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Results and Reflections

By: Superintendent Rick Spicuzza

“The best at getting better.” Those are the words we often use to express our motivation in the school district hallways and offices. This applies to academics, sports, personal behavior – basically everything we do when it comes to educating the children from our community. Integral to that process is taking time to celebrate accomplishments, reflecting on areas for improvement and working together to build actionable steps for our ongoing improvement.

This fall, the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction released important assessment data that reflect the results of student learning from the previous school year. That data was reviewed by school staff and together we used our reflections on that data to set goals for the school year ahead of us.

There are specific assessments that provide standard comparisons for school districts statewide:

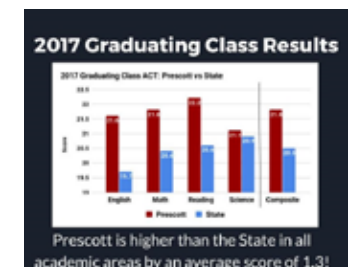
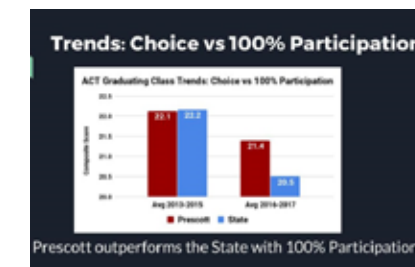
- WI Forward tests English Language Arts (ELA) and Math for grades 3-8; science in grades 5 & 8.
- ACT Aspire tests 9th and 10th grade students in all core subject areas
- ACT 11th grade tests juniors in all core subject areas
- Finally, ACT reports out the graduating class performance summarized for students that take the ACT more than one time.

The results we received this fall are based on the assessment of students in those levels last school year.

Across the board, Prescott student results shined brightly in comparison to state results. In most cases, results also showed improvement from prior year testing. For a summary of results, please visit the district website page: <http://www.prescott.k12.wi.us/page/2859>.

In prior years, students who were seniors could choose to take the ACT test. Generally, students who were college-bound would complete the ACT. The class of 2017 was only the second graduating class with 100% of students participating in the ACT exam during their junior year. Results for last year’s graduating seniors were especially strong and worth special note.

The first positive reflection is that Prescott students outperformed state results overall with 100% participation. The second noteworthy outcome is that the graduating seniors last year achieved above state levels in all subject areas.



This is all great news! Along with these positive trends, school staff looked deep into the data to identify areas for improvement and are focusing on those specific needs during this school year. We will especially be focusing on STEM opportunities in our middle school grades. We will continue to monitor and address gender differences in reading and math. And we will continue to close the gap between special education and general education results. Working toward getting better – in everything we do.



Cross Country



Dance



Football*



Volleyball



Homecoming*

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BACKPACK Program Provides Weekend Meal Needs for Students

Prescott School District participates in a “weekend food” assistance program for students through a partnership with Prescott Food Pantry. This program confidentially sends some easy weekend meal items home for a student in his or her own backpack (older students with no backpack can make another arrangement) every Friday. The food items sent are specifically designed to provide additional food for a quick meal over the weekend. These food items are easy to prepare with little or no preparation, requiring minimal adult supervision. Parents interested in participating in this program will be able to have each student from their household each receive a weekend food package.

Many families are experiencing financial strains that effect the ability to purchase enough food for their growing children. **This program is confidential and will be handled discreetly.** Parents that would like their child to receive the “weekend food” should contact either their school counselor or school nurse:

- Steve Peterson-H.S. Counselor-715-262-5389 ext. # 4133
- Larissa Dreyer-M.S. Counselor-715-262-5054 ext. # 2309
- Kevin Haglund-Malone Elementary/Intermediate Counselor-715-262-2383 ext. # 3154
- Cassie Butler-Malone Elementary School Nurse-715-262-5463 ext. #1137
- Marie Magnan-Malone Intermediate, M.S & H.S. School Nurse-715-262-2383 ext. # 3155



If you are interested in supporting this program, donations can be made to the Prescott Area Food Pantry:

www.prescottfoodpantry.com

720 Saint Croix St # 119, Prescott, WI 54021; (715) 262-4143
Hours: Thursday, 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.



