PE. With the focus on hand-eye coordination, students engaged in scrimmage games of paddle ball. This game requires students to maintain a volley with the use of a styrofoam filled ball. The goal is to have students be mindful of working within a designated space, communication, and display their agility when striking these objects during game play. All groups are also working on sportsmanship and fair play, while self officiating, demonstrating honesty during play. (NASPE Standards 1-5).

8th Grade 1 6th Grade 1

Health Education

Prescott Students have completed Sexual Health Education (SHE) classes for the school year! Thank you to the entire Prescott Community, Parents, and stakeholders for understanding the importance of this course content. For more information about the CPS SHE curriculum, including the updated curriculum for K-2, please visit the district's website: [CPS Sexual Health Education](#). Thank you everyone for your support!

Parents and caregivers can learn about SHE, as well as their children! We encourage parents to attend these [in-person parent education sessions](#) and [virtual sessions](#) that will help equip them with the knowledge and skills to talk to their children about sexual health with confidence!



Counselor's Corner

All families:

Compass Health Center knows that returning to school after breaks can be challenging for some children. Click [here](#) to learn more about their school-year programming and [here](#) for their summer creative arts therapy program.

8th grade families:

If students are interested in summer jobs, they are eligible to apply for jobs through [One Summer Chicago](#). Applications close June 2.

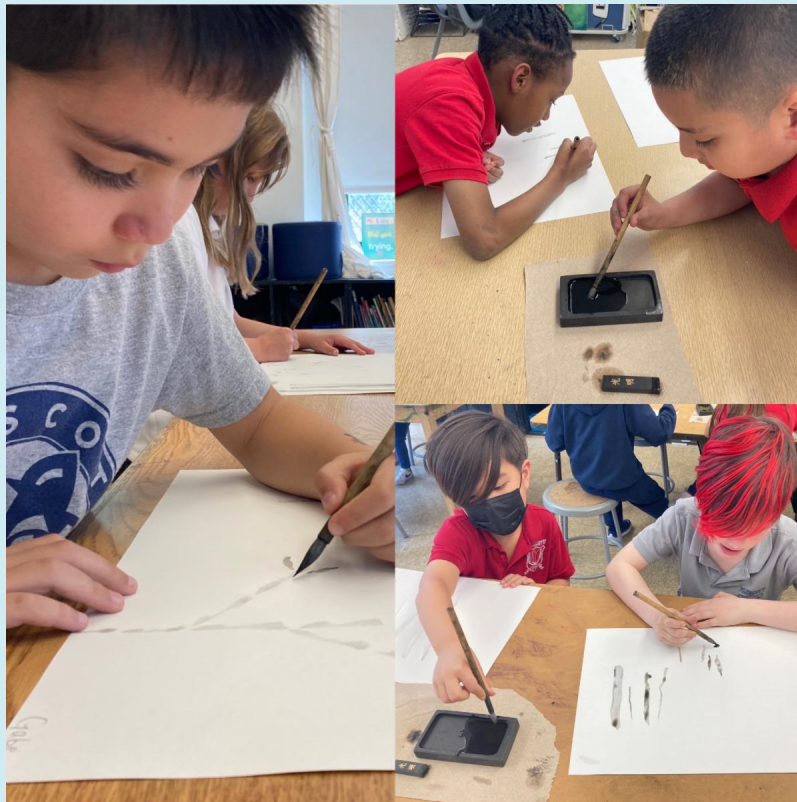
[Counseling Referral Form](#)

Prolific Prescott Artists!

Art Teachers Ms. Ammons and Ms. Bullard nurture art skills, art history knowledge, and studio space for Prescott students to create amazing works. Check out the incredible number of high-quality K-8 artworks by our Prescott students in our online art gallery, and be sure to sign up on Artsonia so your student's work can be included!

Prescott Art Gallery

Second grade students in room 106 are practicing using traditional sumi-e materials including bamboo brushes, ink and an ink stone, and paper. They are seen here practicing making some basic brush strokes before using their skills to make simple plants and animals.

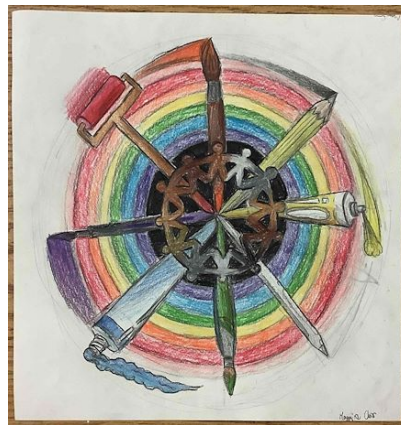




Beach Circle

by Aiantas Vasilopoulos, Grade 7

My favorite part is the sky because the blending is good and the colors show up well. My least favorite part is the sand because I could've blended the colors better. This artwork shows that I think art is calming and relaxing, and I feel good and calm when creating art. I made the chair and the sketch, and then blended the colors and added all the details.



