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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 5, 2023

Dear Prescott families and friends,

Questions You can Ask Your Child Afterschool:

1. What made you smile today?
2. Can you tell me an example of kindness you saw/showed?
3. Was there an example of unkindness? How did you respond?
4. Does everyone have a friend at recess?
5. What was the book about that your teacher read?
6. What's the word of the week?
7. Did anyone do anything silly to make you laugh?
8. Did anyone cry?
9. What did you do that was creative?
10. What is the most popular game at recess?

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

- 9 School tour 9am
- 12 Movie Night on the turf field 7:30-9pm
- 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
- 25 Choirs perform at Millenium Park
- 25 Prescott alumni get-together 4pm
- 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)

Dear Prescott Community,

We have an immediate opportunity to help Prescott move one step closer to having a full-sized gym and auditorium!

As you may know, a new Prescott Parents Wolfpack has recently been established to address Prescott's need for a full gym and auditorium. Learn more about our community's vision for this space, and find ways to get involved at <https://prescottparents.com/gym-auditorium-project/>.

Take two minutes to help Prescott move one step closer to this vision: Please tell CPS our students need a new gym and auditorium. The district has just launched a brief survey asking for input on how to spend its capital funding. Please use the tips below to complete the brief CPS 2023 Capital Survey before the deadline on Tuesday, May 9 at <http://www.cps.edu/capitalsurvey2023>. This is a critical opportunity for the Prescott community to voice our students' need for a gym and auditorium.

Some tips for taking the survey:

- The survey asks you to proportionally assign weight to 5 different categories for funding. While athletic and recreational facilities are not one of these categories, we believe that the "Site Improvements" category best aligns with Prescott's needs. We encourage you to weight these categories based on your preferences, but we also recommend that you put at least some substantial weight on "Site Improvements."
- Question 9 asks, "Do you want to recommend a prioritized list of Capital Needs for a specific CPS school?" Please select "Yes" and answer the remaining questions in support of a gym and auditorium for Prescott.
- Question 12 has a list of capital needs, none of which is a gym. We recommend selecting "Existing Stadium and Pool Facility Renovations" and using Question 15 to further explain. Also, this is an opportunity to identify other needs for Prescott such as Restroom Upgrades, and IT & Security Investments.
- Our rationale for the gym and auditorium is that Prescott's current space is not a full-sized gymnasium and is inadequate for a 21st Century learning environment. PE activities have to be modified, our students cannot play sports such as basketball or volleyball, and we cannot run full-school performances and activities. These are things that should be standard in a K-8 school, and it is Prescott's turn to receive this much-needed investment.

Thank you for helping Prescott move one step closer to the 21st-century learning environment our students deserve!

Sincerely,
Prescott Parents Gym/Auditorium Wolfpack

Estimada comunidad de Prescott,

¡Tenemos una oportunidad inmediata de ayudar a Prescott a acercarse a tener un gimnasio y un auditorio de tamaño completo!

Como sabrán, recientemente se estableció un nuevo Prescott Parents Wolfpack para abordar la necesidad de Prescott de un gimnasio y un auditorio completos. Obtenga más información sobre la visión de nuestra comunidad para este espacio y encuentre formas de participar en <https://prescottparents.com/gym-auditorium-project/>.

Tómese dos minutos para ayudar a Prescott a acercarse un paso más a esta visión: Dígame a CPS que nuestros estudiantes necesitan un gimnasio y un auditorio nuevos. El distrito acaba de lanzar una breve encuesta solicitando información sobre cómo gastar sus fondos de capital. Utilice los siguientes consejos para completar la breve Encuesta de capital de CPS 2023 antes de la fecha límite del martes 9 de mayo en <http://www.cps.edu/capitalsurvey2023>. Esta es una oportunidad crítica para que la comunidad de Prescott exprese la necesidad de nuestros estudiantes de un gimnasio y un auditorio.