Better Schools Build Better Communities.

GRATITUDE PAGE

Filling the Gap

Throughout the school year, Prescott School District applies for a number of grants to support projects and initiatives that are not included in the annual budget. Some of these projects are very visible, and some are less visible, but equally important to the education and well being of our students. Many of those grant awards are the result of valuable partnerships and provide a wide benefit to the entire community. We are so grateful for the many resources from our local businesses, foundations, parent groups, and other sources that make a big impact in our community. Here are just a few images of the incredible investments that were made in our community through these granting agencies in the past year:



Science Night



Cardinal Academy



Auditorium



Gathering Place



Lac Du Flambeau



Picture of Volunteers

Field of Dreams

Just a year ago, Prescott celebrated the opening of the New High School building on Dexter Street. Since that time, there has been great progress just south across the ravine where youth sports fields are taking shape.

With a generous grant from the Prescott Foundation, and an outpouring of community volunteers, Prescott Community Recreation has witnessed a dream come to life. Shortly after the district completed the parking spaces in that area, volunteers brought in equipment to level the space and haul in the appropriate materials for three baseball fields. The donation of time, resources, and hard labor has truly paid off.

If you take a drive along Dexter Street, you will see completed youth fields, including fencing. This is a solution that has been long needed to address lack of green space for community youth sports programming. With a strong partnership between the school district, the City of Prescott, community volunteers, and the Prescott Foundation, these fields will provide space for generations to come.

After some final work to prepare the fields for winter, the project will be complete and should be ready for use in spring of 2018. A special thank-you to the many tireless volunteers who moved dirt, hauled materials, slung shovels, and made this dream come true. We look forward to seeing future enhancements as that area is put to use for our community youth.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Be sure to get these fun events on your calendar. Many events will be happening in the performing arts center at the high school. If you haven't attended an event in this wonderful facility yet, we hope you will get an opportunity to attend this year.



Emmy award winning TONIC SOL-FA- a nationally known acapella group will be performing at the Prescott Performing Arts Center, 1010 Dexter Street, Prescott, Wisconsin, on Thursday, November 9, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. Proceeds from the event will support enhancements for the performing arts center to allow a wider range of performances and displays.

Tonic Sol-Fa is one of the most in-demand vocal groups in the Midwest. The group -- which includes lead vocalist Shaun Johnson, tenor and vocal percussionist Greg Bannwarth and bass Jared Dove -- began at St. John's University in Collegeville, Minnesota. Together the group has reached national prominence with appearances on NBC's Today Show and in Newsweek magazine. Along the way, they have shared the stage with a number of recognizable performers including Jay Leno, Jeff Foxworthy and Lonestar and were recently part of Garrison Keillor's 20th Anniversary celebration of A Prairie Home Companion.

During the school day, the members of Tonic Sol-Fa will conduct a workshop with select area choral students, which will also be hosted at the Prescott High School. This valuable classroom experience will help students learn concepts about professional performance and technique

Tickets for the event can be purchased via <http://tonicatprescott.bpt.me/> with debit and credit cards. Prices are: \$25.00 for premium seating and \$20 for general seating. Discounted student pricing is available. Local sales options for cash and check purchases are available at the Prescott high school office.

FALL EVENTS AT PRESCOTT PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

Monday, Oct 23	6:00 pm 7:30 pm	6-7 Grade Fall Choir Concert 8-12 Grade Fall Choir Concert
Tuesday, Oct 24	6:30 pm	7-8 Grade Fall Band Concert
Saturday, Nov 4	2:00 pm 7:00 pm	Drama Performance: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe
Sunday, Nov 5	2:00 pm	Drama Performance: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe
Thursday, Nov 9	7:00 pm	Tonic Sol-Fa (see info above)
Friday, Nov 10	8:00 am 8:30 am	Veterans Day Reception Veterans Day Program
Wednesday, Nov 22	7:30 pm	Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service
Monday, Dec 4	5:00 pm 6:30 pm	Grade K Christmas Program* Grade 1 Christmas Program*
Tuesday, Dec 5	5:00 pm 6:30 pm	Grade 2 Christmas Program* Grade 3 Christmas Program*
Thursday, Dec 7	5:00 pm 6:30 pm	Grade 4 Christmas Program* Grade 5 Christmas Program*
*(Concessions will be available in between programs each night)		
Monday, Dec 11	7:00 pm	High School Band Concert
Thursday, Dec 14	6:30 pm	Middle School Band Concert
Monday, Dec 18	6:00 pm 7:30 pm	6-7 Grade Holiday Concert 8-12 Grade Holiday Concert



