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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 8/2/22. 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.

January 27, 2023

Prescott families and friends,

Today I spent about an hour in a 6th grade math classroom, and I was struck by the amount of collaborative talk of teams of students as they tackled complex, multi-part questions. The 6th graders explored different paths to solve the problems, tested those paths, revised their approaches, and tried more efficient paths. I heard them disagree and point out mistakes. I saw a pair of students give each other a high-five to celebrate getting to solution in a tricky problem. Students were taking chances and making mistakes with abandon in order to understand deeply the math, and that's what we want at Prescott!

As a result, our 6th graders thoughtfully and collaboratively worked in zigs and zags. They persisted through tough parents. They asked questions of each other and teachers, and they pushed themselves. Congrats to our 6th graders and the families, teachers, and staff who support and nudge them!

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 understand the IAR](#)

[IAR Tutorial](#)

Calendar of upcoming events

February

3 No school for students; staff development day

3 Boys 5/6th basketball game at Warren Park 8:30pm v. Rockets

6 Boys 5/6th basketball game at Amundsen High School 8:30pm v. Bell

10 Q3 Progress Reports sent home to families

13 Boys 5/6th basketball game at Amundsen High School 8:30pm v. Patriots

13-17 Kindness Week

14 School tour at 9am

16 Family STEM Night 5-6pm

Prescott School 2022-23
Calendar (updated)

Prescott School absent
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de la escuela Prescott

5/6th Girls basketball schedule--
updated here

7/8th grade Boys basketball
schedule-- updated here

Congratulations to the girls 5th/6th basketball team.

They finished the season 4-2. What an incredible season of growth for all the girls and lots to look forward to next year! Great job team!

Players: Harper C., Delilah C., Kate C., Journey E., Alaina F., Sheridan F., Alana G., Akira K., Sa'niya L., Merylle M., Katarina P., Jayla R., Charlotte S.

Coaches: Jen Crosby, Alexa Sindelar, Ed Finegold



Physical Education

This week's featured classroom is Mrs. Phares' third grade class (Room 301). Students have been working on collaborative activities to enhance their teamwork and communication skills to solve problems. Students are practicing these lifelong skills to prepare them for society. The activities this week revolve around an escape room type format, where students have to decipher and decode the hidden messages in order to complete specific physical performance tasks. Once the skills messages have been decoded and the tasks completed, students are then given a final challenge, where they have to answer questions relating to specific topics such as wellness, sports, and rules of specific games.

Health Education

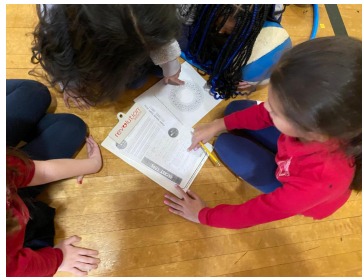
Parents and caregivers can learn about sexual health education (SHE) as well as their children! We encourage parents to attend these [in-person parent education sessions](#) and [virtual sessions](#) that will help equip them with the knowledge and skills to talk to their children about sexual health with confidence!

The third round of SHE will begin in the third quarter for the following classrooms:

7th Grade Room 204
7th Grade Room 202
5th Grade Room 207
1st Grade Room 102
3rd Grade Room 301

Parents/Guardians whose child(ren) will participate will be informed. Please be on the lookout for an email correspondence from Mr. Medina.

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!



Counselor's Corner

3rd-5th grade families:

Apply for the Jean Baptiste Pointe DuSable Commemoration Essay Competition! Find the application and essay prompt [here](#). Applicants should email their completed application to collegescholarships@cps.edu by Friday, March 3, 2023.

Pathways to Connection is offering workshops for students on executive functioning skills, flexible thinking, and changing your inner critic to an inner coach. Learn more information and register on their [website](#).

All families:

Join the Office of Family and Community Engagement (FACE) for a variety of Parent University workshops both virtually (RSVP [here](#)) and in person at Avondale-Logandale Elementary (RSVP [here](#)). Other classes are available across the city. Locations and workshop options can be found [here](#).

The Office of Student Health and Wellness has a few more in-person and virtual workshops this year for families, both in English and Spanish. Click [here](#) to view the in-person sessions and [here](#) to view the virtual sessions available.

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



Earth Hand Signs

by Mikayil Shikhalibayli
Grade 8

I decided to do the hand gestures that spell out earth because I love nature. I drew the hands by observing them. Then, I drew the background and colored everything in. I met the coloring goals by shading and finding where my light is coming from. When coloring, I was the best at keep the shading smooth and realistic. My drawing tells you that you should help nature and keep it alive.



Observational Hand Drawings

by Annabelle Quiles,
Grade 8

I chose the hand gestures I drew in order to spell out the word, plants. I observed each letter in sign language and drew them by observation. I met the coloring goals by shading and coloring evenly, as well as adding creativity. I did the best coloring in my drawing when it came to all of the plants. The story of my artwork tells the viewer about how unique plants are and how they should be more valued and appreciated.

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

Congratulations! Thank you! Help needed!

Thanks to all the Kindergarten parents and family members who have supported our Kindergarten!

8th graders had a great time ice skating!



7th grade scientists have been learning about cells and cell processes.

They have created 3D models to represent a cell, the organelles including cell transport (osmosis, diffusion & active transport) and process to transfer light energy into chemical energy for use by the organism through photosynthesis & cellular respiration. These were not just models, they were analogies, students chose an attraction (zoo, airport, space amusement park, restaurant, Sponge Bob's Bikini Bottom and a school) to show their understanding of how a cell operates. 5th graders visited to ask questions and preview middle school science.





Families who pick up students via cars at 3:45pm

- Please remember to park along Wrightwood, Marshfield, and Ashland in safe, legal places.
- Please do not park in the east-west alley just north of Prescott School or the east-west alley between Marshfield and Paulina.
- Starting next week, in cooperation with the alderman's office, **both alleys will be blocked with cones or horses to prevent cars from parking there or driving through the alleys.**

Thank you for being a good neighbor.

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

Student weekly Covid testing registration/ Inscríbete para una prueba semanal de Covid para

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

estudiantes

[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](#)