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Prescott Receives Hospitality Award

At the April School Board Meeting, Bart Matzek presented the Tom Sempf Hospitality Award on behalf of the Pierce-St. Croix Officials Association. This award is presented to the school displaying the best hospitality, courtesy, and sportsmanship towards officials assigned to work their games in any sport. Way to go, Prescott fans, students, athletes, and coaches. #cardinalpride

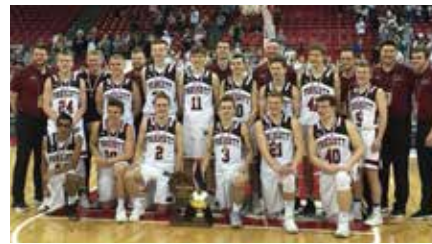
Congratulations To all of winter and spring athletes. Here are just a few fun images (not pictured- golf and wrestling):



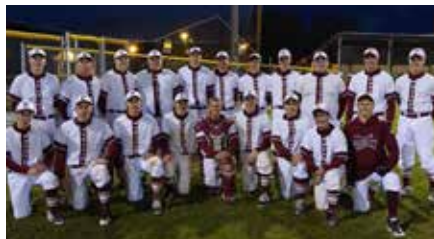
Girls Basketball



Trap Team



Boys Basketball



Baseball



Softball



Track

And THANK YOU to our music students for representing Prescott well across the state and country:



BAND at Epcot



CHOIR
Pepfest for State Solo-Ensemble

REMINDER: the last day of the current school year for students was moved up to **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6th** in preparation for energy efficiency construction at Malone buildings. In addition, please note Malone Intermediate will be closed June 11-August 17. Summer School and District Offices will be located at the high school during that time. Parents will receive more detailed information in the weeks ahead.

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Efficient and Effective Dr. Rick Spicuzza, Superintendent

We often see school years marked in time with a September beginning and June end point. However, those moments are really just milestones in our constant evolution and progression as a district. These milestones are important in that they give us a chance to pause and reflect on the progress of being the "Best at Getting Better." We get a chance to celebrate accomplishments. In addition, we review what went well and what could be done differently to achieve better results. It's a time to consider how efficiently we performed and what comes next.

District Energy Efficiency Projects:

For the last several months, we have been preparing our staff for energy efficiency improvements that will occur at Malone Intermediate and Malone Elementary Schools this summer. Malone Intermediate school will be taken completely offline for upgrades and the District Office will relocate to the High School for the months of June, July, and August.

The efficiency projects will allow us to provide updated LED lighting to Malone Intermediate School and maintain climate control throughout the Malone Elementary and Intermediate sites at a lower annual operational cost to taxpayers. I look forward to hosting an open-house in early fall to unveil the improvements to our learning environments.

Investment in Leadership:

Investing in our leadership development at a teacher, administrative and board level has continued throughout the academic year. Specifically, we continue to partner with TeamWorks International on our initiative titled, "From the Classroom to the Boardroom." The efforts of this two-year initiative will now elevate to the School Board level during the 2018-19 school year. Over the next six months the School Board will receive a summary of the work completed to date and address three key pillars of service to the Prescott Community. As a community you will see progress around a Multiple-Year Strategy document, a three-year school board plan to accomplish this goal, and a complete comprehensive overhaul of all School Board policies to be in alignment with our District's Mission, Vision, and Value statement.

Stay tuned. To accomplish these guiding principles by your school board you will see additional board work around:

- Mission, vision and values reaching across our schools and departments throughout the organization,
- Clarifying how we make decisions for the longer-term,
- Preparing for how we adapt to inevitable change,
- Decision-making on how to best implement important policies, and
- Partnership focused on sustainable engagement with our community.

Accountability for Learning:

Our focus on efficiency is to increase positive outcomes in measurable ways for our students, families and employees each and every day. As we build upon our internal efficiencies our goal remains laser-focused on educational outcomes for all our students. As we refine our district-wide Mission and Vision Statement, and publicly declare our value statements you will see how we measure up on VisionCards.™ VisionCards™ are like report cards that inform the community and our school board relative to how well we performed in reaching expectations.

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SCHOOL BOARD NEWS

Superintendent's Message: Efficient and Effective

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These expectations will be tied to the experiences students, families, the community, and staff wish to achieve here in Prescott. We are also proud to be rolling out new innovative STEM programming this fall. STEM is an interdisciplinary approach incorporating-- Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. Our efficiencies allow us to invest in new personnel to build a K-8 STEM program for our students.