Prescott Parent Groups are planning the annual Casino Night fundraiser. Enjoy an adult evening out and help the Prescott Parent Groups support STEM programs for the School District!

Party "Old School Vegas Style" at Ptaceks Event Center, Saturday, November 11th from 6:00 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.. General tickets are \$30, VIP tickets are \$40.

Purchase tickets today at <https://casinonightprescottwi.ticketbud.com/party-old-school-style-casino-night>

HIGH SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

Annual Veteran's Day Assembly

The social studies department at Prescott High School is once again hosting a Veteran's Day Assembly in the High School Gymnasium on Friday, November 10.

The event will begin at 8:00 am with refreshments and a gathering to meet and greet veterans in the commons. A program will follow at 8:30 am in the auditorium. If you know of a veteran or active service member who would like to be recognized at the assembly, please have them contact the Prescott High School office or Mandy Bernick: bernickm@prescott.k12.wi.us

The assembly is open to the public and everyone is encouraged to attend as Prescott High School observes this special day.

HOMECOMING HIGHLIGHTS:

Prescott Cardinals enjoyed a festive homecoming in spite of a loss to Baldwin-Woodville. Homecoming King and Queen were Jonny Rohr and Hayley Hillman. Others on the Homecoming court were Kjersten Carlson, Mari Sommer, Julia Cleasby, Joe Roosen, Ty Sanford, Trevor Reid. The school district administration sponsored a community tailgate dinner prior to the game. Students celebrated with a variety of activities during the week.



The traditional parade inspired Cardinal Pride



Powderpuff Football – Staff Style

HANDS ON LEARNING AT PRESCOTT HIGH SCHOOL

Since the 2000-2001 school year, High School teacher, Jeff Ryan has provided students with an opportunity for hands on learning about First Nations culture at Lac du Flambeau. Each fall students are invited to submit a written essay for consideration. Approximately 30 students apply for the 8 positions. The experience involves an entire weekend of cultural immersion, including learning about the natural resources, history, and traditions of the culture. Since 2000, nearly 150 students have benefitted from this unique programming. The following students traveled to the Lac Du Flambeau Indian Reservation this fall: Senior Erik Zeilkinski; Senior Belle Brotka; Senior Brady Schmidt; Senior Madison Dorau; Sophomore Lauren Korfhage; Sophomore Alex Stancer; Sophomore Aiden Nespbor; Sophomore Connor Hince.



Students experienced the beauty of the natural resources



Activities included immersion through hands on historical and cultural learning activities.



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 School Psychologist Janet Born
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Community Ed Director Penny Peterson

Transportation 715-262-3212

Director of Transportation..... Tim Rundquist

SCHOOL HOURS

School	Start	End
Malone Elementary	8:00	2:45
Middle Intermediate	8:00	2:45
Middle School	8:00	3:13
High School	7:55	3:13

(Wed high school start is 8:20)

See full school schedule on the district website at www.prescott.k12.wi.us

Please call the school by 9:00 a.m. if your child is going to be absent. Please send a written note with your student upon returning to school.

