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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. **Please sign up for digital access to your 1st-8th grader's grades via Parent Portal in Aspen.** Contact Ms. Williams.

November 11, 2022

Prescott families and friends,

This October and November your child(ren) will lead their conferences with you instead of Parent-Teacher conferences. *Student-Led Conferences* empowers our Kindergartners-8th graders to reflect on their learning in the 1st Quarter and to plan their adjustments to further learn in the 2nd Quarter. *Student-Led Conferences* empower our students to be responsible for their ongoing, lifelong learning.

Here's what you can expect at *Student-Led Conferences*:

- Students should attend conferences (in-person or virtual). K-1 is video-recorded
- Students will lead their conference
- Teachers will use the grade level form to guide students
- Teachers will allow some time for students to prepare and practice before conference day

As part of our continuous improvement, we will learn and make adjustments to help students learn to reflect on their learning and make goals for their future learning. *Student-Led Conferences* a regular feature of student learning. For the end of the 2nd Quarter, you can expect your child(ren) to lead one at home with you (without teachers) on December 21st at home. How exciting to see our students taking responsibility for their ongoing, lifelong learning!

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Reminder: **Student-Led Conferences**-- note, to enhance flexibility, teachers will schedule conferences with families in Nov. Teachers have reached out to schedule with you.

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Please label your child's sweatshirts, water bottles, and coats with their name and room number. There are dozens of unclaimed items in lost and found. At the end of each month, unclaimed items are given away.

Erin Roche, Principal
Meghan Breyer, Assistant Principal

Girls on the Run braved wind and rain at Wrightwood Park by running the track last Saturday! Thanks to families who cheered them on and Teachers Meredith Swanson and Amanda Hazelip for coaching this Fall. GotR will restart in the Spring, too!



Calendar of upcoming events

November

18 Photo day K-8th grades

21 **Student-Led Conferences-- note, to enhance flexibility, teachers will schedule conferences with families in Oct-Nov**

22-25 School closed for Thanksgiving Break

29 Public tour 9am

30 Progress Reports go home

Nov 28-Dec 2 Book Fair

Nov 28 8:15am-8:45am--Grades K-1. 11:00am-1:45pm--All Students by Lunch Schedule. 3:45pm-4:30pm--K-1

Nov 29 8:15am-8:45am--Grades 2-3. 11:00am-1:45pm--All Students by Lunch Schedule. 3:45pm-4:30pm--2-3

Nov 30 8:15am-8:45am--Grades 4-5. 11:00am-1:45pm--All Students by Lunch Schedule. 3:45pm-4:30pm--4-5

Dec 1 8:15am-8:45am--Grades 6-8. 11:00am-1:45pm--All Students by Lunch Schedule. 3:45pm-4:30pm--6-8

Dec 2 8:15am-8:45am--All Grades. 11:00am-1:45pm--All Students by Lunch Schedule

December

1-2 Book Fair (see schedule above)

2 8th graders high school applications due

13 School tour 9am

19-22 Spirit Week

22 End of Quarter 2

22 8th grade graduation photos

23 No school for students: Staff professional development day

Winter Sports Student Registration grades 5-8

Students at participating schools may now be registered for winter sports! Registration can be filled out online at our website cpsathletics.com via the link below or under the Elementary Sports Tab online or via hard copy at each school's discretion . Please share this link with your school community. **Online Student Registration Form**

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

**Student registration for Winter
sports grades 5-8**

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

Prescott's Mathletes score at Chicago Jr. Math League competition at Lane Tech!

Last Saturday was the first of three CJML competitions. The team now prepares in Nov and Dec for the second competition in late January at Lane Tech High School. See the photo below of Mathletes holding up their medals.

8th: The team is in 10th place.

7th: Xander & Dhairya tied for 5th individually. The team is in 6th place.

6th grade: Jameson placed 4th individually. The team is in 8th place.



Physical Education

This week's photos highlight the work of Kindergarten students in Room 101 striking a balloon. The main objective for this activity is to have students track the balloon with their eyes while striking it up in the air to maintain a volley. Other performance tasks include hand/eye coordination, control of the balloon when striking, and hitting the balloon with various body parts such as their hand, finger, knee, foot, head, shoulder, and elbow, all while working within their own space not crashing into others (NASPE Standards 1-2).

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) will begin during the sixth week of the second quarter for the following classrooms:

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

Reminders to parents will be sent prior to the start of SHE class. 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

All families:

Join the Office of Family and Community Engagement for family workshops discussing topics related to the personal and sexual health education curriculum. A variety of sessions are offered this year, both in-person and virtually. Click [here](#) and [here](#) to learn more.

CPS District Offices are doing a donation drive for newly-arriving CPS students from other countries. They are accepting donations in the lobbies of CPS District Offices (Loop, Garfield Park, Colman, and Bridgeport) for: coats, jackets, scarves, hats, gloves, pants, shirts, and shoes. If you would like to contribute a monetary donation, you can do so [here](#). For more information, contact the Office of Family and Community Engagement at face@cps.edu or 773-553-FACE.

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.

8th grade families:

- **Three weeks remain to submit your GoCPS application!** Create an account and submit applications [here](#) before the 12/2 at 5pm deadline.
- **Sign up** to attend application submission trainings with the Office of Access and Enrollment in November. Sessions are offered in both English and Spanish.

[Counseling Referral Form](#)

Prescott Choir performs at Bank of America

Uniting Voices Chicago selected Prescott's choir to perform (and our students got a fancy breakfast!). Thanks to Conductor Magdalena Delgado and PE Teacher Mr. Medina for organizing it!



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 at [Artsonia.com](https://www.artsonia.com).

Artsonia at Prescott

Congratulations! Thank you! Help needed!

Thanks to teachers, staff, and families who organized the Literary Character Parade, especially Ms. Barajas, Ms. Austria, Mr. McCarthy, Ms. Birnbaum, Ms. Hainsfurter, Ms. Sophiea, Ms. Hazelip, Ms. Stewart, Ms. Orozco, and !.

Thanks to 7th grader parents, including Happy Aceves, Jenn Bushek, and Becca Safranski, for organizing a staff lunch today! Delicious sandwiches and cookies!

Thanks to parent Jim Javenkoski for planting about a dozen restored mums and grasses along the fences at Prescott!

Prescott Parents raised \$15,500 in the Week of Giving thanks to generous donors! Thank you! Gracias!

Several Anonymous Donors, Popovic Family, Steffen Family, Gretchen Wirtz, Rassner Family, Erin Roche, Butkus/Kremer Family, Coleman Family, Somashekhar/Shah Family, Nguyen Family, Hardy Family, Eichner Family, Gussis Family, Wheatley Family, Fried Family, Webb Family, Lee/Krepich Family, Gatto Family, Cortis Family, Eibl Family, Gagne/ Nutt Family, Mary Ellen Messner, Crosby Family, Kopa Family, Kathy Hubbard, Karver Family, Kenneth Hubbard, El-Mofty Family, Jhoanna Cochico, Baker Family, Carol Hubbard, Lindsay MacMillan, Catanese Family, Vipornpa Pradistassanee

As our winter sports season gears up, our basketball teams need gym space to practice. Due to its size, Prescott's gym is inadequate for our teams to practice. If you know of any gym space that may be available to our teams, please reach out to Jeff Marren (jeff.marren@rockhurstauctions.com).

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://www.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