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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 8/2/22. 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.

20 school days until IAR grades 3-8

February 17, 2023

Prescott families and friends,

At Kindness Week this week, students wrote thousands of cards to each others' buddies and military veterans, families collected over 3,300 items to donate to refugees, and 6-8th graders organized all the items into sensible packages for refugees.

Kindness Week is a reminder for us to be kind and empathetic all the time-- not just one of fifty-two weeks per year. These past few days, our students electrified the school with kind actions. I hope you felt that energy and continue to see it and model it with your children and daily life.

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

[Click here to understand the IAR](#)

[IAR Tutorial](#)

Calendar of upcoming events

February

- 18 Boys 7/8th basketball game at Clemente High School 9:00am v. Von Linne
- 20 School closed in observation of Presidents Day
- 24 Boys 5/6th basketball game at Warren Park 6:30pm v. St. Clements
- 25 Boys 7/8th basketball game at Clemente High School 12:00pm v. McAuliffe
- 27 Choirs field trip to Chicago Orchestra Hall to perform 9am-12pm

March

6-10 Kindergarten pre-registration for 2023-24 school year
9 Prescott alumni gathering
14 School tour at 9am
16 End of Q3
17 No school for students: Professional Development day
21-24 IAR (IL Assessment of Readiness) grades 3-8 Reading & Math
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29 Student-Led Conferences-- virtual & in person 11am-6:15pm

**Prescott School 2022-23
Calendar (updated)**

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

**7/8th grade Boys basketball
schedule-- updated here**

Physical Education

Students in Rooms 301 (Mrs. Phares) have been working on net games during PE. With the focus on hand-eye coordination, students engaged in a game called "keep it up," requiring students to maintain a volley with the use of a beach ball. This led to a scrimmage game of volleyball using the beach ball and nets. 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.

Health Education

Parents and caregivers can learn about sexual health education (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!

The third round of SHE will begin on Monday, February 13, 2023 during the third quarter for the following classrooms:

7th Grade Room 204
7th Grade Room 202
5th Grade Room 207
1st Grade Room 102
3rd Grade Room 301

Parents/Guardians whose child(ren) will participate will be informed. Please be on the lookout for an email correspondence from Mr. Medina.

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!





Counselor's Corner

8th grade families:

- GoCPS results are expected to be released **Friday, March 24th**, and families will have until **Tuesday, April 14th** to accept or decline offers.
- The Principal's Discretion application will be available starting **Wednesday, March 29th** and will close on **Tuesday, April 14th**. This year's handbook will be shared when available.
- OAE will host training sessions for how to accept/decline offers. Sign up for those [here](#).
- Ms. Mathews will also host virtual Q&A and support workshops for Prescott families on **Monday, March 27th from 4-5pm** and **Thursday, March 30th from 9-10am**. You can join the workshops [here](#).

3rd-5th grade families:

Apply for the Jean Baptiste Pointe DuSable Commemoration Essay Competition! Find the application and essay prompt [here](#). Applicants should email their completed application to collegescholarships@cps.edu by Friday, March 3, 2023.

Pathways to Connection is offering workshops for students on executive functioning skills, flexible thinking, and changing your inner critic to an inner coach. Learn more information and register on their [website](#).

All families:

Kids First Chicago is creating an Early Learning Quality Design Team to better understand what "quality" looks like in early childhood and education, and they are looking for caregivers who would like to be a part of this team. Applications are due March 17th. To apply, click [here](#). This is a paid opportunity if selected to participate.

Join the Office of Family and Community Engagement (FACE) for a variety of Parent University workshops both virtually (RSVP [here](#)) and in person at Avondale-Logandale Elementary (RSVP [here](#)). Other classes are available across the city. Locations and workshop options can be found [here](#).

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!

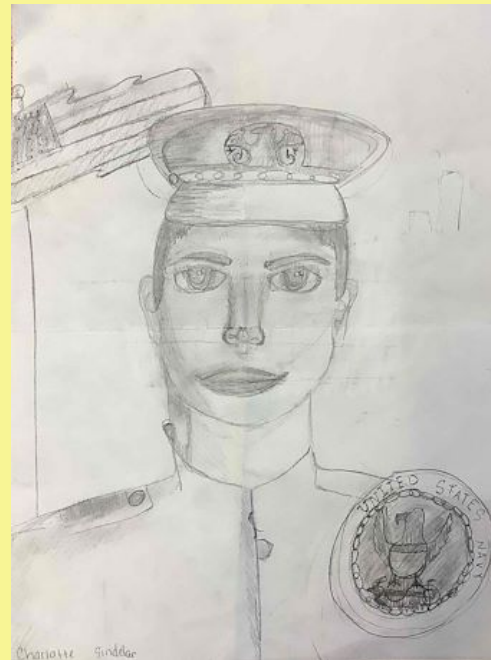
Prescott Art Gallery



My Dad

By Gabby Hill, Grade 5

I learned Charles White was an artist who mostly used pencil for his art, he focused on workers who did a lot but didn't always get much credit for their work. I honored my dad because he is an author and pastor who helps many people with many different things. He works with a team to help a neighborhood around our church. I sketched the skull, then added the eyes, nose, hair and body then I started to add shadow where light didn't hit and light where it is.



