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Energy for Success

By: Superintendent Rick Spicuzza

This fall I kicked off the school year with our Prescott School employees by sharing snippets of books I read over the summer. A book that helped frame our fall conversations is titled, *The Energy Bus*, by Jon Gordon, author of fifteen books, including five bestsellers. Gordon's principles have been put to the test by numerous Fortune 500 companies, professional and college sports teams, school districts, hospitals, and non-profits.

The *Energy Bus* premise, told in an easy to read fable, provides incredible insights about work and life on both professional and personal levels, spotlighting the importance of how we view and react to challenges. Our responses to challenge have a big impact on individuals and organizations, serving to either elevate our performance or distract us from our mission by miring us in a doom-cycle abyss. As Gordon states, "No one goes through life untested and the answer to these tests is positive energy. The kind of positive energy that consists of the vision, trust, optimism, enthusiasm, purpose, and spirit that defines great organizations and their shared dreams."

I am very proud of our staff, who are pulling together and getting on the bus eager to embrace the continuous improvement models that support Prescott Schools' strong tradition of excellence. Our School Board, Administration and Teacher Leaders are engaging fully as they learn to operate under a shared leadership model. With the help of TeamWorks International™, Prescott Schools, Community Education, and PCR -- staff are working hard to continually craft and refine positive experiences for the students, staff, families, and community members we serve.

This multi-year engagement, titled "From the Classroom to the Boardroom," is a journey to take stock of where we've been as a district and where we hope to go, articulating a 'North Star' to help prioritize our future investments in Academics, Arts, and Athletics. Our shared goal is to ensure we develop well-rounded, competitive graduates from Prescott Public Schools. The recent release of statewide academic test scores places Prescott in the top-ten among CESA-11 Schools. We should be proud of these accomplishments, but never complacent.

This Holiday Season there are many things to be thankful for. As Superintendent, I want to thank the community for the trust and support you place in our organization each and every day. Wishing you a season of peace and joy and a happy New Year.

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Prescott Seniors Gather for Fun and Friendship



Prescott Senior Citizens enjoy a wide range of programming at The Gathering Place in the lower level of the Malone Intermediate School, 1220 Saint Croix Street (enter through Door #5). Hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 9 am – 3 pm

A variety of activities include book club, Zumba, Yoga, Pickle Ball, monthly potluck lunch and community speakers. A monthly schedule is posted on the district website under the community tab, or at: <http://www.prescott.k12.wi.us/page/2954>

Follow Prescott's Gathering Place on Facebook: @prescott.gathering.place

#cardinalpride

Good luck to our winter sports teams: boys & girls basketball, wrestlers, and dance team! For schedules and scores, access the Middle Border Conference website from the school district home page: www.prescott.k12.wi.us. The current week schedule appears on the right hand side. Click on the "more events" button below the schedule for more options, including music performances, forensics, middle school sports, and more!

You can also access Prescott schedules on the Middle Border Conference website directly at: <http://middleborderconference.org/public/genie/91/school/6/>



Spring Election April 3, 2018

Notice of Election	Dates for the Spring Election
2 seats open	Incumbent - Mark Helmer, Tanya Holub
Timeline for filing Declarations of Candidacy, registration statements	No Earlier than December 1, 2017 Deadline: Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2018 @ 5:00 pm
Primary Election will be held, if needed <small>(A primary will be held only if there are 3 or more interested candidates)</small>	Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2018
Spring Election 2017	Tuesday, April 3, 2018
Length of Term for office	Three years; April 23, 2018 - April 25, 2021

Forms are available at the District Office located at 1220 St. Croix St, Prescott, WI
Open Monday - Friday 8-4:30 pm
The District Office will be closed beginning Dec. 25, 2017 - Jan 1st, 2018

Better Schools Build Better Communities.