School Closings, Late Start and Early Dismissal:

Parents will be contacted by our automated system through email, text, and/or phone calls regarding school closings. This information will also be announced on the following TV and radio stations:

WEVR AM 1550	River Falls
WEVR FM 106.3	River Falls
WCCO AM 830	Twin Cities
WCCO TV channel 4	Twin Cities
KDWA AM 1460	Hastings
KCUE AM 1250	Red Wing
KWNG FM 105.9	Red Wing
KSTP TV channel 5	St. Paul
FOX TV channel 9	St. Paul/Mpls
KARE TV channel 11	St. Paul/Mpls

Check out the District Website at www.prescott.k12.wi.us for more information:

- District News and Events
- School Board Agenda and Minutes
- Sports Events
- Food Service Information
- Specific School Updates
- Community Information



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DISTRICT NEWS AND COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Newest Prescott Hall of Fame Members Inducted

On Saturday, September 30, 2017, the Prescott Hall of Fame display added recognition plaques for two new members, Dallas Eggers and Brady Behrendt.

Dallas Eggers is a recently retired Prescott teacher and a longstanding community volunteer. Mr. Eggers has left a great impression on many students who learn skills in technology and videography. The community continues to benefit from Mr. Eggers' contribution to the local cable commission, sports coverage, and from his involvement in the historical society. His Hall of Fame recognition is for outstanding record of service to the community.

Brady Behrendt is a 2005 graduate of Prescott High School. Mr. Behrendt went on to graduate from the Air Force Academy. His Hall of Fame recognition is for exemplary achievement during and beyond high school graduation.

Both recipients were recognized at a banquet that was opened to the entire community. Surrounded by family, friends, and community members, Mr. Eggers and Mr. Behrendt delivered heart-felt gratitude for the honor and participated in a revealing of their plaques in the Hall of Fame display.



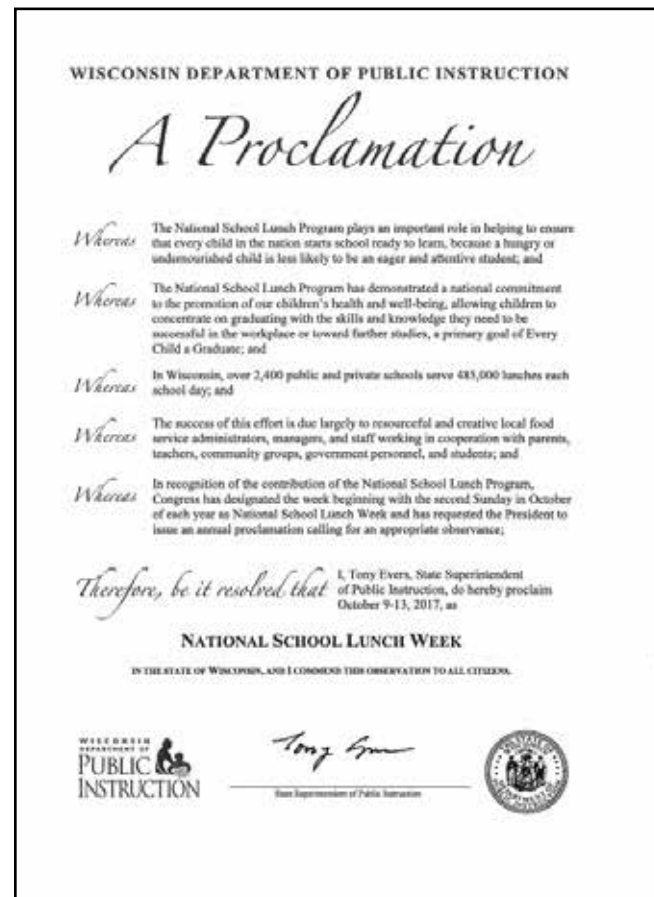
Dallas Eggers and Brady Behrendt

WISCONSIN SERVES UP RECOGNITION

We join the State of Wisconsin in honoring some very critical roles in the public school system. During the week of October 9-13, National School Lunch Week is observed. Good nutrition plays a critical role in the health and welfare of students. Providing this basic, but important, need supports the concentration and stamina that students need for focused studies. That strong body to strong mind connection is possible with the dedicated food service staff who carefully plan, prepare, and serve our students every day.

A week earlier, October 1 – 7, we joined districts throughout the state in recognizing the incredible dedication of school board members. Together, the school board works tirelessly to develop policy, maintain facilities, and assure adequate staffing, to name a few responsibilities. It is a difficult task to balance the educational needs of students and the financial expectations of the community. Although the "official" 2017 School Board recognition week has passed, we encourage you to thank a school board member for their dedicated service: Mark Helmer, Mike Matzek, Steve Sizemore, Tanya Holub, and Josias Franco.