Grandpa Harry

By Charlotte Sindelar, Grade 5

Something I learned about Charles White is he made portraits of people that worked hard a lot. The person I am honoring is my great grandpa. I am honoring him because he was in the Navy and worked very hard. He also worked at Good Year. I first drew his head and made sure the eyes are in the middle. Then I drew the eyes and mouth a couple of times to make sure they seemed right. After that I drew the coat and symbols and started to shade.



Thirsty

By Logan Fried, Grade 8

My favorite part of my project was taping up my hand and my least favorite part was having to take it off. My inspiration was when I was drinking my water. I would paint it next time if I had more time because it would look better. I learned how to create things with tape. I was surprised by how long it took. I first taped my objects and then I cut it and taped it back together.



Deserts

By Haru Osaka, Grade 4

My favorite part of my project was the cactus because I liked drawing it. The desert was my inspiration. If I did this again I would change the car in the front. I learned how to put the vanishing point on the side in some one point perspective drawings. I first sketched, then colored, and then put details.

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

Census Bureau Now Hiring Field Representatives

We're looking for job seekers who are interested in joining the federal government's largest statistical agency as a field representative. Census Bureau field representatives serve an important role in completing our mission and help give a voice to their community. [Apply for Jobs in Your Community](#)

Family STEM Night

Congratulations S.T.E.M. Trivia Winners!

First Place

Flabbergasted Pickles

Lila El-Mofty, Lila Finegold, Kennedy Sindelair, Ava Hadsell & Gianna Chumil Lazio

*Your names will appear on the Quiz Bowl plaque in the cafeteria!

*Next week you will have UFO all days!

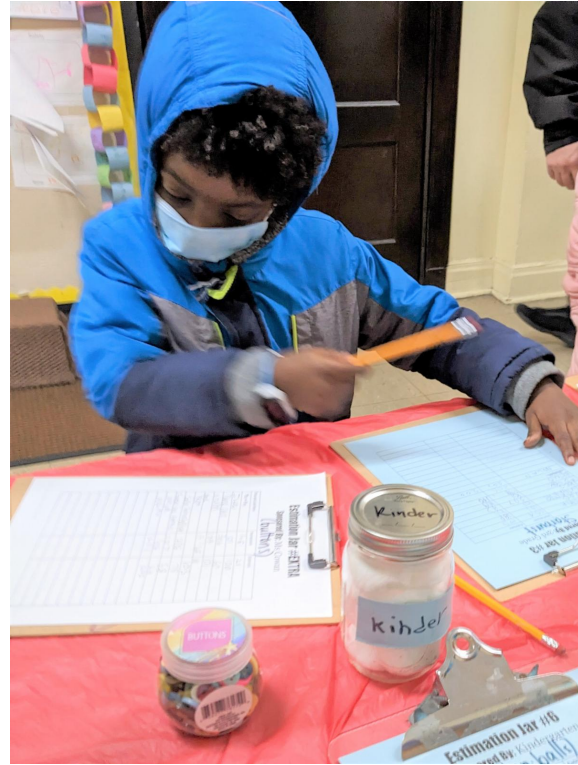
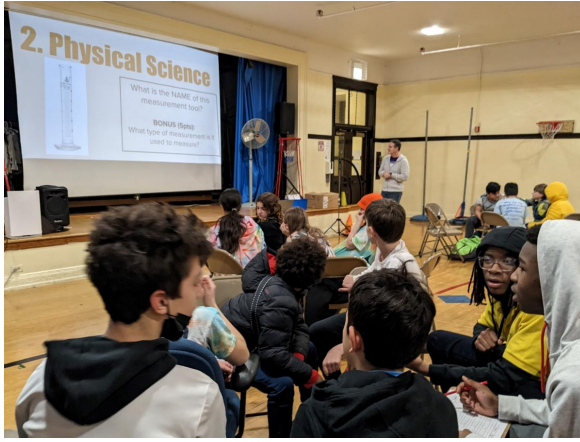
2nd Place:

Science Wizards

Dhairya Khare, Sohlay Yanez, Parker Lee, Mia Martinez & Dania Perez-Cux

3rd Place:

Greek Freaks



Congratulations! Thank you! Help needed!

Thanks to all the parents who helped with Kindness Week!

Thanks to the 6-8th graders who assembled packages for refugees.

Thanks to parents who helped to assemble packages for refugees: Maria Corral, Tracy Kremer, Rachel Aguirre, Matthew Ingleby.

