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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](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.

January 6, 2023

Prescott families and friends,

Happy New Year and **congratulations to Prescott students and Art Teachers Beth Ammons and Kelly Bullard for achieving *Excelling*, the highest ranking possible, for arts instruction!** This is the tenth year that Prescott has earned this prestigious distinction. An independent arts organization, *Ingenuity*, designates the five different rankings. Prescott scored 98 of 100 possible points based on an annual survey completed jointly by Ms. Ammons and Ms. Bullard.

- **Access:** students have access to arts teachers in at least one arts course per year for an average of 214 minutes per week of arts instruction.
- **Quality:** students learn from arts-aligned curriculum; the arts are included in school governance; the school funds \$9.64 per student on arts materials; students benefit from partnerships with five arts organizations (e.g., *United Voices Chicago*); arts teachers participate in arts-specific professional learning; and students, families, and the community are engaged in the arts; and arts teachers use specific approaches to instruction in the arts.

*You can find the full report at the link below.*

Ms. Ammons and Ms. Bullard work incredibly hard to demonstrate access and quality in arts education in our everyday student's learning as well as long-term programming and planning. As you see in the hallways, Artsonia, and the photos in the weekly family newsletter, our students demonstrate their incredible growth in art skills, art history, creativity, reflection of their work, and openness to feedback.

When you have a minutes, please congratulation your child(ren) on their arts learning and send a quick thank-you to Ms. Ammons ([eaammons@cps.edu](mailto:eaammons@cps.edu)) and Ms. Bullard ([kkbullard@cps.edu](mailto:kkbullard@cps.edu)) for their hard work, creativity, and leadership in arts education.

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](#)

[Creative School Certification  
Prescott School \(12/9/22\)](#)

[Click here to learn more about ways to protect your child\(ren\) from RSV and Covid](#)

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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  
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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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### 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](#)

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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!

[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!

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## **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**

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