To learn more about the school board decisions and meetings, please visit the website at www.prescott.k12.wi.us.



MIDDLE SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

UPCOMING EVENTS:

October

- 19 - Conferences (12:00 - 8:00) No students 19 or 20
- 20 - No school for students and staff
- 23 - Fall Choir Concert (7:00pm)
- 23 - 27 Red Ribbon Week - student council
- 24 - Fall Band Concert (6:30)
- 26 - Fright Night Movie Night (6:00 - 8:00pm) - student council

November

- 6 - Professional Development Day - No school for students
- 13 - 17th Penny Drive for Food Shelf - student council
- 16 - MS Solo/Ensemble for choir (3:00 - 9:00pm- whole building)
- 17 - Bingo Night - Student Council (6:00 - 8:30pm)
- 22 - 24 Thanksgiving Break - No school

December

- 11 - Professional Development Day - No school for students
- 14 - Holiday Band Concert (6:30pm)
- 18 - Choir Concert (6 & 7th) @ 5:30 & (8th & HS) at 7:00pm
- 18 - 22 Winter Spirit Week - student council
- 19 - Dance (student council) 6:00 - 8:00pm
- 25 - Jan 1 Winter Break - No school

To follow the Wisconsin Middle Border

Sports Schedules:

1. Go to www.prescott.k12.wi.us
2. Click on "Activities":
3. Make a selection from the menu

Cardinal Academy with a Focus on Citizenship

Prescott Middle School students prepared to kick off a new school year with Cardinal Academy. A service learning and community volunteer program is directed by Middle School teacher, Jean Johnson. Through a grant from the Anne Marie Foundation, Prescott Middle School students took part in three days of activities at the end of August. All three community service projects foster citizenship while engaging students in real world application of language arts skills.

Middle school students chose picture books to share the joy of reading aloud with over forty-eight students from New Adventures Day Care and Malone pre-K and creating origami bookmarks based on characters in the books. The Prescott Reads day also showcased a reader's theatre, based on the book, "A Tough Cookie" by David Wisniewski. On day two, Volunteers learned about the value of recycling



Prescott Middle School Volunteers spent an afternoon helping pack meals with Feed My Starving Children in September.

PARENTS WELCOME

The Middle School Parent Group meets monthly and plans many great events to support Middle School students and staff. You can find out about current events and meetings on their Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/PrescottMiddleSchoolParentGroup>

through America the Beautiful "Recycle Me" initiative. They explored how recycled products, like plastic bottles or aluminum cans, can be transformed into items like benches and bikes. The students put their artistic abilities to work by creating recycling cans for school classrooms that will encourage collection of recyclables for years to come.

The third community service project was Parachutes and Popcorn in the Park. The students planned outdoor games that cannot be played alone and built opportunities for others to join in at the Lion's Park. After the cooperative games, the students provided snacks for the participants. They also wrote welcome messages in sidewalk chalk for those who were registering at school.



MALONE ELEMENTARY AND INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

UPCOMING EVENTS:

October

Mon-Wed 16-18	D.A.R.E Week
Wednesday 18	DARE Walk (Gr. 3 – 5)
Wednesday, 25	Picture Re-Take Day
Tues-Thurs. 17-19	Book Fair (MPC)
Thursday 19	Parent Teacher Conferences (No School)
Friday 20	No School
Tuesday 31	Halloween Celebrations

November

TBD	Movie Night (MPC)
Monday 6	Professional Development Day
Saturday 11	Casino Night (MPC), Ptacek's Events Center
Wed-Fri 22- 24	Thanksgiving Break

December

Monday 4	Kindergarten Christmas Program (Auditorium)
	Gr. 1 Christmas Concert
Tuesday 5	Gr. 2 Christmas Concert
	Gr. 3 Christmas Concert
Thursday 7	Gr. 4 Christmas Concert
	Gr. 5 Christmas Concert
Monday 11	Professional Development Day

FALL FUN AT MALONE ELEMENTARY AND INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS

Students enjoyed many exciting events at Malone Elementary this fall! Here are a few memories of back to school bash:



NEW Faces at Malone!