A special thank-you to Teachers Lis Barajas and Priscilla Lindsey for organizing the care packages for refugees!

Thanks to parent Becca Safranski and the 4th grade parents for the Teacher & Staff Appreciation lunch today.

Thanks to Prescott Parents who greeted families at Family STEM Night: Lindsay MacMillan, Sara Nutt, Jessica Coleman, Alexa Sindelar, Jennifer Bushek.

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**Spring sports are here!** This is an opportunity to coach an amazing team!

- Girls Soccer: ( 2 Coaches)  
5th/6th Grade & 7th/8th Grade
- Track and Field:( 4 coaches)  
Girls 5th/6th Grade & 7th/8th Grade  
Boys 5th/6th Grade & 7th/8th Grade
- Co-Ed Flag Football: (2 Coaches)  
5th/6th Grade

Schedules are posted at [cpsathletics.com](http://cpsathletics.com). Please email with any questions.

Athletic Director LaDonna Love

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CPS Athletics

## Love & Logic

Over the years, I've seen some friends and relatives who devoted their lives to protecting their children from inconvenience, discomfort, struggle, disappointment, embarrassment, and delayed gratification in any form. They sacrifice themselves, their own well-being, and even their financial security to provide for all the wants of their children. I'm sure you might have seen instances of parents who have almost driven themselves into financial ruin by continuing to protect their grown children from bad financial and personal decisions.

In my experience, this has never worked out in a positive way in the long term. In addition, I have never seen the offspring of these parents wake up and recognize that they, themselves, have become spoiled, self-centered, and need to change their ways.

Here is an example of a parent who apparently knew how to help her kids avoid entitlement, but eventually gave the wrong message to one of her kids. When I met this family, they appeared to have great teenagers. "Yes, they are," she offered. "I worked hard with them when they were little, and it really paid off. They were expected to behave and act responsibly by helping with the family jobs. Now they are a joy."

Unfortunately, the third child in the family was nothing like the older ones. With remorse, she told us that by the time her third child came along she was worn out. "I no longer had the energy, so my way was to just give him what he wants. I didn't want the hassle."

She went on to say that this was the worst mistake of her life. "He's not like the other kids. He's lazy and selfish. All he wants to do is watch TV and play video games. He's never happy unless he gets his way."

This parent had discovered how to create an entitled child who would probably never be happy. She had to decide whether to continue as she was or to start setting some limits so that he would grow up to be responsible. The good news is that it's never too late to use the principles and techniques of Love and Logic.

We have developed several techniques that can help parents raise kids who grow into responsible and successful adults. For example, here are our Four Steps to Responsibility:

1. Give the child a task that you know that the child can handle.

2. Hope that the child fails at the task (this is the learning opportunity for the child).
3. Allow the consequences, delivered with empathy, to do the teaching.
4. Give the child the same task until the child learns to respond with responsibility and succeed at the task.

Using these four steps lays the foundation for responsible behavior, which is essential for avoiding entitlement. For more details on helping your kids avoid entitlement and become responsible adults, listen to our classic audio, [Four Steps to Responsibility](#).

For a similar perspective from Dr. Amen on how parents can inadvertently create entitled kids, read the blog, [Dr. Amen on Dr. Phil: Does Ineffective Parenting Create Entitled Kids?](#)

Remember to join Dr. Charles Fay and Dr. Daniel G. Amen tomorrow, February 16, for our FREE Online Event, [Loving Discipline Builds Healthy Brains](#).

Thanks for reading!

If this is a benefit, forward it to a friend. Our goal is to help as many families as possible.

[Jim Fay](#)

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## Families who pick up students via cars at 3:45pm

- Please remember to park along Wrightwood, Marshfield, and Ashland in safe, legal places.
- Please do not park in the east-west alley just north of Prescott School or the east-west alley between Marshfield and Paulina.
- Starting next week, in cooperation with the alderman's office, **both alleys will be blocked with cones or horses to prevent cars from parking there or driving through the alleys.**

Thank you for being a good neighbor.

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## Get your child their Covid booster!

Federal health officials have approved an updated COVID-19 vaccine, also known as a "bivalent booster," that protects against Omicron variants.

### Who can get this updated booster?

Chicagoans 5 and up who have received their primary COVID-19 vaccine series should get this new booster at least two months after their last COVID-19 dose or booster. Visit [Chicago.gov/boost](https://www.chicago.gov/boost) for more information.

### Where can I get this booster (or my primary COVID-19 vaccine series)?

Visit [cps.edu/vaccinations](https://www.cps.edu/vaccinations)

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

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



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[Covid-19 Guidance for Prescott families and staff](#)

[Orientacion de Covid-19 para las familias y el personal de Prescott](#)

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

[Hagase un cliq aqui para aprender mas de como prevenir el Virus sincitial respiratorio \(RSV\)](#)

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[Early Dismissal, Alternative Pick-up, and Building Access](#)