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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 26, 2023

Dear Prescott families and friends,

Prescott Kindergarten Teacher Lisandra Barajas was recognized last Saturday by ISBE State Superintendent Dr. Tony Sanders for winning a *Those Who Excel* award for *Meritorious Service* in Bloomington-Normal. Congratulations to Ms. Barajas on this major recognition of your excellent teaching to benefit our Kindergartners!

Ms. Barajas and Dr. Sanders are pictured below.

Erin Roche, Principal
Meghan Breyer, Assistant Principal

List of Those Who Excel awardees in Illinois, including Prescott Teacher Ms. Barajas



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

30-June 1 Days vary for 6-7th graders to take the NWEA

30 Spirit Week: Wear your pajamas

31 Spirit Week: Workout clothes

June

1 Spirit Week: Favorite team gear

1 8th grade graduation ceremony at Lincoln Park HS 5pm-6pm

2 Spirit Week: Favorite summer outfit

7 Last day of school year. Kindergarten celebration. End-of-Year Bash grades K-5 at Wrightwood Park. Report Cards go home.

August

14 Teachers officially return to prepare for students
16 SECAs officially return to prepare for students
17 New students scavenger hunt 4-5pm
17 Popsicle party at Wrightwood Park 4:30pm
21 First day of school for students
31 Curriculum Night K-5th grade @ 5pm

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 Nussy Moos at 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. As we end the month, I encourage you and your children to continue to "Take Some Time to Look Around, Look Within." We cannot access our thinking brains (pre-frontal cortex) if our emotion brains (amygdala) are on high alert. Understanding and taking care of our mental health allows us to be better students and workers and helps us be our best selves.

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](#).

### **5th-8th grade families:**

The Illinois Council on Women and Girls, chaired by Lieutenant Governor Juliana Stratton, invites girls in the state of Illinois in Grades 5-12 to apply for the Illinois Girls Lead Program. The Illinois Girls Lead Program offers participants the opportunity to shadow a woman in state government - including the Lt. Governor or a member of the Illinois General Assembly - in her Springfield office or in her respective district. Participants will observe leadership and public service in action and reflect on their experiences. Learn more about the project and apply on [Submittable](#). Applications are due May 31. If you have questions or need more information about the Illinois Girls Lead program, please contact Leadership and Inclusion Subcommittee Co-Chair Nikita Richards at 872- 588-6130 or [ndrcommunications@gmail.com](mailto:ndrcommunications@gmail.com).

### **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](#)

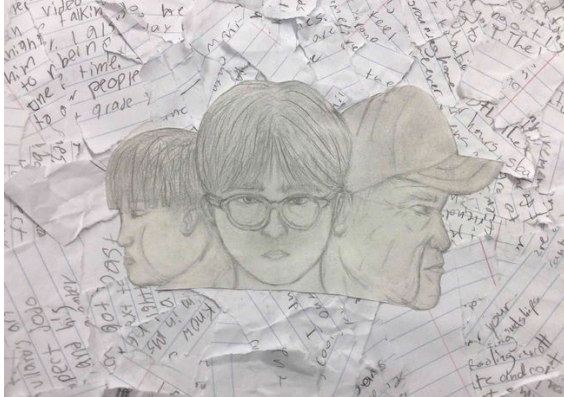
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## Prolific Prescott Artists!

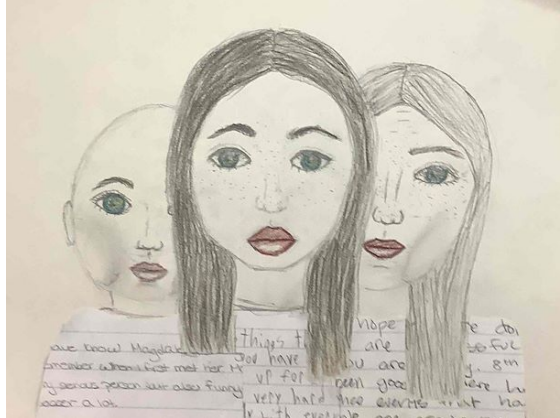
Art Teachers Ms. Ammons and Ms. Bullard nurture art skills, art history knowledge, and studio space for Prescott students to create amazing works. Check out the incredible number of high-quality K-8 artworks by our Prescott students in our online art gallery, and be sure to sign up on Artsonia so your student's work can be included!