2017 Annual Meeting Highlights

- Energy Efficient Project update was presented
- State of the District Academic and Financial Status was discussed
- Draft budget for 2017-18 was reviewed
- Tax Levy was presented and approved
- Board Member salaries/expense reimbursement were approved
- High School Open House Date was announced

2018 Annual Meeting will be announced by Board in late spring.

School Board Meeting Minutes and Agendas are located on the district website:
www.prescott.k12.wi.us

Current School Board Members:

- Mark Helmer, President
- Mike Matzek, Vice President
- Steve Sizemore, Clerk
- Tanya Holub
- Josias Franco
- Hayley Hilman, Student Representative

District Office

1220 St. Croix Street
Phone: 715-262-5782
Fax: 715-262-5091

Superintendent.....Dr. Rick Spicuzza
 Dir. Teaching & Learning.....Michael Kosmalski
 Maintenance.....Mike Hoikka
 Technology Information.....Kyle Flaherty
 Pupil Services Administrator.....Mark Inouye

Prescott High School

1010 Dexter Street
Phone: 715-262-5389
Fax: 715-262-4888

Principal.....Josh Fiege
 Asst.Principal/Athletic Dir.....Matt Smith
 School Counselor.....Steve Peterson
 School Psychologist.....Janet Born
 Food Services/Nutrition.....Tina Stenroos

Prescott Middle School

125 N. Elm Street
Phone: 715-262-5054
Fax: 715-262-3965

Principal.....Kyle Igou
 School Counselor.....Larissa Dreyer

***Malone Intermediate School**

1220 St. Croix Street
Phone: 715-262-2383
Fax: 715-262-2379

Principal.....Deanne Edlefsen

***Malone Elementary School**

505 N. Campbell Street
Phone: 715-262-5463
Fax: 715-262-0052

Assistant Principal.....Trent Probst
 School Counselor.....Kevin Haglund
 School Psychologist.....Beth Dodge
 Malone Nurse.....Cassie Butler
 *Note: Staff listed serve at both Malone buildings

Community Education 715-262-4676

Community Ed Director.....Penny Peterson

School Health 715-262-2383

District Nurse.....Marie Magnan

Transportation 715-262-3212

Director of Transportation.....Tim Rundquist

SCHOOL HOURS

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

(Wed high school start is 8:30)

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 via the Alert Now system by email 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



Stay Informed!!! Like us on Facebook!

HIGH SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

Congratulations, Prescott Students

Fall is always an exciting time of year as we welcome new students through the doors and prepare to send a graduating class into the world in a few short months. This year has started with some amazing student accomplishments with great paths ahead. Here are just a couple of the #cardinalpride accomplishments:

•**Peter Brookshaw** signed a letter of intent to play with North Dakota State. Earlier, Peter was the 5th player in Prescott Cardinals baseball history named 1st Team All State and the first Junior to make the team. Peter was chosen as the Division 2 Player of the year. **Zach Dolan** was named Honorable Mention All State. Peter Brookshaw and **Luke Murphy** were both named to the academic All State Team.

•**Chloe Rohl** and **Hope Parmeter** were nominated to sing at Carnegie Hall in New York City. Of 12,000 worldwide vocal and instrumental auditions, they are 2 of only 700 who achieved this honor.

•**The Prescott High School Band** will be participating in the Disney World band program. They will learn special performance techniques and participate in on-site performance.

If you would like to support the Carnegie Hall trip or the Band Disney trip, contact the high school for opportunities

TRADING PLACES

This fall, Prescott High School Parents had an opportunity to learn what a chemistry classroom is like for their students. Using high school curriculum in the actual classroom teachers shared a lesson with parents so they can experience a typical day in their student's life. Pictured below are parents doing hands-on coursework in Lori Pedretti's Chemistry class:



This program, called Parent University, has been offered in other high school classrooms, as well. We encourage parents to attend these opportunities as a way to connect with your student and teacher.