Algunos consejos para realizar la encuesta:

- La encuesta le pide que asigne un peso proporcional a 5 categorías diferentes para la financiación. Si bien las instalaciones deportivas y recreativas no son una de estas categorías, creemos que la categoría "Mejoras en la propia escuela" se alinea mejor con las necesidades de Prescott. Lo alentamos a ponderar estas categorías según sus preferencias, pero también le recomendamos que le dé al menos un peso considerable a las "Mejoras en la propia escuela".
- La pregunta 9 pregunta: "¿Quiere usted recomendar una lista de prioridades de las necesidades de capital para una escuela específica de CPS?" Seleccione "Sí" y responda las preguntas restantes en apoyo de un gimnasio y un auditorio para Prescott.
- La pregunta 12 tiene una lista de necesidades de capital, ninguna de las cuales es un gimnasio. Recomendamos seleccionar "Renovaciones en las instalaciones existentes del estadio y la piscina" y utilizar la Pregunta 15 para obtener una explicación más detallada. Además, esta es una oportunidad para identificar otras necesidades de Prescott, como mejoras de baños e inversiones en tecnología y seguridad.
- Nuestro fundamento para el gimnasio y el auditorio es que el espacio actual de Prescott no es un gimnasio de tamaño completo y es inadecuado para un entorno de aprendizaje del Siglo XXI. Las actividades de educación física deben modificarse, nuestros estudiantes no pueden practicar deportes como el baloncesto o el voleibol, y no podemos realizar actuaciones y actividades para toda la escuela. Estas son cosas que deberían ser estándar en una escuela K-8, y es el turno de Prescott de recibir esta inversión tan necesaria.

¡Gracias por ayudar a Prescott a acercarse al entorno de aprendizaje del Siglo XXI que merecen nuestros estudiantes!

Atentamente,
Padres de Prescott Wolfpack para un Gimnasio/auditorio

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.

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 second week of May, the topic is Neighborhoods and Towns. Use this [fact sheet](#) to see how the neighborhood you live in could positively or negatively contribute to your mental health and how you can combat some of the challenges that come with living in certain zip codes that are out of our control.

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 be 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



Sunset Desert

by Miranda Andrade, Grade 4

My favorite part of this artwork was making the cacti. My least favorite part of this artwork was coloring the ground. One of the art ideas I learned was making cacti. What I did to create this artwork was using mostly markers.



The Cartoon Desert

by Tony Cruz, Grade 4

My favorite part is the drawing and my least favorite part is the cactus. I learned that you put the dark at the side to create dimension. First, I started with doing the sketching and then I started drawing with marker, and then I added some colored pencil and then I was done.

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!

More photos in next week's newsletter, too!



Congratulations! Thank you! Help needed!

A record 29 Future Problem Solvers qualified for the state competition at Illinois State University (ISU)

FPS coaches are Teachers Sara Hainsfurther and Kelly Abolt

6th place overall and 3rd place orals jr division

Dominic Wheatley
Banner Marren
Salila Somashekhar
Olivia Cortis

4th orals jr division

Hazel Coleman
Brooks Henderson
Maya Andujar-Redman
Ophelia Sebastian

6th place orals jr division

Zoey El-Mofty
Isabel wood

Future Problem Solvers teams who competed at the state competition at ISU (cont'd)

1st place orals middle division

Lila Finegold
Lila Marcus
Jade cortis
Ava Hadsell

6th place orals middle division

Matthew Trice
Kennedy SINDELAR
Yalexí Meza
Lillian O'Callaghan

Teams who also competed at the state level

Ron Averbukh
Gus Gagne
Leo Cabrera
Talisa Arcinega

Blythe Kirsch
Lindsay Johnson

Buruk Casario
Gabby Hill
Daphne Sinitysyn

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Thanks to former Prescott parent Carrie Bowers who donated 20% of her store Embellish sales on **May 4** to Prescott!  
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Congratulations to Teacher Melissa Dippel who won a scholarship to a training in Adolescent Reading Intervention! She's also training to score assessments and will score assessments for Pearson this s

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**Thanks for the Teacher & Staff Appreciation breakfasts and lunches!**

Tuesday: The Baker Family & 2nd grade families

Wednesday: Oren Orkin at Guaranteed Rate

Friday: 1st grade families  
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Every year, Chicago Public Schools (CPS) invites key stakeholders to share their perspectives in the three important surveys: the 5Essentials Student Survey, the 5Essentials Teacher Survey, and the My Voice My School Parent Survey. Click below

[District parent survey](#)

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It's not too late to order your copy of this year's Prescott's Yearbook. It 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). To order go to <http://www.treering.com/validate> and enter the school's passcode: 1014075079274593

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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](#)

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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**