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# Prescott School

Emails for this newsletter were pulled from Aspen on 8/2/22. 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.

December 23, 2022

Prescott families and friends,

Our Prescott students have shown their learning again!

- Our Kindergartners, 1st grader, and 2nd graders created a cultural museum to show what they learned in Social Studies. Students from grades 3-8 visited as well as parents. **See photos later in the newsletter.** Thanks to Ms. Barajas, Ms. Austria, Ms. Orozco, Mr. McCarthy, Ms. Hazelip, Ms. Marks, Mr. Padilla, Ms. Stewart, Ms. Hainsfurther, Ms. Sophiea, and Ms. Birnbaum for creating the **K-2 Culture Celebration** yesterday!
- Our 4th and 5th graders published another edition of *The Prescott Howl!* Check out current events, book and movie reviews, interviews across Prescott K-8, clubs, sports, weather, jokes, and riddles. **See the link below to peruse *The Prescott Howl*.**

## Student writers, editors, and photographers

Elliot Kostetsky, Lexi Jones, Katherine Crosby, Charlotte Sindelar, Fiona Howard, Blythe Kirsch, Gabby Hill, Olivia Cortis, Alexia Zambrano-Lens. Middle Row (left to right) Kaif Taherbhai, Dominic Wheatley, Buruk Casario, Bobby Stewart, Talisa Arciniega, Zoey El-Mofty, Ron Averbukh. Front Row (left to right) Mason Hardy, Hazel Coleman, Lindsay Johnson, Ruby Safranski, Maya Andujar-Redman, Mila Fried, Daphne Sinitsyn, Isabel Wood. Not pictured: Tony Cruz, Sara Castaneda, Scarlett Gussis

Fourth grade Teacher Meredith Swanson advises *The Prescott Howl*.

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**

***The Prescott Howl-- 2nd edition***

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 sincital respiratorio (RSV)

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## Calendar of upcoming events

### January

9 Classes resume

10 School tour 9am

**11 2nd Quarter report cards go home with students**

**11 Q2 Student-Led Conferences at home anytime 5-7pm.**

14 Girls 5/6th basketball game at Clemente HS 10am v. Bell

16 School closed in observation of Dr. MLKing's birthday

19 Girls 5/6th basketball game at Clemente HS TBA v. TBA

21 Girls 5/6th basketball game at Clemente HS 12pm v. Mozart

26 Eye exams

**Prescott School 2022-23  
Calendar (updated)**

**Prescott School absent  
form/ Formulario de ausencias  
de la escuela Prescott**

**5/6th Girls basketball schedule--  
updated here**

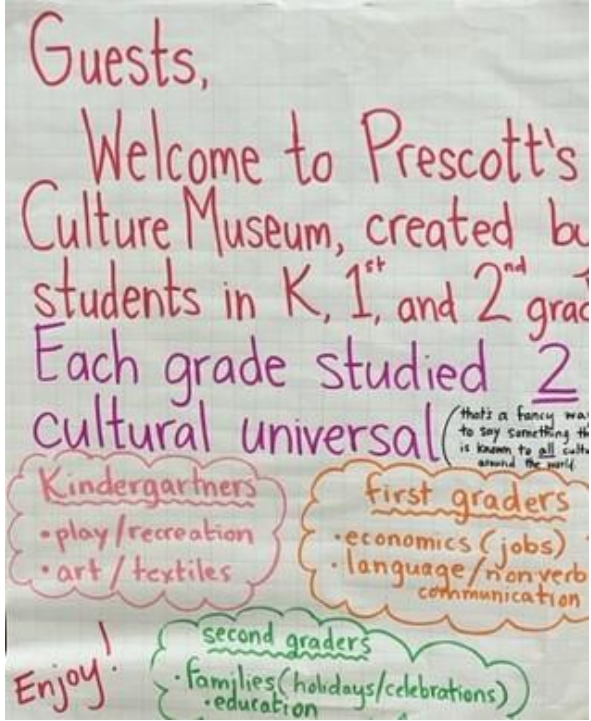
**Details of the Choir performance  
Wed, 12/21 at 8:20 in the gym**

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## K-2 Culture Gallery Thursday, December 21st.

Kindergarten, First, and Second Graders have been studying identity through a variety of lenses (Economics, Language, Art, Textiles, Play, Recreation, Family, and Education) and they shared their learning learning with families and 3rd-8th graders!





