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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.

5 school days until IAR grades 3-8

March 10, 2023

Prescott families and friends,

Our 6-8th grade can achieve four levels of autonomy as they work independently or in small groups: Explorer, Surveyor, Navigator, and Pathfinder. Each level gives them more choice about when and where they can sit and move throughout the classroom.

Our middle schoolers weekly reflect on their level of autonomy and plan ways to improve:

- Time management
- Self control
- Organization
- Focus
- Work completion
- Respect.

Similar to our middle schoolers, our Kindergartners have developed extensively the past two years their time management, organization, and work completion through the use of their own management of their menu. I'm excited to see how their higher executive functioning skills translate to stronger learning and social skills in later grades. Ask your child about one of the above areas that they think they do well and ask for examples. Ask them about an area they want to improve and how they plan to do it.

Click the button below to read full descriptions of the four levels of autonomy.

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

LEVELS OF AUTONOMY

[Click here to understand the IAR](#)

[IAR Tutorial](#)

Calendar of upcoming events

March

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

April

3-7 Spring Break, no classes for students

10 Classes resume

11 School tour at 9am

17-21 Vision and hearing screening

26 Progress Reports go home for 4th Quarter

27-29 Drama Club performances of *Peter Pan*

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

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Physical Education

Throughout the school year, students have been working on collaborative activities to develop their teamwork, problem solving, and communication skills to be successful, as well as performance tasks.

This week's photos spotlight Prescott's 7th Grade Students engaged in our bowling unit. All students K-8th experience working with bowling pins and rubber bowling balls. A life-long sport, bowling is a great way to collaborate with classmates in an engaging and active learning environment. Students learned words such as velocity, strike, spare, pendulum, and foul line to name a few. In addition (no pun intended), students were tasked with calculating their bowling scores manually. For students K-1, the focus was working on rolling the ball and rotating between responsibilities in their lane. Students 2nd-5th used their math skills to add their points using an actual bowling score sheet. Students in 6th-8th learned how to score a strike and a spare accurately, which ties into algebra when solving for a strike (X) and spare (/).

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 is completed for the third quarter! The next round of classes will take place during the fourth quarter for the following classrooms. Please look for an email from Mr. Medina in the near future:

5th Grade Room 206

1st Grade Room 104

3rd Grade Room 307

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

All families:

The [CDC's Youth Risk Behavior Survey](#) results were recently released. This survey is given every other year to middle and high school students around the country, including Chicago. There was [alarming data](#), but there was also positive information - students who feel connected to their school had more long-lasting protection against poor mental health outcomes. While the report is long, it is worth a read to see what issues our teenagers are facing, especially post-pandemic.

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**. For more information on this process, read this year's [handbook](#).
- 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](#).

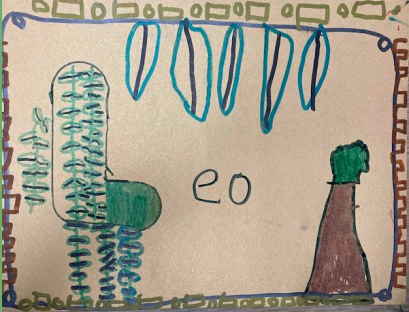
[Counseling Referral Form](#)

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 Ireland in art class. They watched stop-motion animation stories about the making of the Book of Kells, and they created Celtic knots and illuminated letters inspired by the illustrations in the book. They also painted landscapes with sheep, inspired by the scenery of Ireland.



Leo Christoforidis, Grade 1

The Book of Kells is a national treasure of Ireland. It was made from cow skin. A lot of scribes made it. A scribe is a very talented writer.



Bruno Sebastian, Grade 1

Ireland is so green because there is so much grass and rain. There are no snakes in Ireland. When it was ice, it broke apart from the land and there were no reptiles because it was too cold.



Marlowe Heiner, Grade 1

The Irish artists went all around the world to get ink to use, and they made pages with good details where the words are like pictures.



Colors of the World

By Ava Kwong, Kindergarten

We were using our imagination. I drew dogs and cats and a rabbit in the air. The sun is different colors. There's a house on the ground. There's a basketball hoop TV and another sun.



Flower of Strength

By Magdalena Margolis, Grade 8

My favorite part about this artwork is how the envelope came out because I think it looks pretty realistic. My least favorite part of this artwork is probably the actual flowers because they don't look super realistic. I am showing strength through this. This flower represents strength and I think I have showed a lot of strength throughout the years.



Sky Blue

By Noelle Hardy, Kindergarten

There's a building and an upside down car! There's a floating person. There's a beach in the top corner. And there's a blue sun. We were trying to use our imagination and not make it realistic.

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

Congratulations! Thank you! Help needed!

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

Track and Field

Coach: SECA Ms. Marks and Ms. Franklin
Girls 5th/6th Grade & 7th/8th Grade
Boys 5th/6th Grade & 7th/8th Grade

Co-Ed Flag Football:

Coaches Markus Sexton and Ibn-Ramziddin
5th/6th Grade: 25 students have signed up!
7th/8th Grade: 19 students have signed up!

Schedules are posted at cpsathletics.com. Please email with any questions.

Athletic Director LaDonna Love

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**Prescott benefit Raffle Winners**

Overall Classroom Contest Winner: Barajas - Extra Recess + 1 Week of UFO!!!  
Additional Classrooms winning an extra recess: Austria (103), Birnbaum (106), Phares (301),  
Jasutis (306)

Middle School Winners:

6th Grade - Gianna Chumil

7th Grade - Marius Bushek

8th Grade - Kennedy Sindelar

Teacher Parking Spot Raffle Winner: Ms. Lindsey

Poker Tournament Winner -- UFO for 1 week for child's/children's entire grade(s)

Name: Ross Luisi for Olivia and Marcus Grade(s): 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade and 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

Top Casino Chip 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner -- UFO for 1 week for child's/children's entire grade(s)

Name: Chris Friedsam for Caia and Chase, Grade(s): 7<sup>th</sup> Grade and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Top Casino Chip 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Winner -- 1 Extra Recess for child's/children's entire grade(s)

Name: Chris Smolak for Vivienne, Grade(s): Kindergarten

Top Casino Chip 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Winner -- 1 UFO day for child's/children's entire grade(s)

Name: Brandy Corbay – donated to 5<sup>th</sup> Grade (no students), Grade(s): **5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

CPS Athletics

**Get your child their Covid booster!**

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 cliq aquí para aprender más de cómo prevenir el Virus sincitial respiratorio

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**Early Dismissal, Alternative Pick-up, and Building Access**