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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.

March 31, 2023

Prescott families and friends,

I'm humbled to share these two special, extraordinary announcements!

Prescott has earned RAMP (Recognized ASCA Model Program)! As one of only six CPS schools to earn this prestigious designation this school year, in the wake of the pandemic and one of only 30 schools in the state of Illinois, this is an outstanding accomplishment! The RAMP designation from the American School Counselor Association is a highly intensive, national accreditation and recognizes school counseling programs that are comprehensive, data-driven, and impact student success. The RAMP recognition of Prescott's counseling program is a reflection of the outstanding work of Counselor Marisa Mathews and teachers and staff across K-8 to care for our students and families.

During a time when our students and families need more support than ever, we are fortunate to have such a high-quality, nationally recognized counseling program. Thanks to Counselor Marisa Mathews and her tireless work on behalf of students and families! A media announcement from ASCA and Prescott School is forthcoming in mid-April.

Over 70% of our 8th graders have been accepted to highly competitive high schools, including Lane Tech, ChiArts, Von Steuben Scholars, Amundsen IB DP, Lincoln Park IB, Westinghouse, Whitney Young, Mother McAuley (full scholarship), and Jones. Prescott's averages 40% in recent years and is historically far above average, so our 8th graders have been extraordinary this year!

Our 8th graders' success started in Kindergarten with collaborative, smart, caring teachers and staff, such as Priscilla Lindsey (15 years at Prescott!) and SECA-turned-Teacher Lis Barajas (some 8 years at Prescott!) and on through 8th grade. Our 8th graders have matured and grown thanks to high expectations, personalized and holistic learning, and care at home and school over nine years.

We will continue to advocate and work with all our 8th graders to ensure that 100% of them enroll in a high-quality, college-prep high school. Since the Great Recession of 2008, 100% of new jobs created require at least some college. We want our students to be on a life path that is financially secure, civically engaged, and joyful.

Have a safe and enjoyable Spring Break! Looking forward to resuming classes on

Monday, April 10th

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

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**

Family plans to return to Prescott 2023-24 Planes para volver a la Prescott 2023-24

Please let us know if you plan to return to Prescott next school year. We value your input and we want to see you next year!

¡Hola! Háganos saber si planea regresar a Prescott el próximo año escolar.

¡Valoramos su opinión y esperamos verlo el próximo año!

Plan to return for 2023-24/ Planes para volver para 2023-24

Physical Education

Have a wonderful, safe, and active spring break! Make sure that you are engaged in any type of physical activity for at least 60 minutes throughout the day!

Health Education

Prescott Students have completed Sexual Health Education (SHE) classes for the school year! 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!

Parents and caregivers can learn about 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!



Counselor's Corner

All families:

Ageless Eye Care will be providing full eye exams to students at their office during spring break. If your child is in need of an eye exam, please call their office at 312-929-3340 to schedule an appointment.

[Safe Haven Sites](#) will be operating for students over spring break. These sites provide free academic and social-emotional programming for students during school breaks. Lunch and snacks are provided.

Compass Health Center knows that returning to school after breaks can be challenging for some children. Click [here](#) to learn more about their school-year programming and [here](#) for their summer creative arts therapy program.

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:

- Families have until **Friday, April 14th** to accept or decline GoCPS offers. Please review Ms. Mathews' email from yesterday for more detailed information.
- The Principal's Discretion application is available now by requesting an application on the GoCPS portal. Applications will close on **Friday, April 14th**. For more information on this process, read this year's [handbook](#). If your child needs to request recommendations, they can do so [here](#).
- If students are interested in summer jobs, they are eligible to apply for jobs through [One Summer Chicago](#). Applications close June 2.

[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



Kindergarten students in room 103 learned about primary colors this week! They used tempera paint and strips of paper to make these color block paintings inspired by Piet Mondrian. They also assembled shapes cut from primary colors to make school bus pictures, and they added their friends to their buses just for fun.

"The primary colors are red, blue and yellow." ~Sienna

"Yellow is a weak color, red is the strongest, and blue is in the middle." ~ Willow

"Primary colors can mix to make other colors." ~Luca



Micah Jaffe, Grade K



Leah B., Grade K

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

Congratulations! Thank you! Help needed!

Thanks to parents who helped with today's 6-8th grade dance!

Liliana Salamanca, Sarah Fried, Alexa Sindelar, Dana Fenceroy, Shelley Krepich, and Michael Lacey threw an awesome party for our middle schoolers!

Thanks to all the Room 106 family members who came in person and digitally to listen to 2nd graders read aloud their stories.

Kindergartner Hope S was *Principal for a Day* today. She helped Asst Principal Ms. Breyer select birthday books (see photo below). She sits well in the principal's chair!



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](#)

[Regístrese aquí](#)

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](#)