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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](mailto:clpalmer6@cps.edu). **Please sign up for digital access to your 1st-8th grader's grades via Parent Portal in Aspen.** Contact Ms. Williams.

## Tuesday- Friday is IAR grades 3-8

March 17, 2023

Prescott families and friends,

Starting Tuesday, March 21, our Prescott 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders will take the IL Assessment of Readiness or IAR. The IAR assesses our students' mastery of the Common Core State Standards (CCSS), which Illinois adopted in 2010. The CCSS challenges our students on the level of international learning expectations.

### **Grades 3-8**

Tues, March 21 Reading & Writing 1

Wed,, March 22 Reading & Writing 2

Thurs, March 23 Math 1

Friday, March 24 Math 2

Monday, March 27 Reading & Writing 3

Tuesday, March 28 Math 3

### **Before test nights:**

- Speak with your child about testing so that they understand why doing their best is important
- Make sure your child gets a good night's sleep the night before the assessment
- Ensure your child arrives to school on time on the day of the assessment
- Remind your child to take their time, listen to and read all directions, and tackle one question at a time
- Help your child maintain a positive mindset by reminding them of their strengths and accomplishments
- Review the **Student Readiness Tools** to gain familiarity with the testing experience. (<https://download.pearsonaccessnext.com/il/il-srt.html>)

The IAR assesses student writing response to readings, their use of evidence to prove their points, student use of math reasoning, and student application and modeling in math. It is not like old-fashioned multiple-choice tests but much more sophisticated to gauge critical thinking and skills. Like a final exam, the IAR gives us teachers, students, and parents an in-depth picture of

each student's learning. We want to know what our students know!

Thank you for your partnership in your student's academic success!

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](#)

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## Calendar of upcoming events

### March

**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

### 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

First grade students in Room 102 continued 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, Toy Box Edition," where students throw yarn balls to a stationary target (the toy box). The goal is to have the yarn balls (representing "toys)," thrown to the opposing team's side and have the yarn balls land in the box. 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 (NASPE 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 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

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

### All families:

Join Kids First Chicago for a panel discussion and town hall regarding Chicago's transition to an elected school board. [Register here](#) to attend virtually.

Join LIFT-Chicago's W.I.S.H. program (Wealth-Building Ideas for Strengthening Households) for six virtual financial literacy sessions in April. For more information and to register, click [here](#) (English) or [here](#) (Spanish).

### 8th grade families:

- GoCPS results will be released **Friday, March 24th**, and families will have until **Tuesday, April 14th** to accept or decline offers. [Click here](#) for a step-by-step guide to accepting/declining offers and understanding the rolling waitlist.
- 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](#)

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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!





**Jazzy Night 2**  
Bernie Erxleben,  
Grade 3

I used a detail brush, flat brush, and round brush. I used the detail brush to fill in small areas and make smaller details. I used the flat to fill in large space so I could fill them in without having to use all the brushes and taking lots of time to fill the spaces in. I used a sponge and dipped it into paint to make a brick pattern.

In this piece of artwork I added a piano, saxophone, guitar, and a clarinet.

I made my moon not too far away from the edges so there will still be room for all other things and I added lots lots and lots of notes and I added instruments.



**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



**Jazz Flowing Through**  
Olivia Luisi, Grade 3

The great migration was where people moved to different parts of the USA, it brought jazz music to Chicago. Jazz instruments are trumpet, trombone, saxophone, and a guitar. Oil pastels Can be used to cover up space better than crayons and they fill up the space very well. My picture shows jazz music flowing around and my picture shows that the jazz instruments are making beautiful music.



**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.



**The Wonderful World of Jazz**  
By Riley Lewis, Grade 3

Are use flat brushes and round brushes to create the first parts on the canvas. I used some water and white paint to make some stars. I did that with flicking back and making stars then next with the round brush to make the moon I used a sponge to make the bricks. I included a saxophone, trumpet, a piano, and the guitar. Well i added my own Technique to make the notes.

different colors. There's  
a house on the ground.  
There's a basketball  
hoop TV and another  
sun.

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](http://cpsathletics.com). Please email with any questions.

Athletic Director LaDonna Love

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CPS Athletics

## Family Engagement Focus Group Survey / Encuesta de grupos de enfoque de participación familiar

Hello! We REALLY want to hear from you! We are in the process of figuring out how we can do a better job of reaching and supporting our families. You can tell us your thoughts and ideas in this survey or participate in a focus group. We are collecting data this year through family surveys and family focus groups to create a plan for family engagement starting in 2023-2024. In order to get valid data, we need as many families to participate as possible in either the survey or the focus groups, so please participate!

¡Hola! ¡Realmente queremos saber de usted! Estamos en el proceso de descubrir cómo podemos hacer un mejor trabajo para llegar y apoyar a nuestras familias. Puede contarnos sus pensamientos e ideas en esta encuesta o participar en un grupo focal. Estamos recopilando datos este año a través de encuestas familiares y grupos de enfoque familiar para crear un plan para la participación familiar a partir de 2023-2024. Para obtener datos válidos, necesitamos que participen tantas

familias como sea posible en la encuesta o en los grupos de enfoque, ¡así que participe!

## Family Engagement Focus Group Survey

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 aquí

## 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

