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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.

May 12, 2023

Dear Prescott families and friends,

Our students sit on cushions, wobbly chairs, chairs with wheels, on the carpet, at round tables, and at rectangular tables. They stand raised tables with movement bars for fidgety legs. Prescott moved away from traditional, individual desks to flexible seating years ago, because we want the environment to adjust to students and not the other way around.

From the website *District Administration*:

Traditional classroom layouts operate under the assumption that all students learn in the same way, which we know is not true. Flexible classroom solutions are all about improving outcomes for students by allowing them to choose a seat or desk that works best for their learning style. For those who need more movement, standing desks or active seating allow them to move without disrupting others. In a **study** in the American Journal of Public Health, **70% of parents of students** using stand-up desks felt standing in the classroom had a positive impact on their behavior. Teachers reported students were more focused and could pay attention for longer.

Flexible classrooms can also help educators empower students to be involved in their learning. Moveable chairs and desks with multiple configuration options encourage collaboration between students and allow for more independent learning. Another **article** in the journal Learning Environments Research found students who used flexible classroom furniture were more satisfied with their learning environments than peers using traditional furniture. They also found flexible classrooms gave greater options for student autonomy and learning.

Learn more about the research by clicking the link in the button below about Flexible

Classrooms.

Erin Roche, Principal
Meghan Breyer, Assistant Principal

Flexible Classrooms and Improved Outcomes v. Traditional Classrooms

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

May

13 Girls on the Run 5K at Grant Park at 8am
18 Art Show K-8th grade 5-6:30pm
19 Walkathon (rain date 5/26)
19 3rd grade field trip to Chicago Childrens Museum
19 8th graders take the Algebra Exit Exam
25 Choirs perform at Millenium Park
25 Prescott alumni get-together 4pm
25 Family Movie Night 7-8:30pm (rain date from 5/12)
30-June 2 Spirit Week

June

1 8th grade graduation ceremony at Lincoln Park HS 5pm-6pm
2 Field Day
7 Last day of school year. Kindergarten celebration. End-of-Year Bash grades K-5 at Wrightwood Park. Report Cards go home.

Prescott School 2022-23 Calendar (updated)



National Stuttering Awareness Week

The flag currently flying under the US flag on the playground is a *Stuttering Pride* flag to raise awareness during National Stuttering Awareness Week May 8-12. Thanks to 7th grader Zane for bringing the flag and advocating for stuttering voices!

[From Stutteringprideflag.org](http://FromStutteringprideflag.org)

What is stuttering pride?

To us, stuttering pride is a belief that stuttering voices are valid and important. It is a hope for a future in which people who stutter are respected and included.

Why waves?

Water has long been associated with stuttering and speech. The Egyptian hieroglyph for stuttering features a wave-like motif.

[From Westutter.org](#)

Surveys show that people who advertise their stuttering and talk about it openly encounter fewer stuttering-related problems at school or work.

National Stuttering Awareness Week

Summer Youth Opportunities

Connect your child with summer fun!

[Here is a form](#) that you can use to find summer activities. After you check off areas of interest on the form, you'll will receive a personalized list of summer activities in your email.

If you know of a summer activity that should be added to our database, please email Teacher Nussy Moos at jlmoos@cps.edu.

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

Unfortunately, in late April, PE Teacher Mr. Medina was severely injured (ankle) during PE class. He has taken a medical leave for the remainder of the school year to allow for a full recovery. If you would like to send well wishes or cards to Mr. Medina, please bring them to the main office and we will be sure that he receives them. We are searching for a certified PE teacher to take his place temporarily. In the meantime, we aim to have a consistent substitute teacher each day. Please reach out to Principal Roche and AP Breyer if you have questions. We wish Mr. Medina a

smooth and speedy recovery!

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

May is Mental Health Month. This year's theme is "Take Some Time to Look Around, Look Within," and families are invited to participate in the daily Mental Health Month [calendar activities](#) as well as discuss the weekly focus topics together.

For the third week of May, the topic is Safe and Stable Housing. Use this [fact sheet](#) to see how having safe, stable housing has a direct effect on a person's mental health. If you are experiencing unstable housing, please reach out to Ms. Mathews to learn more about the free, confidential Students in Temporary Living Situations program that you may be eligible for.

