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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.

May 19, 2023

Dear Prescott families and friends,

This year students in grades 2-7 will take the NWEA in late May or early June. The school will send home the NWEA report, so you have this information, in addition to grades, about your child's learning progress. NWEA is no longer used by the district for student grade promotion or accountability.

## Assessments required by state law

1. Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR): 3rd-8th graders
2. Illinois Science Assessment (ISA): 5th & 8th graders only
3. Performance tasks: K-8th
4. Chicago high school admissions test (CHSAT): 8th graders only

For this school year 2022-23, Prescott teachers voted to also for Kindergarten-2nd graders to be assessed one-on-one for the Benchmark Assessment System (BAS) in reading.

For 2023-24, Prescott teachers voted to formally administer only the assessments required by law. However, teachers might invite students to take the NWEA, BAS, and other assessments to guide instruction throughout the year.

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

### May

- 23-25 Days vary for 3rd-5th graders to take the NWEA
- 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 1 Days vary for 6-7th graders to take the NWEA
- 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)

## 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 Nesy Moos at [jlmoos@cps.edu](mailto:jlmoos@cps.edu).

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Registration is now open for Idea Box Integrated Arts (for-fee) summer camps, which will be held at Prescott Elementary School Jun 12 through 26. Camps are open to students entering grades 1 through 3 and students entering grades 4 through 6. Camp themes for all grade levels include: Mover's Camp, Maker's Camp, Improv Comedy Camp, and Musical Theater Camp. Half and full day options are available, as well as before and after-care. For more information and to register visit [www.IdeaBoxArts.org/camps](http://www.IdeaBoxArts.org/camps)

## 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!

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## 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 fourth week of May, the topic is The Outdoors and Nature. Use this [fact sheet](#) to see spending time outside and in nature can boost your mental health. If nature has not traditionally been "your thing," use this [worksheet](#) to plan how you can make the most of your time outdoors.

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](#).

### **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](#)

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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!

## Finding My Way By Ava Hadsell, Grade 8

The skyline of Chicago shows my current location, and the other components are showing how I am still finding my identity in where I want to go, who I want to be and what I want to do. There is a brick wall in the middle. I first added it because I had done a separate painting of the skyline with a brick wall in front of it, but in this painting it looks like it could hold meaning. It could represent barriers I have along the way. I didn't mean for this to happen, but it works well for the theme.

This painting shows my indecisive tendencies when it comes to my life and my future. The good thing is I have a lot of options, but it is difficult for me to choose

one.

To make this painting, I used a dabbing motion to add color to the grass. I also added different colors and shading to bring in the realistic aspects of the hand. I thought a lot about the hand drawing project we did earlier in the year, and I thought about the island project where we drew a compass, and these projects helped me a lot.

I hope people notice and remember the small personal details of my painting like the small Korean flag in the compass or the tiger footprints to symbolize Korea's national animal. The bracelet is one I got from my baptism into the Catholic church.



Prescott Art Gallery

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

### Girls on the Run

Teachers Ms. Swanson and Ms. Hazelip led some 25 girls on a run in Grant Park last Saturday as the culminating event of the spring's *Girls on the Run!* Talisa and Sara are below as well as the whole group.



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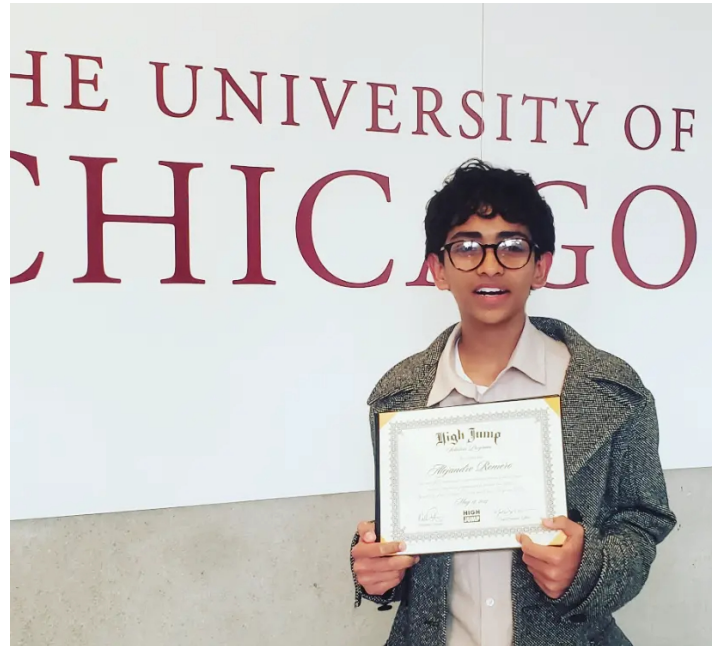
## Congratulations! Thank you! Help needed!

Thanks to all the parents who helped at *Girls on the Run* at Grant Park last Saturday!

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Thanks to Kindergarten parents and the Steffan family for the delicious Staff Appreciation lunch on Friday, May 19th!

Thanks to Prescott Parents for the *Wall of Champions* just inside the main entrance and to Building Engineer Tino Orta for installing it. Peek in the main entrance to see it when you pass by the school.

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Congratulations to Alejandro Romero who graduated from the prestigious *High Jump* program! After two years of taking rigorous academic enrichment classes at the Latin School of Chicago, Alejandro completed and graduated from the Scholars Program yesterday. The graduation took place at the University of Chicago. He's pictured below with this graduation certificate.



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### **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

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### **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!**

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**Covid-19 Guidance for Prescott families and staff**

**Orientación de Covid-19 para las familias y el personal de Prescott**

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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)

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