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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.

15 school days until IAR grades 3-8

February 24, 2023

Prescott families and friends,

A record 7 Future Problem Solvers teams qualified to go to the state competition! They'll compete in Normal, IL on April 21-22 against top teams from around the state. The goals of FPS are:

- Program Goals are rooted in Curriculum & Instruction
- Encourages students to improve their critical and analytical thinking skills
- Aids students in increasing their creative thinking abilities
- Stimulates students' knowledge and interest in the future
- Extends students' written and verbal communication skills
- Encourages students to develop and improve research skills
- Provides students with a problem solving model to integrate into their lives
- Advocates real-life problem solving experiences
- Guides students to become more self-directed and responsible
- Develops teamwork skills and promotes responsible group membership

More information is at <https://www.illinois-fpsb.com/>.

Congratulations to our 29 4th-8th grader Future Problem Solvers!

-- Coached by Teachers Sara Hainsfurther and Kelly Abolt

Erin Roche, Principal

Meghan Breyer, Assistant Principal

Future Problem Solving teams advancing to the state competition

Jade Cortis
Lila Finegold
Ava Hadsell
Lila Marcus

Olivia Cortis
Banner Marren
Salila Somashekhar
Dominic Wheatley
Alaina Finegold

Talisa Arciniega*
Ron Averbukh
Gus Gagne*
Leo Cabrera

Yalexi Meza
Lillian O'Callaghan
Kennedy Sindelar
Matthew Trice

Buruk Casario
Gabby Hill*
Daphne Sinitsyn*
Alexia Zambrana Lens*

Zoey El-Mofty*
Lindsay Johnson*
Blythe Kirsch*
Isabel Wood*

Maya Andujar-Redman*
Hazel Coleman*
Brooks Henderson*
Ophelia Sebastian*

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

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
27-28 IAR grades 3-8 Reading & Math
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 has begun for 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

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.

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](#).

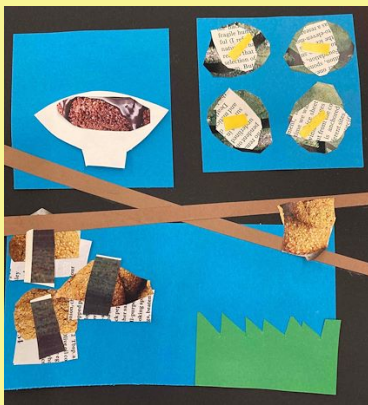
[Counseling Referral Form](#)

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!

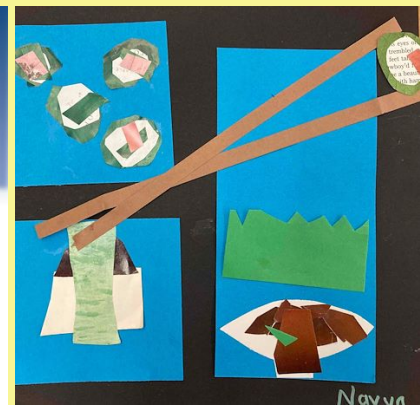
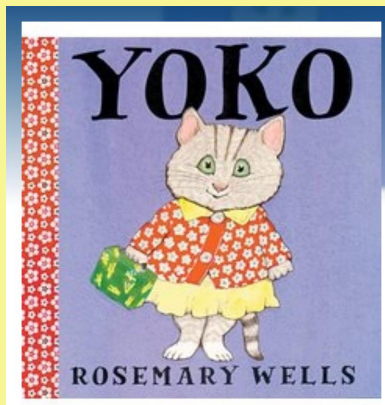
Prescott Art Gallery

First graders in room 104 are learning about the art, culture, and traditions of Japan in art class. They created sushi collages after reading *Yoko* by Rosemary Wells and *First Book of Sushi* by Amy Wilson Sanger. They found textures and colors in magazines, and they practiced their scissor skills cutting small shapes.



Alex Larsson, Grade 1

I like sushi. My favorite is avocado with the seaweed on the outside and avocado with the seaweed on the inside. I like the rice too. From the *Yoko* story, I learned everyone should try things they haven't tried before.