If you or someone you know may be struggling with their mental health, please access the Mental Health America [screening](#) as a first step and talk to your doctor to receive additional support. If you are in need of additional resources, please click [here](#).

All families:

Join Kids First Chicago on May 17th at 6pm to discuss the new school accountability policy and tool that will rolled out soon for all CPS schools. RSVP for the session [here](#).

7th grade families:

The Latin School of Chicago will be hosting an information night for rising 8th graders on May 23rd at 5:30pm. If you are interested in attending, find more information [here](#) and register [here](#).

8th grade families:

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!

Joaquin's Identity

**By Joaquin Arciniega, Grade 8
For the 2023 Prescott Art Show!**

The chain link represents my family because we have a really strong and tight relationship, and it'll never break. There are 5 links to represent each

family member. The music notes represent my love for listening to music and making music. Each object represents some part of my life. I want people to remember my art project because I want them to know that these objects are the things that are most important to me, and I hope that's the message this project sends.



Calling All Prescott Artists! Enter the 2023 Prescott Art Show

Students in grades 6-8 have already completed long-term projects with the theme of Identity that will be exhibited in the show. Any students in grades K-5 are encouraged to enter identity-themed art as well. Submissions can be paintings or drawings (9x12 inches or smaller) or sculptures (18x18 or smaller). Work can be dropped off to Ms. Ammons on Monday, May 15th.

Prescott 2023 Art Show

Thursday, May 18
5:00-6:30, Prescott 2nd Floor Hallway
Enjoy Student Art, Live Music, and Light Snacks

Prescott Art Gallery



Cactus in the Desert
by Izzy Ganin, Kindergarten

We used oil pastel. Then we used warm and cool colors. Warm colors were in the background and cool colors were in the cactus. And we put details on the cactus.

Cactus
by Aria Karkhanis, Kindergarten

I made the cactus and we used warm colors in the back and cool colors in the cactus.



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

Peter Pan

Presented by the Prescott Elementary Drama Club 2023

Thanks to Co-Directors and Teachers Jaycee McCarthy and Amanda Hazelip and so many parents for putting on the show!



Congratulations! Thank you! Help needed!

Prescott Mathletes placed well at the third of three *Chicago Jr Math League* competitions!

Teacher Max Moran coaches Mathletes and Math Counts

The 8th grade team finished 6th citywide in Division B with 57 points

Prithvi Sukka finished 12th citywide with 24 total points.

Prescott Mathletes (continued)

7th grade finished in 5th Place citywide in Division B with 51 points.

6th grade finished in 7th Place citywide in Division B with 38 points

Jameson Roche finished 8th citywide with 18 total points

Congratulations to SECA MJ for winning a full-ride scholarship to get her teaching certificate at UIC! Ms. MJ earns her Masters degree next week!

It's not too late to order your copy of this year's Prescott Yearbook!

You can still customize and order your yearbook at any time, and have it shipped to your house.

The yearbook includes class portraits, team photos of all clubs and sports and a variety of photo memories of all grades, K-8. The yearbook includes photos of K-8 students actively learning in the classroom, participating in art, gym, field trips and more. The yearbook is \$14.91 (excluding sales tax and shipping). To order go to <http://www.treering.com/validate> and enter the school's passcode: 1014075079274593

Welcome!

Justus Roe will start as a temporary SECA starting Monday, 5/15/23 while Ms. Poole is on a leave of absence for the remainder of the school year. SECA Mr. Padilla has pivoted to support Ms. Poole's role, and Mr. Roe will fill Mr. Padilla's responsibilities. Mr. Roe has an extensive background working in the Chicago Public Schools in educational technology and directly with students as well as creating professional artwork. Ms. Poole intends to return to Prescott in August. Please give Mr. Roe a warm welcome to Prescott School!

Get your child their Covid booster!

Student weekly Covid testing registration/ Inscribele para una prueba semanal de Covid para estudiantes

Get your child a Covid booster! Obtenga una dosis de refuerzo para su nino/a!

Covid-19 Guidance for Prescott families and staff

Orientacion 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

Hagase un cliq aqui para aprender mas de como prevenir el Virus sincitial respiratorio (RSV)

Early Dismissal, Alternative Pick-up, and Building Access