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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.

October 14, 2022

Prescott families and friends,

Our 1st graders have been learning to the engineering iteration process in Ms. Stewart and Ms. Hazelip's classes-- see photos below. In teams of two, our 1st graders learn about tower examples (think Eiffel Tower or Chicago's Water Tower) and how to satisfy two requirements:

1. Make it stand on its own
2. How tall can you make it.

Teams designed a tower using paper cups, rubber bands, tape, and paper. Then they built their towers and analyzed them for the two requirements above. After this first iteration, 4/10 groups were able to achieve the first requirement and all the towers were fairly short.

Like engineers, our 1st grade teams engaged in a second iteration of design, build, and analysis. 10/10 made their towers stand on their own, and 9/10 made them taller.

Next, the teams will apply the same collaborative design, building, and analysis to bridge-building. This is the kind of constructivist learning going on throughout Prescott School!

Erin Roche, Principal

Meghan Breyer, Assistant Principal

<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**



22 Boys soccer v. Lorca at 12pm at Hanson Park 2233 N. Central Ave.  
26 8th grade Chicago High School Admissions Test  
29 Girls volleyball 5/6th team v. McAuliffe at 11am. 7/8th team v. Goethe at 11am. All volleyball matches are at Clemente High School 1147 N. Western Ave.

## November

1 School tour at 9am  
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

**Click below for the Prescott School 2022-23 Calendar**  
(continuously updated)

**Prescott School 2022-23  
Calendar**

**Girls 5/6th & 7/8th volleyball  
schedules-- see Clemente 7/8th  
and Clemente 5/6th tabs**

**Register as Level 2 Volunteer as  
required for school tour**

**Boys 7/8th soccer schedule--  
see Hanson Park 7/8th tab**

**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](#)

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## Prescott Xcountry team

The Prescott girls and boys ran well at the cross-country meet on 9/29. As the season continues, additional information regarding meet details can be found as well on [athletic.net](#). SECA Ms. Marks coaches the team.



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## Boys soccer team plays hard in tough loss

Check out the action by Emiliano, Damian, Mikiyal, Nathan, Gavin, Wolfgang, Lucas, Marco, Jackson, Jameson, and Logan.



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### Physical Education

This week's photos spotlight Ms. Austria's kindergarten students working on tumbling skills. Tumbling is a great activity that requires flexibility, muscular strength, and body control. The students also learned that body control is key in order to successfully tumble on the mat safely.

### Health Education

The first round of Sexual Health Education (SHE) is coming to a close. The participating classes have been doing a phenomenal job with their questions, collaboration, and most importantly, respect towards each other during the 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:

If your child is in need of a winter coat, register at the West Town Public Library to receive a winter coat and a book. Register by 10/24 at the West Town library location or by calling 312-743-0450. For more information, click [here](#).

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? 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.

### 8th grade families:

- GoCPS applications opened 9/21. Create an account and submit applications [here](#).
- Noble Network has released their open house schedule. View it and contact information for each school [here](#).
- The HFS Chicago Scholars scholarship application is now available and is due November 15. Learn more about this scholarship here ([English](#) / [Spanish](#)), and visit their [website](#) to apply. If you need the essays printed, please let Ms. Mathews know.

### 7th and 8th families:

- Join the Network 4 counselors and over 40 high schools at one of two **N4 High School Fairs**. See the [flyer](#) for dates and participating schools.

[Counseling Referral Form](#)

## Communication: The 4 Part Framework

A big part of Restorative Practices is language and communication. In order for children to participate in the restorative conversations, they need to have the language to communicate. We focus on 3 main tools to practice this language **1.**

***The Feelings Wheel 2. The 4 Part Framework (listening and speaking) and 3. GROK***

### The 4 part Listening Framework

#### Observation

I see that you...

#### Feelings

Are you feeling...?

#### Needs/Wants

Because you need or want...?

#### Requests

Would you like me to...?

### The 4 part Speaking Framework

#### Observation

I see...

#### Feelings

I feel...

#### Needs/Wants

Because I need or want...

#### Requests

Would you be willing to...?

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Of the exceptional programs we offer at Prescott School is an arts learning experience aimed at creating a more harmonious world. Chicago Children's Choir, a 65-year-old organization committed to the values of education, expression and excellence, recently updated its name to **Uniting Voices Chicago** to better reflect its meaningful legacy of connecting youth from all walks of life through music. Congrats to our friends at Uniting Voices Chicago on this new era!

If your child is interested in singing, please reach out to Conductor Magdalena

Delgado at [mdelgado@unitingvoiceschicago.org](mailto:mdelgado@unitingvoiceschicago.org) for more information about how to get involved.

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## Congratulations! Thank you! Help needed!

Thanks to Happy Aceves, Lilliana Salamanca, Jim Javenkoski, Jenn Bushek, and other Prescott Parents for the Staff Appreciation lunch on Friday, October 14th!

Thanks to Building Engineer Tino Orta who advocated since the summer for the parking lot to get repaired and re-striped. His persistence paid off as the parking lot got re-done last weekend. Mr. Orta has been pro-actively repairing and maintaining so m

Thanks to Custodian Maria Ortiz who has worked more than ten 16-hour days (aka, double-shifts) due to lack of custodian subs. Her herculean efforts have kept the school clean. Say thanks to Ms. Ortiz when you see her!

Get your lost-and-found items by Thursday, October 20th! Left items will be donated to the Salvation Army on Friday, October 21st. Prescott School is not responsible for lost items.

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### Winter sports are just around the corner!

The girls and boys 5/6th and 7/8th basketball sign-up poster is on the north stairwell.

Boys 5/6th grade basketball will be coached by Parent Jeff Marren.

Girls 5/6th and 7/8th basketball will be coached by Parent Jenn Crosby.

#### **We need coaches for 7/8th boys basketball.**

If interested in helping or if you have questions, please email Prescott Athletic Director, SECA LaDonna Love at [ldshelton@cps.edu](mailto:ldshelton@cps.edu).

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## Covid guidance and weekly testing registration

The district will continue to offer weekly in-school COVID-19 testing program next year. Importantly, any student or staff who wants to participate this year must fill out a new consent form. Click [here](#) to complete the testing consent form for this school year.

Consent forms from last school year or this summer will not be valid for the 2022–23 school year. However, once a student or staff member has consented this year, that consent will remain in place until they leave CPS.

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

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MTSS Parent/Guardian One-Pager-- from CPS to parents

Early Dismissal, Alternative Pick-up, and Building Access