In the pages that follow, you will see many remarkable outcomes of education at work throughout the Prescott School District. It is amazing to see how much is accomplished in a single school year. And it resets our launch point for the years ahead. I am so grateful for a supportive community, for involved parents, for important community partners, and for dedicated staff. Our efficiency in education - from goals to outcomes - is the result of our shared commitment and collective work to educate our students. Have a great summer!

School Board News



Pat Block

Prescott School Board welcomes its newest member, Pat Block. Mr. Block and incumbent, Tanya Holub, were elected to fill the two open seats at the April 3 general election. Tanya will be serving her second term on the school board. The other position was open after long-time board member, Mark Helmer retired after completing his final term.

Pat is a long time Prescott resident and graduate of Prescott High School. He lives here with his wife, who is a teacher in Cottage Grove, and three children, two who are current Prescott students and one who is a Prescott graduate. He comes from a family of educators and is committed to being an advocate for our youth while being a good steward of the resources and tools our community provides for education. Pat has been an active volunteer with Prescott Community Recreation (PCR) as a volunteer coach, a commissioner, and a PCR board member. He has also served as a high school football coach for a number of years.

Pat also volunteered as a member of the facilities committee during the planning and construction of the new high school.

Pat is committed to continual improvement and feels it is important for the district to educate and prepare youth while seeking ways to be efficient and fiscally responsible in that effort. He strives to continue developing a healthy relationship between the district and community.

And a Few Reminders:

School Board meeting agendas and minutes, along with video coverage, are posted on the district website at <http://www.prescott.k12.wi.us/page/2945>. Regular Meetings are scheduled the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the high school library.

Starting in April 2018, the Board is also scheduling working sessions as needed. These sessions are public meetings that will be posted and minutes will be taken. The sessions will include specific topics that require more board discussion than allowed at regular meeting. No decisions will be made at working sessions. Formal business decisions will occur at regular business meetings.

PRESCOTT SCHOOL DISTRICT QUICK REFERENCE CONTACT PAGE

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 8:20)

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 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



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HIGH SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

Prescott Student Art Featured At Gallery Opening

Several Prescott students exhibited original art at the Orange Dragon Art Gallery season opening during the month April. A special opening night reception was held on April 6. The student artists were available to present their work and many students were excited to sell their pieces. Some of the artwork will be on display at the Performing Arts Center gallery at the high school during the summer.



Prescott Forensics Students Compete at State

The Prescott High School Forensics team competed at the WHSFA State tournament on April 20.

The team finished with the following results:

5 Gold medals (Jillian Boles, Julia Cleasby, Sophia Tibayan, Emily Buss, and Trent Rowan)

7 Silver medals (Kira Penk, Isa Lonetti, Anna Mercord, Abby Holz, Anna Welter, Emma Fiedler, Laura Pryor), and

4 Bronze medals (Jade Johnson, Kora Bichay, Morgan Chesney, Delaney Sanford, Charlotte Wiltermuth, and Marissa Jansen).

In addition, Emily Buss's Gold medal this year was her 4th, earning her the prestigious Critic's Choice Award for 4 Gold medals in 4 years. She is only the 3rd Prescott High School student to do that in recorded history. She follows Nick Helberg and Justine Backes who earned theirs in 2012 and 2014 respectively. Congratulations to all students on a job well done!



ITV Veterinary Class

Prescott High School students participate in a variety of Interactive Television Courses (ITV) to gain knowledge and experience on subjects offered from other locations. These pictures show Prescott students at CESA 11 following the instructions from their teacher, Jenifer Bos of Shell Lake, on injections into an orange and sutures on fake skin and bananas. The students also got to tour the Vet Clinic in Shell Lake afterward and they learned a lot!



NEW PROGRAM AND STAFF RECOGNITION

STEM Takes Root in Prescott School District

Over the last few years, STEM programming (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) has been gaining attention in schools throughout the country, including Prescott. We started by incorporating STEM concepts in our existing classrooms and curriculum. For example, Robotics was introduced at the Middle School, allowing students to engineer, build, program, and test robots as part of their curriculum. Outside the classroom, Destination Imagination teams began to expand and show success at state and national levels as they put competitive projects together using many STEM concepts.

The Prescott Parent Groups noticed the momentum in a big way – and committed to funding continued success with a large grant dedicated to funding classroom STEM projects. The grant is administered by a committee who reviews applications for program fit and determines funding levels. Many very successful projects have been implemented as a result, including Lego Mindstorm Robotics and support of SciMaTech Student Stem Day in 2017. Coming up soon, they have funded a STEM Shuttle during the Community Education Kick Off to Summer.