### **8th Graders: Past, Present and Future Selves**

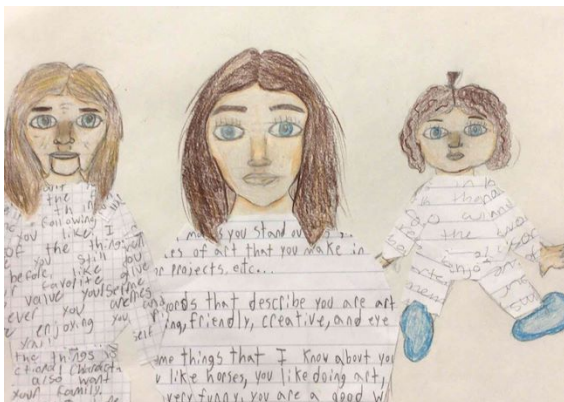
8th graders have been reflecting on and making art based on their experiences as they prepare for the big transition to high school. In these works of art, they have shown three stages of life: past, present and future. Artists including Titian, Munch, Klimt and Gauguin were studied to see how they showed these themes in their work, and students discussed why this theme is common. They then wrote a letter to their future self and a second letter to two peers about school memories they share. They reviewed proportions of the face, and the teacher modeled how to change proportions for a baby or an older person. With all of this material, the students compiled a collaged drawing. The letters are collaged into the artwork.



**Jojo Adorno, Grade 8**



**Magdalena Margolis, Grade 8**



**Cheyenne Terry, Grade 8**



**Lila Marcus, Grade 8**

**Prescott Art Gallery**

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

## **GSA Galaxy Summit**



The GSA Summit provided an inclusive and supportive environment where students had the chance to explore and celebrate the diverse makeup of the CPS community. Through engaging and informative activities, attendees from Prescott gained valuable insights into the concept of intersectionality, witnessed empowering ball and drag performances, and

fostered connections with fellow GSA members from various schools across Chicago. Additionally, the summit offered advisors a valuable platform to exchange ideas with other GSA clubs throughout the district, inspiring them to introduce fresh and innovative approaches in the upcoming year.

Teachers Mr. Schiffen and Syd sponsor the GSA.

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## Congratulations! Thank you! Help needed!

Thanks to parents Dawoine Camel, Max Cortis, Amy Cortis, and Jeff Marren for organizing a fun Movie Night on the turf field on Thurs, May 25th. Dawoine Camel planned the event and organized so many volunteers and the set-up. Max Cortis set up his huge screen and speakers for families to enjoy *Paddington 2*. What a huge turnout on a chilly evening!

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Thanks to so many parents who set up for Walkathon on Friday, May 26th!

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Dear Prescott Community,

The Welcome Pack established in 2019 is looking for new parents to join their team. Do you love meeting new families and growing our school community? This Wolf Pack would be a fun and exciting way to get involved in a volunteer opportunity at our school with minimal commitment. Over the past 5 years we have held park meet ups, established an FAQ section of the website, connected new families and hosted outings for parents. The Welcome Pack's mission is to facilitate an easy transition into Prescott for new families. Our goal is to help every new family feel comfortable at Prescott before school even starts. If this Wolf Pack sounds like something you might be interested in, please email the **[PrescottWelcomePack@gmail.com](mailto:PrescottWelcomePack@gmail.com)** and we would love to talk to you more!

### The Welcome Pack

Nicole Sebastian, Sarah Fried, Jessica Coleman

Estimada comunidad de Prescott,

El paquete de bienvenida establecido en 2019 está buscando nuevos padres para unirse a su equipo. ¿Te encanta conocer nuevas familias y hacer crecer nuestra comunidad escolar? Este Wolf Pack sería una forma divertida y emocionante de participar en una oportunidad de voluntariado en nuestra escuela con un compromiso mínimo. Durante los últimos 5 años, hemos realizado reuniones en el parque, establecido una sección de preguntas frecuentes en el sitio web, conectado a nuevas familias y organizado salidas para padres. La misión del paquete de bienvenida es facilitar una transición fácil a Prescott para las nuevas familias. Nuestro objetivo es ayudar a cada nueva familia a sentirse cómoda en Prescott incluso antes de que comiencen las clases. Si este Wolf Pack suena como algo que le podría interesar, envíe un correo electrónico a **[PrescottWelcomePack@gmail.com](mailto:PrescottWelcomePack@gmail.com)** y nos encantaría hablar más con usted.

The Welcome Pack

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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/ Inscribele 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

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**