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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

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February 3, 2023

Prescott families and friends,

Congratulations to Teacher Lis Barajas who was one of 19 CPS Teachers awarded *Meritorious Service* among teachers with less than five years of teaching experience, as part of the *Those Who Excel & Teacher of the Year Awardees* by the state of IL (ISBE)! See the full list at [Teacher of the Year-- Those Who Excel Awards list \(ISBE, 2022-23\)](#)

Ms. Barajas has taught Kindergartners at Prescott for three years and previously served as a SECA at Prescott for five years. She has trailblazed Kindergarten work menus to greatly enhance their executive functioning (independently self-monitoring, time management, material organization) and co-led K-2 iPad and Smart Board integration to enrich student learning.

How exciting that our students are benefiting from Ms. Barajas' instruction and classroom community!

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

3 No school for students; staff development day

3 Boys 5/6th basketball game at Warren Park 8:30pm v. Rockets

6 Boys 5/6th basketball game at Amundsen High School 8:30pm v. Bell

10 Q3 Progress Reports sent home to families

13 Boys 5/6th basketball game at Amundsen High School 8:30pm v. Patriots

13-17 Kindness Week  
14 School tour at 9am  
16 Family STEM Night 5-6pm  
20 School closed in observation of Presidents Day  
24 Boys 5/6th basketball game at Warren Park 6:30pm v. St. Clements

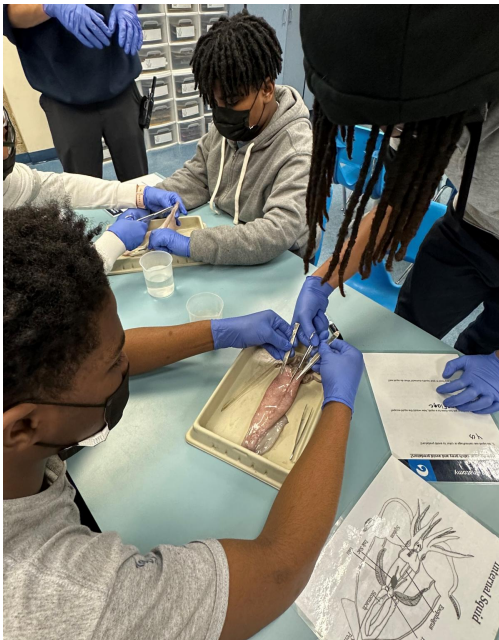
**Prescott School 2022-23  
Calendar (updated)**

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de la escuela Prescott**

**5/6th Girls basketball schedule--  
updated here**

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

7th graders took a field trip to the Shedd Aquarium where they participated in a Squid dissection learning lab connecting to their learning surrounding ecosystems and the interdependence of organisms.



## Congratulations to Mathletes at Lane Tech last Saturday!

8th grade team: 6th place with 34 cumulative points

7th grade team: 5th place with 33 cumulative points

6th grade team: 9th place with 19 cumulative points

### Individual leaders after Contest 2

8th graders: Prithvi Sukka, tied for 15th

7th graders: Dania Perez, tied for 10th

6th graders: Jameson Roche, tied for 7th

Coach Moran

### Chicago Jr. Math League: CJML scores at Contest 2

## Congratulations to Mathletes who competed in the Math Counts competition at Morgan Park High School this Saturday!

Caroline Quinlan, Lila El-Mofty, Dania Perez, Dhariya Khare, Lee Gussis, Mia Martinez, Sohlai Yanez, Jameson Roche

### Physical Education

First grade students in Ms. Hazelip's class (Room 102), continue working on their throwing and spatial awareness skills by engaging in physical activities that require throwing for accuracy. In this week's photos, students took part in the activity titled "Clean Your Room," where students throw yarn balls to the opposing team's side. The yarn balls represent "garbage," and the team with the most yarn balls on their side at the end of the round have the messiest room. Both teams then engage in a quick workout activity, such as jumping jacks, toe-touches, and holding themselves up in the push up position for five seconds. Students are having a blast, demonstrating their understanding of personal space, play area boundaries, and completing the task at hand, while playing by the rules (SHAPE Standards 1-5).

### 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!





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## Counselor's Corner

### 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](mailto: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:

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](#).

The Office of Student Health and Wellness has a few more in-person and virtual workshops this year for families, both in English and Spanish. Click [here](#) to view the in-person sessions and [here](#) to view the virtual sessions available.

### 6th grade families:

The High Jump application is open now until February 13th! High Jump is "designed for intellectually curious and academically motivated students seeking a high school experience that will challenge them socially and academically" and was created to provide these experiences to students who otherwise may not have that opportunity. Learn more about the program [here](#) and start your application [here](#).

### [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!



### ***Bullying=No***

by Alexia Zambrana-Lens  
Grade 5

I learned that Aaron Douglas was an important artist in the Harlem Renaissance. I also learned that jazz emerged during it, and that Black people were finally able to get better education and better work in the north.

I chose to make my art about bullying because it is a big problem in many schools and workplaces. I made the setting to be a school because for me it represents the place that it happens most in. The line through the middle separates the two scenes. On the wall on the left is a poster that encourages people to be mean and on the right wall is another poster that encourages kindness. The figures on the left are one person bullying the other, and on the right is two people who are accepting their differences and talking it out. I chose blue because it is both sad and also happy in a weird way.



### ***My Aaron Douglas-Like Painting***

by Xander Mal,  
Grade 5

What I learned about the Harlem Renaissance was it was a time lots of music and paintings. The Harlem Renaissance took place between slavery and the Civil Rights Movement so many African Americans moved to a place that



### ***Feminism***

by Olivia Cortis,  
Grade 5

I learned that after slavery ended, there still was discrimination towards people with darker skin colors. A lot of black people went to the north to escape this discrimination. I learned that Aaron Douglas was black and was living during the Harlem Renaissance. He made paintings using a monochromatic color scheme, silhouettes, symbols, and he made the background the lightest color and in the front the darkest to add depth. His paintings show slavery, and people migrating to the north. His paintings show what is important to him.

I chose to make my work about feminism, and how men are given more opportunities and things handed to them than women. I chose this because I see this happen all the time, and I am a girl and believe that men get more opportunities. I chose pink because pink is said to be a "girl" color and it represents girls. The symbol I chose was the female symbol, I also had a gear in the front to show she is working. The girl on the right is working to build her ladder, she is holding a hammer and has supplies. On the left the guys had a ladder built for him so he can succeed. That represents that he has opportunities given to him. The girl's ladder is smaller and has many gaps so that she can't climb it. The guy has a big and strong ladder that has very little gaps so it is easy to climb.



respected them and a place with more freedom.

I made this work about getting the vaccine because getting vaccinated is a very good thing to do so you don't get sick or even spread Covid to others. The symbols I chose for this artwork were Covid to represent the threat, and the vaccine, and heart to both represent health. The story the silhottes tell is the guy in the bottom left has a sign showing the vaccine crossed out. The first person in the middle is a doctor and the other is a person getting vaccinated, and the final guy on the right is happy people are getting vaccinated.



**Bright town**  
by Cora Lee,  
Grade 4

My favorite part is the painting. My least favorite is the sky. I would change the road to a river if I did this again. I learned how to draw buildings in perspective. Nothing surprised me. First we drew the lines to help figure out where to place the trees, buildings, and the road. Next we drew the buildings, then we drew the trees. Next we drew the road, and finally we painted.

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

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

Thanks to parents who chaperoned the field trips this week-- 7th graders to the Shedd Aquarium as part of science learning and 8th graders to the Holocaust Museum as part of Social Studies learning.

## **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!**

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://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!**

**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**