Prescott School District is one of 447 school districts in the U.S. and Canada being honored by the College Board with placement on the 8th Annual AP® District Honor Roll. Only 25

Wisconsin school districts and 7 Minnesota Districts were recognized for this achievement. To be included on the 8th Annual Honor Roll, Prescott School District had to, since 2015, increase the number of students participating in Advanced Placement classes while also increasing or maintaining the percentage of students earning AP Exam scores of 3 or higher. Reaching these goals shows that this district is successfully identifying motivated, academically prepared students who are ready for AP. The complete 8th Annual AP District Honor Roll can be found here: <https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/score-reports-data/awards/honor-roll>

UPCOMING EVENTS:

See the website at www.prescott.k12.wi.us for full schedules and details:

Monday, December 25 - Monday, January 1 - No School for students and staff

JANUARY

Mon 15: **No School** for students and staff
 Fri 26: **No School** for students (professional development)

FEBRUARY

Fri 16: **No School** for students (professional development)
 Mon 26: 6:30 pm High School Band Concert

MARCH

Thur 8 4-8 pm P/T conferences (full day of school – no 4K)
 Fri 9 **No School**
 9-11: High School Musical, "Into the Woods"
 Mon 19: 6:00 pm 6-7 grade choir concert
 7:00 pm 8-12 grade choir concert
 Thur 22: Band leaves for Disney trip
 M-F, 26-30: Spring Break (no school)

You can now **watch live streamed events** (basketball games and holiday concerts)! To redeem Prescott's access code, go to: <https://accounts.nfhsnetwork.com/redeem?code=Prescott1718>

ANNUAL REPORT BUDGET INFORMATION

A draft budget was presented at the Annual Meeting in August as part of the public hearing. The following information reflects the final budget approved at the October 18, 2017 School Board Meeting:

PRESCOTT SCHOOL DISTRICT			
REVENUE/EXPENSE BUDGET (Date: 10/2017)			
	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Revenue	14,942,875.11	15,387,551.58	15,548,651.00
Expense	14,791,639.07	14,592,649.79	15,800,651.00
GENERAL FUND	151,236.04	794,901.79	-252,000.00
Revenue	19,446.73	66,915.17	20,000.00
Expense	16,440.94	58,315.53	20,000.00
GIFTS/GRANTS	3,005.79	8,599.64	0
Revenue	2,449,329.62	2,346,928.57	2,566,603.00
Expense	2,449,329.62	2,346,928.57	2,566,603.00
SPECIAL EDUCATION	0	0	0
Revenue	129,550.00	80,828.00	382,491.00
Expense	129,726.04	81,185.00	337,473.00
NON-REFERENDUM DEBT SERV	-176.04	-357	45,018.00
Revenue	2,242,650.07	2,299,773.36	2,400,287.00
Expense	2,579,953.33	2,310,702.52	2,417,354.00
REFERENDUM APPROVED DEBT SERV	-337,303.26	-10,929.16	-17,067.00
Revenue	0	15,000.00	200,000.00
LONG TERM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	0	15,000.00	200,000.00
Revenue	106,222.83	46,005.29	3,788,000.00
Expense	23,372,996.78	3,199,391.07	3,782,640.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS	-23,266,773.95	-3,153,385.78	5,360.00
Revenue	619,116.28	631,994.84	631,818.00
Expense	590,734.12	652,261.97	631,818.00
FOOD SERVICE FUND	28,382.16	-20,267.13	0
Revenue	115,750.69	164,016.12	148,000.00
Expense	93,508.27	96,345.38	148,000.00
COMMUNITY RECREATION	22,242.42	67,670.74	0
Revenue	145,213.69	131,736.15	135,155.00
Expense	134,941.58	134,888.52	135,155.00
COMMUNITY EDUCATION	10,272.11	-3,152.37	0

MALONE ELEMENTARY AND INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, December 25 - Monday, January 1 - No School for students and staff

JANUARY

Tues 2 School Resumes
 Mon 15 No School (Martin Luther King Jr Day)
 Thurs 11 DARE Graduation 1:00 pm
 Fri 26 Professional Development Day (No School)

FEBRUARY

Mon 5 4K Registration 6:00-7 pm
 Mon 26 5K Registration 6:00-7 pm
 TBD Malone's Got Talent, Auditorium 5:30-7:30 pm
 Fri 9 Sock Hop, Malone Intermediate 6:30-8:30 pm
 Fri 16 Professional Development Day (No School)
 Tues 20 Malone Intermediate Family Read Together Night 6:30-7:30 pm
 Thur 22 Malone Elementary Family Read Together Night 6:00-7 p.m.