Community Circle

by Maggie Clair, Grade 7

My favorite part of the project was the coloring. I had no least favorite part; I enjoyed every aspect of the project. Art, to me, means diversity and uniqueness. Everybody has their own story, their own background, and artists often share that through their artwork. I created an art piece depicting eight different mediums (inking, acrylic painting, pencil, spray paint, digital painting, watercolor painting, gouache, and marker), and a circle representing different colors of the world.

Sign up to get notices about your child(ren)'s artwork from Artsonia

Congratulations! Thank you! Help needed!

The book fair will be open in the multipurpose room at the times shown below during Monday, May 1st through Friday, May 5th:

Monday-Thursday 8:15-8:45am, 11:00am-1:45pm, and 3:45-4:30pm

Friday 8:15-8:45am

*no lunchtime or after-school hours on Friday

LOTS of volunteers are needed to run this event. Book fair volunteers will be involved in checking out students/adults at the register, straightening up books, walking around and helping students choose or calculate the cost of the books they've chosen. If you are new to volunteering at the

book fair, please rest assured that this is a fun and easy way to help students cultivate the love of reading! A detailed email with instructions will be sent out prior to the fair and many of the current volunteers are veterans so they will be able to provide any support you need.

Please click the link below and sign up for any of the open shifts:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1OH1vBkUyuUK_867twecDQcKKe0eSjvFaW5rUE6-WBy0/edit?usp=sharing

ALL VOLUNTEERS entering the school building with students present are required to be a Level 2 volunteer (<https://chicagopublicschools.civicore.com/index.php?action=userLogin>)

Thank you for supporting our readers!

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**Prescott Parents is holding elections for the Board of Directors positions on May 29, 2023 and you are encouraged to apply.**

There are 6 total board positions to be filled during this election There are up to 13 Board of Directors positions total.

Currently 7 sitting Board members will retain their positions and will be joined by the new Board members starting July 1, 2023.

Prescott Parents strives to make the Board of Directors representative of the student body and believes that diverse backgrounds make a strong parent organization. Please consider joining the Board of Directors to make an impact at Prescott. Prescott Parents members interested in joining the Board of Directors should submit an application to [\*\*prescottschoolchicago@gmail.com\*\*](mailto:prescottschoolchicago@gmail.com).

Candidate applications are due April 28, 2023 and should be submitted to Prescott Parents via email: [\*\*prescottschoolchicago@gmail.com\*\*](mailto:prescottschoolchicago@gmail.com).

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## Family Engagement Focus Group Survey /

## Encuesta de grupos de enfoque de participación familiar

Hello! We REALLY want to hear from you! We are in the process of figuring out how we can do a better job of reaching and supporting our families. You can tell us your thoughts and ideas in this survey or participate in a focus group. We are collecting data this year through family surveys and family focus groups to create a plan for family engagement starting in 2023-2024. In order to get valid data, we need as many families to participate as possible in either the survey or the focus groups, so please participate!

¡Hola! ¡Realmente queremos saber de usted! Estamos en el proceso de descubrir cómo podemos hacer un mejor trabajo para llegar y apoyar a nuestras familias. Puede contarnos sus pensamientos e ideas en esta encuesta o participar en un grupo focal. Estamos recopilando datos este año a través de encuestas familiares y grupos de enfoque familiar para crear un plan para la participación familiar a partir de 2023-2024. Para obtener datos válidos, necesitamos que participen tantas

familias como sea posible en la encuesta o en los grupos de enfoque, ¡así que participe!

## Family Engagement Focus Group Survey

Dear Prescott Families:

Prescott Parents will be hosting a current and prospective family meet and greet on Sunday, April 23 from 2:30-4:00 at the Lincoln Park Library large meeting room. This is an informal meet and greet with current parents, school leadership, and alumni to learn more about Prescott.

**Sign-up is required by Sunday, April 16.** Please sign up [here](#):

Estimadas familias de Prescott:

Los padres de Prescott organizarán una reunión familiar actual y futura el domingo 23 de abril de 2:30 a 4:00 en la gran sala de reuniones de la Biblioteca Lincoln Park. Esta es una reunión informal para saludar a los padres actuales, el liderazgo escolar y los ex alumnos para aprender más sobre Prescott.

**Es necesario registrarse antes del domingo 16 de abril. Regístrese [aquí](#):**

Sign up here

Regístrate aquí

## Get your child their Covid booster!

Student weekly Covid testing registration/ Inscríbete para una prueba semanal de Covid para estudiantes

Get your child a Covid booster! Obtenga una dosis de refuerzo para su niño/a!

Covid-19 Guidance for Prescott families and staff

Orientación de Covid-19 para las familias y el personal de Prescott

Click here to learn more about ways to protect your child(ren) from RSV and Covid

Hágase un clic aquí para aprender más de cómo prevenir el Virus sincitial respiratorio (RSV)

Early Dismissal, Alternative Pick-up, and Building Access

