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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.

November 18, 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). 1st-2nd grade 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!

(This note is a repeat from last week).

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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.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Erin Roche, Principal

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## Calendar of upcoming events

### November

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 Public tour 5pm. 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](http://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**

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## Physical Education

As we enter the last week before Thanksgiving break, I want to wish the Prescott Community a safe and wonderful Thanksgiving holiday. Last week, kindergarten students began the striking unit using balloons as their target. This week, students from 4th Grade Room 306 (Ms. Jasutis) worked on their striking skills by utilizing styrofoam paddles to hit a ball. Starting with controlling their paddle, students used a bean bag to practice their paddle striking and grip before engaging in scrimmage games with classmates. Students then worked on their forehand, backhand, and overhead striking, while continuously

working with teammates in their designated work space, demonstrating understanding of boundaries and spacing while engaged in physical activity (NASPE Standards 1-2, 4).

## 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 (November 28, 2022) 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

### 8th grade families:

- **TWO** weeks remain to submit your GoCPS application! Create an account and submit applications [here](#) before the 12/2 at 5pm deadline.
- **HSAT scores** were released Friday, 11/18! Log in to your GoCPS account to see your scores, and translate them into Selective Enrollment points by using [this guide](#).
- For more updates about GoCPS applications and other school options, see the

email that Ms. Mathews sent to families on 11/17.

- [Sign up](#) to attend application submission trainings with the Office of Access and Enrollment in November. Sessions are offered in both English and Spanish.

### 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](#).

### 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.

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.

### [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



#### *Imperfect*

by Andi Canieso, Grade 7

My painting is a Cornucopia filled with fruit



#### *Cornucopia of Thanks*

by Maggie Clair, Grade 7

My painting is depicting a cornucopia with

and vegetables. I didn't try to make them look perfect I tried to make them look a bit dead/rotten because things aren't perfect. I am thankful for my friends, family, and having enough money to afford basic needs.



### ***Cornucopia and Fruits***

by Greta Martin-Kroll, Grade 7

I really enjoyed this project because painting is always fun but also because of the shading, the stars, and sky. I especially loved the pinks and blues and purple, the blending, the moon, it was all so fun! I am thankful for food, especially McDonald's!

fruits and vegetables and flowers spilling out of the front. To balance out the warm and cool colors, I made a starry night sky, while having a warmly colored cornucopia and fruits and vegetables. I am thankful for my family, and all they provide for me, like food. I am also thankful for nature, hence the lavender, wildflowers, sweet williams, poppies, and butterflies.



### ***Pina Colada***

by Antonio Kato, Grade 7

I am so happy that the fruits turned out, so it looks good. I am so happy to the support of my teacher for this work and Happy Thanksgiving.

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

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

Thanks to Alexa Sindelar, Nicole Sebastian, and Jessica Coleman for finding sponsors for our 80 sports uniforms for girls and boys soccer, xcountry, basketball, cheerleading, wrestling, flag football, and more!

Thanks to volunteers who helped to chaperone at the middle school dance-- Becca Safranski, Dana Fenceroy, Happy Aceves, Shelley Krepich, Janette Gilmartin, and Michael Lacey. Students had a great time and very respectful!

8th grader Sascha J won a prestigious Daniel Murphy Scholarship to a private high school in the East Coast or Midwest! She's a super reader (read over 100 books last year!) and student leader. Thanks to Counselor Marisa Mathews for her application guidance to Superstar Sasha! (Past Prescott Daniel Murphy Scholarship winners have attended or currently are attending Concord Academy in NH, Woodlands Academy in IL, Western Reserve Academy in OH, and Fenwick Academy in IL).

### **Book Fair volunteers needed!**

Thanks to those who have already volunteered for a time slot or two!

We are still in need of MANY volunteers. Book fair volunteers will be involved in checking out students/adults at the register, straightening up books, walking around and helping students

choose or calculate the cost of the books they've chosen. If you are new to volunteering at the book fair, please rest assured that this is a fun and easy way to help students cultivate the love of reading! A detailed email with instructions will be sent out prior to the fair and many of the current volunteers are veterans so they will be able to provide any support you need.

As of right now the LUNCH time book fair will only be open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. There are still morning and after school shifts that are open as well. If you can help, we need people for the following times:

Monday: 11:00am-1:45pm and 3:45pm-4:30pm

Tuesday: 8:15am-8:45am and 3:45pm-4:30pm

Wednesday 11:15am-1:15pm and 3:30-4:15pm

Thursday: 11:00am-1:45pm, and 3:45-4:30pm

If we do not have two volunteers for each of these shifts, the book fair will be closed and kids will not be able to shop for books during the times above.

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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