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# Prescott School

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April 28, 2023

Dear Prescott families and friends,

Thanks to Art Teachers Beth Ammons and Kelly Bullard's vision and work, Prescott School achieved again the highest level of support for the arts, *Excelling*, for the 2021-22 school year (the report analyzes data from the previous school year). Prescott also partners with *United Voices Chicago* and *Idea Box* with Emily Leonard as the dance/movement instructor.

From the report description:

The State of the Arts report presents data that gives CPS schools, the arts partner community, funders, and other stakeholders in the arts education sector a big-picture view of arts education in Chicago Public Schools – and pushes us, collectively, towards a future in which every CPS student has access to a high quality arts education.

Read more about how CPS schools and the arts partner community fared in bringing the arts to CPS students in the 2021–22 school year. This report identifies key findings and opportunities for growth in staffing, access, funding, and more.

Erin Roche, Principal  
Meghan Breyer, Assistant Principal

**2021-22 State of the Arts Report**

***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

**May**

1-5 Scholastic Book Fair (see times below)

3 Public tour at 10am  
5 Kindergarten field trip to the Lincoln Park Zoo  
9 School tour 9am  
12 Movie Night on the turf field 7:30-9pm  
13 Girls on the Run 5K at Grant Park at 8am  
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)

Dear Prescott Community,

We have an immediate opportunity to help Prescott move one step closer to having a full-sized gym and auditorium!

As you may know, a new Prescott Parents Wolfpack has recently been established to address Prescott's need for a full gym and auditorium. Learn more about our community's vision for this space, and find ways to get involved at <https://prescottparents.com/gym-auditorium-project/>.

Take two minutes to help Prescott move one step closer to this vision: Please tell CPS our students need a new gym and auditorium. The district has just launched a brief survey asking for input on how to spend its capital funding. Please use the tips below to complete the brief CPS 2023 Capital Survey before the deadline on Tuesday, May 9 at <http://www.cps.edu/capitalsurvey2023>. This is a critical opportunity for the Prescott community to voice our students' need for a gym and auditorium.

### Some tips for taking the survey:

- The survey asks you to proportionally assign weight to 5 different categories for funding. While athletic and recreational facilities are not one of these categories, we believe that the "Site Improvements" category best aligns with Prescott's needs. We encourage you to weight these categories based on your preferences, but we also recommend that you put at least some substantial weight on "Site Improvements."
- Question 9 asks, "Do you want to recommend a prioritized list of Capital Needs for a specific CPS school?" Please select "Yes" and answer the remaining questions in support of a gym and auditorium for Prescott.
- Question 12 has a list of capital needs, none of which is a gym. We recommend selecting "Existing Stadium and Pool Facility Renovations" and using Question 15 to further explain. Also, this is an opportunity to identify other needs for Prescott such as Restroom Upgrades, and IT & Security Investments.
- Our rationale for the gym and auditorium is that Prescott's current space is not a full-sized gymnasium and is inadequate for a 21st Century learning environment. PE activities have to be modified, our students cannot play sports such as basketball or volleyball, and we cannot run full-school performances and activities. These are things that should be standard in a K-8 school, and it is Prescott's turn to receive this much-needed investment.

Thank you for helping Prescott move one step closer to the 21st-century learning

environment our students deserve!

Sincerely,  
Prescott Parents Gym/Auditorium Wolfpack

Estimada comunidad de Prescott,

¡Tenemos una oportunidad inmediata de ayudar a Prescott a acercarse a tener un gimnasio y un auditorio de tamaño completo!

Como sabrán, recientemente se estableció un nuevo Prescott Parents Wolfpack para abordar la necesidad de Prescott de un gimnasio y un auditorio completos. Obtenga más información sobre la visión de nuestra comunidad para este espacio y encuentre formas de participar en <https://prescottparents.com/gym-auditorium-project/>.

Tómese dos minutos para ayudar a Prescott a acercarse un paso más a esta visión: Dígame a CPS que nuestros estudiantes necesitan un gimnasio y un auditorio nuevos. El distrito acaba de lanzar una breve encuesta solicitando información sobre cómo gastar sus fondos de capital. Utilice los siguientes consejos para completar la breve Encuesta de capital de CPS 2023 antes de la fecha límite del martes 9 de mayo en <http://www.cps.edu/capitalsurvey2023>. Esta es una oportunidad crítica para que la comunidad de Prescott exprese la necesidad de nuestros estudiantes de un gimnasio y un auditorio.

Algunos consejos para realizar la encuesta:

- La encuesta le pide que asigne un peso proporcional a 5 categorías diferentes para la financiación. Si bien las instalaciones deportivas y recreativas no son una de estas categorías, creemos que la categoría "Mejoras en la propia escuela" se alinea mejor con las necesidades de Prescott. Lo alentamos a ponderar estas categorías según sus preferencias, pero también le recomendamos que le dé al menos un peso considerable a las "Mejoras en la propia escuela".
- La pregunta 9 pregunta: "¿Quiere usted recomendar una lista de prioridades de las necesidades de capital para una escuela específica de CPS?" Seleccione "Sí" y responda las preguntas restantes en apoyo de un gimnasio y un auditorio para Prescott.
- La pregunta 12 tiene una lista de necesidades de capital, ninguna de las cuales es un gimnasio. Recomendamos seleccionar "Renovaciones en las instalaciones existentes del estadio y la piscina" y utilizar la Pregunta 15 para obtener una explicación más detallada. Además, esta es una oportunidad para identificar otras necesidades de Prescott, como mejoras de baños e inversiones en tecnología y seguridad.
- Nuestro fundamento para el gimnasio y el auditorio es que el espacio actual de Prescott no es un gimnasio de tamaño completo y es inadecuado para un entorno de aprendizaje del Siglo XXI. Las actividades de educación física deben modificarse, nuestros estudiantes no pueden practicar deportes como el baloncesto o el voleibol, y no podemos realizar actuaciones y actividades para toda la escuela. Estas son cosas que deberían ser estándar en una escuela K-8, y es el turno de Prescott de recibir esta inversión tan necesaria.