Holiday Happenings at Malone Elementary and Intermediate

Students kicked off the holidays with sounds of the season during their December concerts:



Kindergarten and 1st grader entertain



2nd and 3rd grade on the stage



4th and 5th grade performance

MARCH

Thur 8 Parent Teacher Conferences (Full Day of School, No 4K) 4:00-8:00 pm
 Fri 9 No School
 Mon-Fri 26 - 30 Spring Break

4-Year-Old Kindergarten Registration Monday, February 5th, 2018 6:00-7:00 P.M. - Malone Elementary Gym

Parents of children who turn four years old on or before September 1, 2018 and are living within the Prescott School District boundaries will be receiving an informational letter about 4-Year-Old Kindergarten.

This letter will be mailed during the week of January 15th, 2018.

Kindergarten Registration Monday, February 26th, 2018 6:00-7:00 P.M. - Malone Elementary Gym

Parents of children who turn five years old on or before September 1, 2018 and are living within the Prescott School District boundaries will be receiving an informational letter about Kindergarten.

This letter will be mailed during the week of February 5th, 2018.

If you have an eligible child and do not receive this information, please contact:

**Connie Grabow, Malone Elementary Office
 715-262-5463**

If you know of a new family in the district who may not have received this correspondence, please direct them to the Malone Elementary office.

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 communication between the school and your family.

MIDDLE SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, December 25 - Monday, January 1 - No School for students and staff

JANUARY

Tues 2: 7th & 8th grade Girls' Basketball practice starts
 Tues 2: 6th-8th Wrestling practice starts
 Fri 12: Ski & Snowboard Club starts 4:00-10:00 pm
 Mon 15: No School for students and staff
 Thur 25: Ski & Snowboard Club - 4:00-10:00 pm
 Fri 26: No School for students

FEBRUARY

Mon 5: 6th grade Ski trip to Afton Alps - 8:30-2:30 (permission slips/information will come home in January)
 Fri 9: Ski & Snowboard Club - 4:00-10:00 pm
 Fri 16: No School students (professional development)
 Fri 23: Ski & Snowboard Club - 4:00-10:00 pm

DRAMA RAMA



Drama Rama was a great success for our middle school students this year. Ms. Kressly's 6th grade team took 2nd in their category with a score of 37.5

For Extemporaneous category:

- 7th grade Ms. Kressly took 4th
- 8th grade Ms. Rice took 1st

The judges recognized several "Actors of Merit" from Prescott for their awesome performances!

- Emelia Berg (4th gr. Otto)
- Kendra Ogilvie (5th gr. Williamson)
- Lucy Lamb (5th gr. Lamb)
- Alissa Zerneke (5th gr. Lamb)
- Grace Gale (8th gr. Rice)
- Elsie Dempsey-Rice (8th gr. Rice)
- Shelby Sizemore (8th gr. Rice)
- Madeline Miller (8th gr. Rice)
- Faith Rohl (8th gr. Rice)
- Sophie O'Brien (8th gr. Rice)

Congratulations to all of our student participants and coaches.

MARCH

Thur 8: 4-8 pm P/T conferences (full day of school - no 4K)
 Fri 9: No School
 Tues 13: 6:30 pm Middle School Band Concert
 Mon 19: 6:00 pm 6-7 grade choir concert
 7:00 pm 8-12 grade choir concert
 26-30: Spring 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

NURSES NOTES

With the change of season come important reminders from our school nurses. As we gather with family and friends for indoor activities and celebrations, we are more susceptible to sharing viruses like the cold, flu, and even rashes like Hand, Foot, and Mouth disease.

To avoid catching or spreading these common illnesses, be sure to use good hygiene by washing hands frequently. Cover mouth and nose with a tissue or this inside of your elbow when sneezing. Keep surfaces clean and sanitized. Avoid touching eyes, face, and mouth.

PRESCOTT DRAMA STUDENTS PERFORM A CLASSIC

Prescott students worked hard to deliver an amazing performance of The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe in the Performing Arts Center this fall. The entire cast is pictured on stage below:

