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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.

Monday-Tuesday continues the IAR grades 3-8

March 24, 2023

Prescott families and friends,

The IAR continues Monday and Tuesday for our Prescott 3rd-8th graders. 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

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](https://download.pearsonaccessnext.com/il/il-srt.html) 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!

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

March

27-28 IAR grades 3-8 Reading & Math

29 Student-Led Conferences-- virtual & in person 11am-6:15pm

31 6-8th grade dance in the gym 2:45-3:45pm

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 \(updated\)](#)

[Prescott School absent
form/ Formulario de ausencias
de la escuela Prescott](#)

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

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:

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 **TODAY, Friday, March 24th after 6pm**, and families will have until **Tuesday, April 14th** to accept or decline offers. Please review Ms. Mathews' email from yesterday for more detailed information.
- 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](#).
- Ms. Mathews will also host virtual office hours for Prescott families who have questions about or need support with offers 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

study of Rembrandt's seascape, Storm on the Sea of Galilee. They created these watercolor and ink projects inspired by his work, and they had fun adding details like cannon battles and messages in bottles. They learned they story of the painting's theft, and they studied Rembrandt's use of dramatic light and shadow.



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

Congratulations! Thank you! Help needed!

Thanks to Clerk Cecelia Williams and Parent Tracy Kremer for updating the enrollment and registration process on the school website. You can see their work at the link below.
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Prescott alumni Mia Cruz, a 10th grader at Western Academy in Ohio, traveled to Athens, Greece with her school. Here she is in front of the Parthenon at the Acropolis!  
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Teachers Kelly Abolt and Kristin Cripe created a "teacher experience." Check out their cake handiwork with students in the photo below.
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PAX International Exchange has open a Community-Partnership Position to coordinate teen international student placements with students in the United States. The US Dept of Education and the US Dept of State work with PAX. It is a part-time position and can be done after school hours by anyone in the community who is over the age of 25, enjoys working with youth, wants to learn about other cultures and enjoys traveling to wonderful destinations for free at least once a year. Attached is a flyer if interested in learning more about this opportunity.



Register and enroll at Prescott School

PAX part-time position to coordinate hosting international students

CPS Athletics

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## 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

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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 aqui](#)

## 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 clic aquí para aprender más de cómo prevenir el Virus sincitial respiratorio \(RSV\)](#)

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