¡Gracias por ayudar a Prescott a acercarse al entorno de aprendizaje del Siglo XXI que merecen nuestros estudiantes!

Atentamente,  
Padres de Prescott Wolfpack para un Gimnasio/auditorio

# Summer Youth Opportunities

Connect your child with summer fun!

[Here is a form](#) that you can use to find summer activities. After you check off areas of interest on the form, you'll will receive a personalized list of summer activities in your email.

If you know of a summer activity that should be added to our database, please email Teacher Nesy Moos at [jlmoos@cps.edu](mailto:jlmoos@cps.edu).

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## 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

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### Physical Education

Students in Rooms 203, 304, and 206, have been working on net games during PE. With the focus on hand-eye coordination, students engaged in a game called “sitting volleyball.” All rules that apply to regular volleyball apply to this modified game as well. Scrimmage games of volleyball occurred using beach balls and nets, set to three feet. The goal is to not only have students maintain a volley, but also, 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).

### 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!





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## Counselor's Corner

May is Mental Health Month. This year's theme is "Take Some Time to Look Around, Look Within," and families are invited to participate in the daily Mental Health Month [calendar activities](#) as well as discuss the weekly focus topics together.

For the first week of May, the topic is Healthy Home Environments. Use this [fact sheet](#) to help you and your family ensure that your home is positively contributing to your mental health. Use this [worksheet](#) to help shape the type of home environment you'd like to have.

If you or someone you know may be struggling with their mental health, please access the Mental Health America [screening](#) as a first step and talk to your doctor to receive additional support. If you are in need of additional resources, please click [here](#).

### All families:

Chicago Psychotherapy has various services that they will be offering for kids this summer in order to support their social and emotional wellbeing. They will also have a variety of groups available for supporting educators and parents. And, starting in June, their practice will begin conducting student learning evaluations, ADHD and ASD evaluations, and psychological testing. Please see [their flyer](#) for more information or to schedule.

### 8th grade families:

GoCPS rolling waitlists opened on Monday, April 24 at 10am. Students currently on high school waitlists can begin to receive offers at this time and all students can themselves to other schools' waitlists. See the email from Ms. Mathews on 4/21 for more information.

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](#)

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## 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!

Your copy should address 3 key questions: Who am I writing for? (Audience) Why should they care? (Benefit) What do I want them to do here? (Call-to-Action)

Create a great offer by adding words like "free" "personalized" "complimentary" or "customized." A sense of urgency often helps readers take an action, so think about inserting phrases like "for a limited time only" or "only 7 remaining!"

Now that 2nd grade students in room 106 have learned about traditional Japanese art, this week they moved on to learn about contemporary art in Japan. This project was inspired by the work of Yayoi Kusama. Students practiced using the themes of repetition, organic shapes and bold colors common in her artwork, and they were asked to create a series of four drawings with the same motif.



Prescott Art Gallery



### **Splatter Shapes**

by Sara Castaneda, Grade 4

My favorite part was splattering paint and my least favorite part was coloring the shapes with oil pastels, because it would get on your hand and it would be hard to get it off. I learned that value is how light and how dark something is. To make this, I had to make the shapes, color them with oil pastels, make the shapes get darker going to the vanishing point, and we had to splatter paint on a black sheet of paper. Then, I cut out the shapes and then glued them on the splatter paint paper.



## Shapes

by Mila Fried, Grade 4

My favorite part was making the splatter background. My least favorite part was blending the shapes. I learned how to splatter a background, and I was surprised by how hard it is to blend pastels without making it look messy. First, I made shapes. Then, I shaded the shapes to make them look farther away. I splattered the background, and then cut out the shapes and put it over the background.

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

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# ***Peter Pan***

Presented by the Prescott Elementary Drama Club 2023

Thanks to Co-Directors and Teachers Jaycee McCarthy and Amanda Hazelip and so many parents for putting on the show!

More photos in next week's newsletter, too!









## **Congratulations! Thank you! Help needed!**

Sixth grader Gianna Chumil Lazio sang at the Lyric Opera's performance of *Carmen* with *United Voices Chicago!* Above is Gianna in costume backstage at the Lyric. Congratulations, Gianna!

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The Sunday open house at the library was a great turnout of prospective families. Thanks for volunteering!

Parents: Caryn Sanders-Marcus, Jessica Coleman, Maria Pecard, Eric Marcus  
Current student: Lila Marcus and Prescott graduates: Ava Marcus and Monty Marren,

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Thanks to Teacher Nesity Moos and Northwestern Fellow Ms. Missy for creating the Summer Youth Opportunities index for students and families.

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Every year, Chicago Public Schools (CPS) invites key stakeholders to share their perspectives in the three important surveys: the 5Essentials Student Survey, the 5Essentials Teacher Survey, and the My Voice My School Parent Survey. Click below

[District parent survey](#)

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## **Purchase your Prescott Yearbook for 2022-23**

This year's Prescott Yearbook is now available to purchase! It includes class photos and photo

memories of all grades, K-8. Your copy of the Prescott yearbook also includes two FREE custom pages you may personalize with photos and memories of your kid(s) that will only appear in your book.

The deadline to add custom pages to make it your own is Friday, April 28, 2023. The yearbook is \$14.91 (excluding sales tax). To order go to <http://www.treering.com/validate> and enter the school's passcode: 1014075079274593

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 aqui](#)

## 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](#)

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

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