## Goodbyes and hellos

Welcome to Ms. Del-Marshae Brown who will teach Algebra to 8th graders and Pre-Algebra to one of the 7th grade classes! Ms. Brown has taught math for almost two decades in Chicago. She builds a strong classroom community and cares for students. She began yesterday as part of her transition. Please introduce yourself and welcome her to the Prescott School community!

Welcome to Ms. Janada Brimmer who will serve as Security starting Monday, January 9, 2023! Ms. Brimmer has worked with students and has been security at a Chicago high school recently. She cares for students and holds high expectations of the ways students can care for each other. Please introduce yourself and

## Physical Education

I'd like to take this time wish the Prescott School Community a safe and wonderful Holiday Break. To help keep students physically active during the two week break, have your child(ren) take part in the Prescott Virtual Winter Field Day 2022-23!

Please click on the following links below that best represent your child's (childrens) grade band. Although NOT MANDATORY, this is a fun way to keep students actively engaged and minimize screen time, even when the weather is too cold outside.

Have a wonderful break! - Mr. Medina

Links to Virtual Winter Field Day 2022-23

[K-2nd Grade](#) [3rd-5th Grade](#) [6th-8th Grade](#)

## Health Education

Parents and caregivers can learn about sexual health 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!

The third round of SHE will begin in the third quarter. Parents/Guardians whose child(ren) will participate will be informed.

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!

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## **Counselor's Corner**

### **All families:**

If your child is in urgent need of eye care, Ageless Eye Care will be providing exams at their office from 12/23 through 1/6. Call 312- 929-3340 to set up an appointment.

Looking for ways to support your child(ren)'s mental health or support them through a challenging time?

1. Erika's Lighthouse, who provides mental health and wellness curriculum for schools, is now offering self-paced family engagement workshops. Click [here](#) to access the workshops and a parent handbook.
2. CPS is partnering with an organization called Big Health to provide two personalized digital programs that use cognitive and behavioral techniques to address poor sleep, worry, and anxiety:
  - **Sleepio** is a sleep improvement program that teaches you to establish healthy sleep patterns to get a better night's sleep and wake up energized.
  - **Daylight** is an app that helps you gain control over your worry and anxiety by addressing the underlying causes of worry and teaching techniques that can be practiced in as little as a few minutes a day.

### **6th grade families:**

- The High Jump application is open now until February 13th! High Jump is "designed for intellectually curious and academically motivated students seeking a high school experience that will challenge them socially and academically" and was created to provide these experiences to students who otherwise may not have that opportunity. Learn more about the program [here](#) and start your application [here](#).

[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



***Spider in a Christmas Web***  
by Sohlai Yanez, Grade 7

This is Timothy the Christmas spider. His web is made out of Christmas lights. He likes to eat Christmas cookie crumbs that were left by Santa. Techniques I learned in this watercolor project were a gradient wash, a flat wash, and I practiced making thin lines by holding my brush straight up and down. Advice that I would give is to mix your paint from the palette with water and not just use paint straight out of the palette.



***The Nutcracker***  
by Zane Aguirre, Grade 7

My Favorite part of this artwork is how the nutcracker turned out, my least favorite part is where there are some of the dark areas. I did a little bit of a transitional wash for the background, I did a gradient wash on an ornament, and I did a flat wash mostly on everything. Some advice that I would give to someone is to always use the leading edge technique while using watercolor to make it look even. What inspired me was my experience from performing in The Nutcracker that my dance school is doing every year.



### **Chanukah**

by Lee Gussis, Grade 7

I like the dreidel best. I did a flat, gradient, and transitional wash. If you're using watercolors, let things dry first!

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

## **Congratulations! Thank you! Help needed!**

Thanks to parents Jennifer Crosby and Ed Finegold for coaching 5/6th girls basketball. Check out the team's schedule above and cheer on the girls!

Thanks to families who came to listen to the Prescott choirs perform on Wed morning!

## **Get your child their Covid booster!**

Federal health officials have approved an updated COVID-19 vaccine, also known as a "bivalent booster," that protects against Omicron variants.

### **Who can get this updated booster?**

Chicagoans 5 and up who have received their primary COVID-19 vaccine series should get this new booster at least two months after their last COVID-19 dose or booster. Visit [Chicago.gov/boost](https://www.chicago.gov/boost) for more information.

### **Where can I get this booster (or my primary COVID-19 vaccine series)?**

Visit [cps.edu/vaccinations](https://cps.edu/vaccinations)

**Student weekly Covid testing registration for 2022-23**

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

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

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

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