We are so excited to welcome new faces to Malone Elementary and Intermediate schools this year. You will also see some familiar faces in new spaces. This fall, two student teachers will be at Malone: Sarah Schaefer in Mr. Morning's classroom and Helen Broecker in Mrs. Forney's classroom. Welcome to the Malone team!



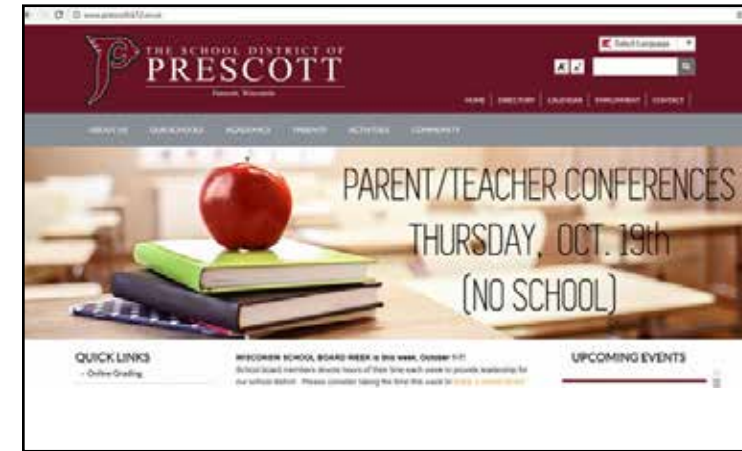
Assistant Principal - Trent Probst (pictured)
 MIS Educational Aides- Kate Otto (pictured) & Libby Syverson (not-pictured)
 ME Sped teacher- Dianna (Di) Morth (pictured)
 ME Sped Aide- Michelle Tromberg (pictured), Terrie Gallant (pictured)
 MIS EBD teacher - Stephanie Lloyd (pictured)
 GT - Michelle Jansen (pictured)
 ME Kitchen - Sue Sanvick (not-pictured)
 MIS Kitchen - Deb Deme & Julie Johnson (both not-pictured)
 MIS Custodial - Sam Johnson - part time custodian (not-pictured)

If you have family changes, such as emergency contact updates, e-mail changes, phone number changes, etc., please be sure to contact your child's school as soon as possible. This helps us keep your child safe while providing the best possible

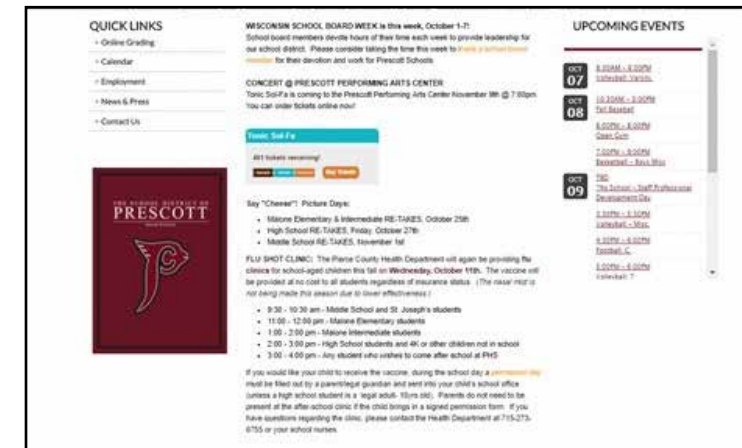
COMMUNITY NEWS AND HAPPENINGS

Introducing ... New and Improved District Website

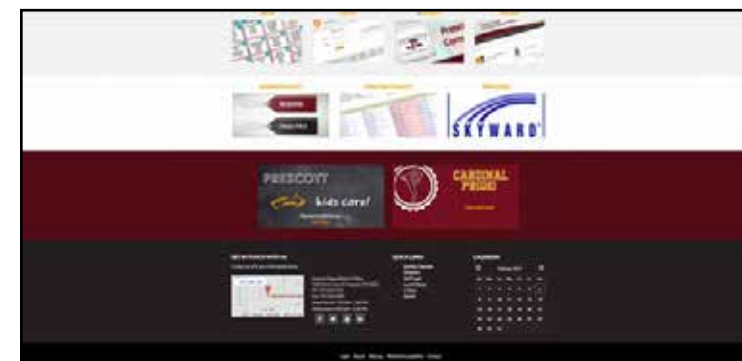
WEBSITE HOMEPAGE FEATURES



Updated look with scrolling features and mobile device friendly!



Current information, including an events calendar and quick links to most common searches!



Icons for easy access to common family searches, including lunch accounts and menus, facility reservation, and program registration.

Prescott School District formally rolled out the updated website at the start of the school year. With a powerful new platform and updated features, the new website is more user friendly and flexible as needs change.

Although some users may have experienced small inconveniences over the summer as we transferred information, the process overall was very well implemented.

Along with all the great features users depend on, the enhanced changes make the website even more valuable. Some of the features that users will appreciate include:

- The website address is the same www.prescott.k12.wi.us
- The site is now mobile friendly and can be easily accessed and viewed on any device.
- Consistent layout for all grade levels with groupings by grade or department.
- Updated teacher websites at all grade levels.
- Direct link to athletic information updated by Middle Border Conference.
- Searchable district employee directory.
- Links to community connections, including The Gathering Place, PCR, Community Ed and more.

We recognize that website information must be reliable, current, and valuable. Our goal is to continually strive to meet and exceed those goals. Thank you for your patience as we implemented these important changes and for your constructive input as we manage the site going forward.

COMMUNITY NEWS AND HAPPENINGS

ANNUAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

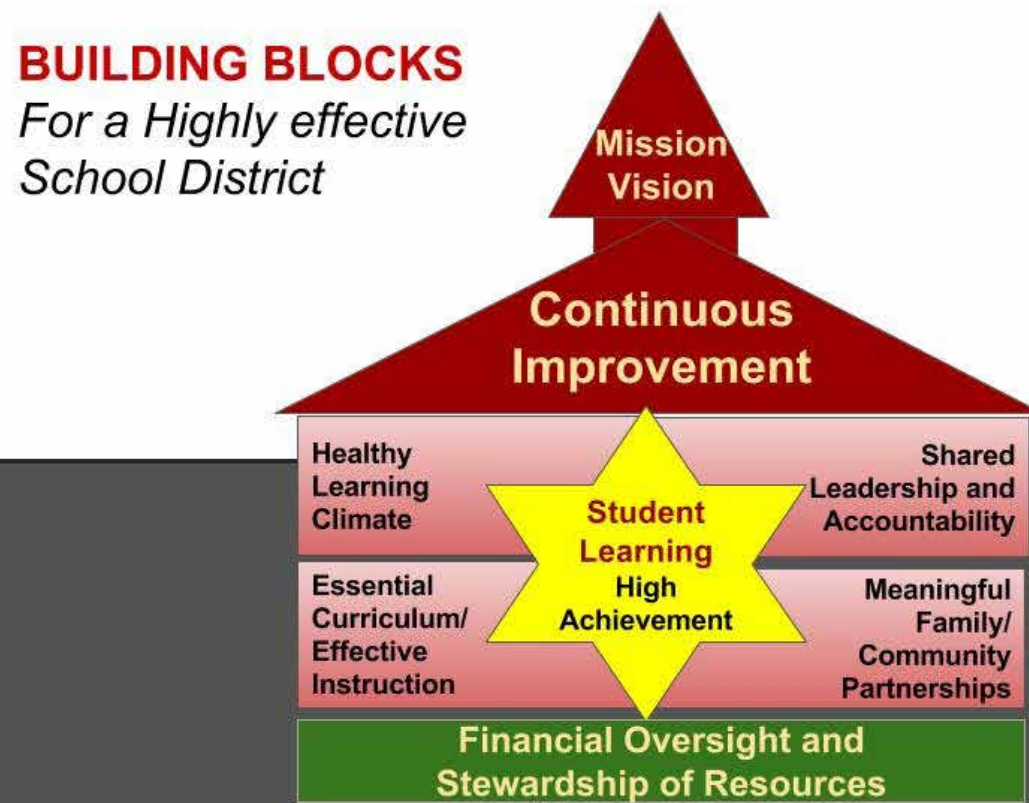
The Annual Meeting of the Prescott School District was held on August 30, 2017. This community-wide meeting gives residents an opportunity to hear about the state of the district and vote on important issues, including the proposed tax levy for the year ahead. The illustration below was presented during the meeting. A foundational element of a highly effective school district is financial oversight and stewardship of resources. This is where the community involvement is so vital.

During the annual meeting, attendees were presented the proposed 2017-18 operating budget and approved the resolution adopting the tax levy. Highlights of the final budget will be provided in an annual report in the winter newsletter. Other approvals included salaries and expense reimbursements for school board members, which remain unchanged from prior year. The next annual meeting will be scheduled prior to September 15, 2018.

Other information at the annual meeting included:

- State of the District presentation by Superintendent Spicuzza including accomplishments, goals, school funding topics, and trends in student enrollment and academic performance.
- Presentation by Trane on energy efficiency projects that will be funded through Act 32 funding.

As we continue to build on the success of the past and set goals for the future, we recognize there are many influencers that build an effective environment for student learning. As a school district, we value the partnerships between students, parents, staff, volunteers, community members, businesses, municipalities, organizations, leaders, and others who make our schools successful.



COMMUNITY NEWS AND HAPPENINGS

PRESCOTT REVAMPS WELLNESS POLICY



To strengthen our school district's commitment to lifelong wellness and optimized learning for students, we are promoting healthy eating and physical activity. This includes:

- Encouraging access to drinking water
- Using student rewards that support health
- Making celebrations and fundraisers healthier
- Creating a physically active classroom

These guidelines were provided for families for the 2017-18 School Year from the PSD Wellness Committee:

- Students are encouraged to bring a refillable water bottle to school.
- Teachers will use non-food items for rewards.
- Celebrations such as birthdays and classroom parties should provide opportunities for students to celebrate by telling stories, sharing photos, music, dance, games, or physical activities or by providing a healthy snack. **Note: Home prepared foods may no longer be provided, due to potential dietary restrictions or allergies that require listing nutrition, ingredients and carb count statements on the package.**
- Fundraising suggestions include events or nonfood items. When using food for fundraising, consider healthy foods such as fruit sales.
- School staff and families will engage in a partnership to meet the policy goals by promoting good nutrition and physical activity.

For more information, visit the district website at www.prescott.k12.wi.us



Mrs. Magnan explains new wellness policy during school orientation.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROJECTS BRING COST SAVINGS

Prescott School Board recently approved important energy efficiency projects with funding provided under Act 32 financing guidelines. With an improved financial rating of Aa3 by Moody's, the district was able to sell \$3.785 million dollars of Energy Efficiency Bonds on September 20th, with a 15-year interest rate of 2.378%. The Aa3 improved bond rating saves taxpayers over **\$30,000 in interest**. These savings allow us to re-invest operating dollars back into the classrooms and employees throughout the district versus banks and investors.

The energy efficiency project will provide guaranteed savings of **\$29,000.00** per year. After a thorough 18-month review of our facilities, the school board approved a contract with TRANE to remove all 1969 Air Handler Units and boilers from Malone Intermediate School. In addition, a building-wide transformation to LED fixtures and lighting will occur. Most work will occur during the summer of 2018, with some work beginning as early as winter or spring break.



At Malone Elementary all classroom unit ventilators in the 1988 wing will be replaced with one air handler unit to dehumidify and condition the entire wing. Overall, 27 independent, non-synchronized units will be removed and replaced by three synchronized units. This will complete the initial energy efficiency project that was initiated in 2013. Payback on the \$3.785 million dollars will occur within 12 years; allowing us to be proactive and plan for the future capital investments that may occur.

While finances matter, most importantly these projects improve the work and learning environment. These are important investments for the betterment of our facilities.