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# **Prescott School**

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December 9, 2022

Prescott families and friends,

Congratulations to our 8th graders who achieved so well on the Chicago High School Admissions Test!

Average reading percentile: 82nd! Average math percentile: 73rd!

Over 61% scored above the 90th percentile in reading! Over 28% scored above the 90th percentile in math!

Over 81% are on track to be college ready in reading! Over 66% are on track to be college-ready in math!

Three 8th graders earned perfect scores!

Also, congratulate yourselves! Families, teachers, and staff worked hard with them from K to 8th grade!

Also, Prescott graduate Damian Amoruso recently competed in the national 2022 Atlantic Coast Championship in sailing. He was the only 9th grader among mostly seniors in the competition!

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

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)

## Calendar of upcoming events

#### December

- 10 Girls 5/6th basketball game at Clemente HS 10am v. Mozart 13 School tour 9am
- 17 Girls 5/6th basketball game at Clemente HS 2pm v. Goethe
- 19 Spirit Week: Pajama Pant Day
- 20 Spirit Week: New Years Best
- 21 Spirit Week: Dynamic Duo
- 22 Spirit Week: THROWBACK DAY -- dress like the 1990s or early 2000s
- 22 End of Quarter 2
- 22 8th grade graduation photos

23 No school for students: Staff professional development day

(Students who aren't dressed in Spirit Week clothing must wear a uniform)

#### January

- 9 Classes resume
- 10 School tour 9am
- 11 2nd Quarter report cards go home with students
- 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

Prescott School 2022-23 Calendar (updated) Prescott School absent form/ Formulario de aucencias de la escuela Prescott

5/6th Girls basketball schedule-updated here

## Congratulations to the girls basketball team with a 13 to 3 win over Mozart on Saturday.

This was their first game and proved to be an exciting start to the season. Awesome job to all the girls! Coached by parent Jennifer Crosby.





The LPHS Dancer's are hosting their Annual Dance Clinic for 5th-8th Graders. Registered dancers will get a chance to meet the team, ask questions, learn a routine, and perform at the Home Basketball Game alongside the LP Dance team!

Please see the flier below for more information and contact Cori Hilton@ <u>chilton@cps.edu</u> to register or if you have any questions!

Cori Hilton is the Varsity Dance Coach at Lincoln Park High School.

LPHS Annual DANCE CLINIC Practice Dates and Times: 12/12 4:30-5:30 pm 12/15 4:30-5:30 pm Performance: 12/16 7:00 pm Registration Fee: \$15 Email: chilton@cps.edu

## **Physical Education**

Kindergarten students in Room 101 continue working on their throwing and spatial awareness skills by engaging in physical activities that require throwing for accuracy. In this week's photos, students took part in the activity titled "Clean Your Room," where students throw yarn balls to the opposing team's side. The yarn balls represent "garbage," and the team with the most yarn balls on their side at the end of the round have the messiest room. Both teams then engage in a quick workout activity, such as jumping jacks, toe-touches, and holding themselves up in the push up position for five seconds. Students are having a blast, demonstrating their understanding of personal space, play area boundaries, and completing the task at hand while playing by the rules. Nets were used to remind students about boundaries of play, while the colored vests assisted teachers to ensure students worked from their assigned space in the gym during the activity (NASPE Standards 1-5).

#### **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 second round of Sexual Health Education (SHE) has concluded for the following classrooms:

8th Grade 305 6th Grade 205 4th Grade 201 Kinder 101 2nd Grade 107

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: <u>CPS</u> <u>Sexual Health Education</u>. Thank you everyone for your support!



### **Counselor's Corner**

#### 8th grade families:

- Congratulations for making it to the GoCPS finish line! Private school applications can still be submitted over the next couple of weeks, and Intrinsic - Downtown's application is not due until March, so there are still other options available to increase your chances of receiving a high-quality offer.
- While we do not have a date yet for when offers will be released, it is typically done in March.

#### 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 <u>here</u> and start your application <u>here</u>.

#### All families:

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

- Erika's Lighthouse, who provides mental health and wellness curriculum for schools, is now offering self-paced family engagement workshops. Click <u>here</u> 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:
- <u>Sleepio</u> is a sleep improvement program that teaches you to establish healthy sleep patterns to get a better night's sleep and wake up energized.
- **<u>Daylight</u>** 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.

#### **Counseling Referral Form**

#### **Restorative Practices: Community-Building Circles**

What are Circles in Restorative Practices? By Joe Brummer "Building A Trauma-Informed Restorative School"

Community-building circles are used to build trust, set expectations, and allow school communities to build relationships with each other. Community-building circles need to be the foundation for the circle process in the school culture. As we move to restorative or healing circles, the reminder is that you cannot restore a community you never built. These circles can be team building exercises, community dialogue, or even relationship building. They are also gratitude circles to celebrate each other and our accomplishments.

## **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



*Gifts* by Kassandra Mora, Grade 7

The bow was my favorite because it was just relaxing to color. Least favorite was the gifts because its wasn't turning out how i wanted it to. I did best on the gradient wash. With watercolors, don't just color in a place with paint, have a leading edge and paint from that.



*Christmas Morning* by Greta Martin-Kroll, Grade 7

This project was so fun but sooo hard, I probably did it like 4 times over because I kept messing up! But overall i think the outcome is great and Im really proud of this :)



*Christmas Watercolor* by Parker Lee, Grade 7

My favorite part was doing the wreath and my least favorite part was doing the plants. I did flat, gradient, and a transitional washes and i feel like i did the flat wash best. Advice I would give to someone working with watercolors is to not make things tiny, because it will be hard to fill in the details. I made a Christmas wreath with a bow on top and in the middle. I put candles and plants on the middle bow. I also put ornaments on bow.



*Happy Holidays* by Bella Bandle, Grade 7

My favorite part was the ornaments and the pretty colors. My least favorite was the berries because they could have been better. I used gradient, flat, and transitional washes. The one I felt the best with was gradient. Some advice I would give to someone is to not use so much water so pne color does not blend with another color. What inspired me was my love for the holidays. I made my work with watercolors and pencil.

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

## Congratulations! Thank you! Help needed!

Thanks to parent Jeff Marren for coaching 5/6th boys basketball and organizing the team to participate in a pre-season tournament last Saturday!

Prescott graduate Damian Amoruso recently competed in the Jones High School Sailing Team at the national 2022 Atlantic Coast Championship in sailing in Maryland. He was the only 9th grader among mostly seniors in the competition. Damian and his teammate qualified Jones' team to the city, state, regional, and the national championship!



### 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 for more information.

## Where can I get this booster (or my primary COVID-19 vaccine series)? Visit cps.edu/vaccinations

Student weekly Covid testing registration for 2022-23

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

