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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 4, 2022

Prescott families and friends,

At Monday's Literary Character Costume Parade, our K-2 students demonstrated their understanding of characters and their own identities.

Thanks to teachers, staff, and families for organizing the parade and integrating it into learning to read, Social Studies, and Social Emotional Learning.

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

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Thanks to feedback regarding security procedures, Security Ms. Walls will be at the main entrance at several extended times throughout the school day.

Erin Roche, Principal  
Meghan Breyer, Assistant Principal



Kindergarten, Room 101 & 103:  
Mrs. Barajas, Ms. Austria, Ms. Orozco,  
Mrs. Reyonoso, and Ms. Jackson  
I'm Gonna Like Me  
by Jamie Lee Curtis & Laura Cornell

First Grade, Room 102 & 005,  
Ms. Hazelip and Mr. McCarthy,  
Elmer  
by David Mckee

First Grade, Room 104,  
Mrs. Stewart, and Ms. Marks  
Not Quite Narwhal  
by Jesse Sima



2nd grade, Room 106,  
Ms. Birnbaum, and Ms. Hainsfurther  
The Remember Ballons  
by Jessie Oliveros

2nd grade, Room 107,  
Ms. Sophia, and Ms. Rabadi  
Red: A Crayon's Story  
by Michael Hall



<https://twitter.com/PrescottCPS>

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

Prescott School absent form/ Formulario de ausencias de la escuela  
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## Calendar of upcoming events

### November

5 Girls on the Run at Wrightwood Park at 8:30am

8 School closed for election day-- remember to vote!

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

### 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

### 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**

**An Important Message for Current Parents and Guardians from Prescott Parents /  
Un Mensaje Importante para los Padres y Tutores Actuales de Prescott Parents**  
Click / Hacer clic [HERE](#)

### Physical Education

This week's photos highlight the work of Kindergarten students in Room 101 working on moving around the gym safely by performing locomotor movements such as galloping, skipping, hopping, skating, walking, and running. Building on this foundation will lead to more complex activities that require the understanding of personal space and strategizing during play (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](mailto: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:

- GoCPS applications opened 9/21. Create an account and submit applications [here](#).
- [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](#)

## Restorative Practices

### Circles

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

Circle practice is an important part of bringing a community together. To be a community takes intentional building, maintaining, and healing. When we treat a community like an

ecosystem that needs nurturing, we end up growing relationships that can flourish despite challenges. We build a widespread sense of resilience.

Circles are an important part of the restorative process. Circles are how members of a restorative community come together in dialogue. They may come together to build community, repair community, or rebuild it after tragedy. Circles can also be used to deliver or process academic material. Circles are a way of being together. Communities have sat together in circles for centuries. Many First Nation people from Africa, Australia, Canada, New Zealand, and the USA have long traditions of being in community by sitting in circle, passing a talking piece, and being humans. Different countries use varying terminology for the different ways circles can be used. At Prescott, we are following Joe Brummer's distinctions of the types of circles we will use. There are 3 main types: 1. Community/trust building; 2. academic; and 3. healing.

[Flynn Elementary Circle Video](#)

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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 at [Artsonia.com](#).

[Artsonia at Prescott](#)

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## **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. Hainsfurther, Ms. Sophia, Ms. Hazelip, Ms. Stewart, Ms. Orozco, and ! .

Thanks to parent Becca Safranski for nominating Prescott into a raffle for a free staff lunch from Subway! Teachers and staff enjoyed the subs last Thurs!

## **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](mailto: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://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

Orientacion de  
Covid-19 para las  
familias y el  
personal de  
Prescott

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

Early Dismissal, Alternative Pick-up, and Building Access