Navya Patel, Grade 1

I have never tried sushi before. When my mom asks me, I say no. I just don't want to try it. In *Yoko*, no one tried her food, but then they started to try it. At the end it was happy.

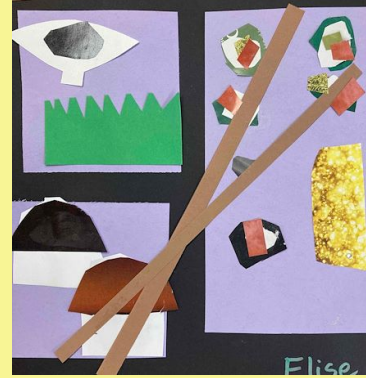
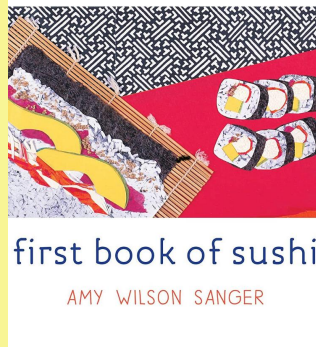


Betty Erxleben, Grade 1

I do not like sushi. I only had it two times. I like the chopsticks in my picture and how they are holding some sushi. I liked the *Yoko* story,

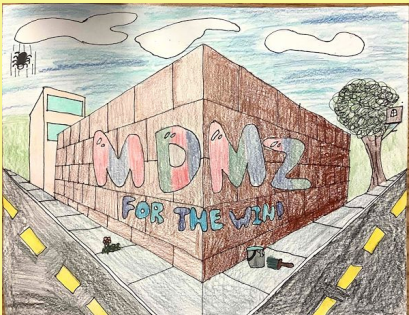


because I like it when the boy tries Yoko's food.



Bruno Sebastian, Grade 1
I love sushi. My favorite kind is avocado rolls. In they Yoko story, nobody would try the sushi at school until one person was so hungry he ate it. He liked it. We should try things to see if we like them.

Elise Pawelko, Grade 1
I like sushi. My favorite is the gyozas. I don't really like the others that much. In Yoko, no one would try her food. That isn't kind. They should have tried it, because even if I didn't want to try that, I would still try it.



The Abandoned Alley
By Maya Andujar-Redman, Grade 4

My favorite part of my artwork is the about-to-die spider in the left top corner. My least favorite part of my artwork is nothing. My inspiration is because my Battle of the Books team won and MDMZ was our team name. If I could change anything about my artwork, I wouldn't. I learned how to use 2 point perspective and shading to make my buildings look 3D. It surprised me how the building looked so real and 3D. First I drew my guidelines, then I started to sketch out by building and background, lastly I colored everything in.



Graffiti
By Mason Hardy, Grade 4

My favorite part is the graffiti wall. My least favorite part is the can of spray paint. My inspiration was a graffiti wall on Greenview Ave. I would change the background building because it didn't have windows. I learned how to draw 2 point perspective. Nothing surprised me. I drew a 2 point perspective building and I colored it in.

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

4-5th graders and 6-8th grade teams battled in the *Battle of the Books*

The 4-5th grader teams read 21 books and answered dozens of questions, missing only one among all of them! The crowd roared as if it were the Super Bowl! The 4/5th grade winning team was *MDMZ*: Maya Andujar-Redman, Daphne Sinitsyn, Mila Fried, Zoey El-Mofty.

-- 4-5th grade teams coached by Teacher Kelly Abolt

Next week: photos and the winning team from the 6-8th grade battle!



Congratulations! Thank you! Help needed!

We have raised over \$19,000 with this year's raffle contest!

Overall Classroom Contest Winner: Barajas - Extra Recess + 1 Week of UFO!!!

Additional Classrooms winning an extra recess:

Austria
Birnbaum
Phares
Jasutis

Middle School Winners:

6th Grade - Gianna Chumil
7th Grade - Marius Bushek
8th Grade - Kennedy Sindelar

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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/8thGrade  
Boys 5th/6th Grade & 7th/8th Grade
- Co-Ed Flag Football: (2 Coaches)  
5th/6th Grade  
7th/8th Grade

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

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CPS Athletics

## 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.

## 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