In the 2018-19 school year, the Prescott School District will be implementing dedicated STEM programming at the elementary and middle school levels. At the high school level, we will continue to provide STEM concepts through cross-curricular programming.



Congratulations!

We are so proud of the accomplishments of all Prescott staff. It's especially exciting when Prescott employees get recognized by outside organizations for their great work effort.



Mrs. Marie Magnan: School District Nurse, R.N., B.S.N. 2018 School Nurse of the Year

Marie Magnan received the Kathryn Etter School Nurse of the Year Award. The award criteria is based on excellence in school nursing practice.



Mr. Jason Brazzale: HS Biology 2018 Wisconsin Excellence in Science Education Award

Mr. Brazzale, was recognized by the Wisconsin Society of Science Teachers (WSST) with the Excellence in Science Education Award. This award is for outstanding contributions to the improvement of science education in Wisconsin.



Mr. Nick Johnson: Varsity Basketball Coach 2018 WI Basketball All-Star Head Coach

Coach Nick Johnson was selected as the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association's All-Star Head Coach. The games raise funds to help fight against childhood cancer. To donate: <https://www.justagamefieldhouse.net/wbca/donation-banner/index.php>

DISTRICT NEWS AND COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Here Comes Summer!

Many great things are happening right here in Prescott this summer, including summer school programming, community events, Public Library activities, and of course, Community Education offerings.

Be sure to mark your calendars for the Prescott Community Education "Kick Off to Summer" event on June 1 from 5:00 pm-8:00 pm. This annual event brings together the community to celebrate friendships & the beginning of summer with food & fun! Stop by anytime - grab supper & enjoy the festivities! Check their Facebook Page for updates.

Starting in the Fall, Community Education will resume the "Community Conversation" series. These free programs present contemporary topics that impact our immediate community and surrounding area. We encourage you to mark your calendars for the October 11 program about suicide. This program, called CAST (Community Awareness Skills Training) is especially geared toward those who work alongside youth in any capacity. It is designed to help attendees learn how to talk about suicide and respond effectively. Other topics coming next year include exploring health issues, the opiate crises, and mental health issues.

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MIDDLE SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

For Middle School activities, please visit the website at www.prescott.k12.wi.us.
Locate "Middle School" under the "Our Schools" tab on the home page.

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>

To follow Wisconsin Middle Border Sports Schedules:

1. Go to www.prescott.k12.wi.us
2. Click on "Extracurricular" tab at top of page
3. Click on "Middle Border Dates/Scores" in box at left

Middle School Volunteers Make a Difference One Project at a Time



The Middle School Volunteer Group does amazing work in our community and around the world. Mrs. Johnson coordinates students in 6-8 grade to do important work, like

visiting with our local care center, collecting food for the local food pantry, and sorting donations at Treasures from the Heart. On April 27, the students worked at Feed My Starving Children in Eagan. These are just a few of the 20 students and seven adult volunteers who worked with others to feed over 50 children for an entire year!



Middle School Spirit

During March, the Middle School Student Council Celebrated Spirit Week with a door decorating contest. This year's winner was Mrs. Kressley's TA with special recognition for Mrs. Prochnow's TA for capturing the excitement of State Basketball.



National History Day Students Compete at State

Prescott was represented by 24 High School and Middle School students who traveled to Madison to take part in National History Day on April 20. That includes 5 Prescott middle school students who presented a performance called, Irena Sendler: A Hero Who Compromised Herself on Saturday in Madison.

All of the groups did a wonderful job presenting their research in the form of exhibit, website and documentary. They shared a showcase of their work with the community on the Thursday night prior to the state competition. Thank you to all who attended.



MALONE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

Hats Off to our Graduates!

5th Grade Graduation – Wednesday, June 6 at 9:45 a.m. in the Intermediate School gymnasium
Kindergarten Graduation – Wednesday, June 6, 1:15-2:15 pm in the Performing Arts Center at the High School

4th Grade Students Study Wisconsin



Secretary Sheila Harsdorf visited Prescott Intermediate School and spoke to the 4th grade classes on Friday, April 27. Formerly a Wisconsin State Senator, Harsdorf is now the appointed Secretary of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection. Fourth grade students study Wisconsin history and government, and it was great to have her come and visit our classes to talk about agriculture in Wisconsin. The students were able to ask questions as well. This was the first student group she has spoken with in her new role as Secretary of Agriculture.

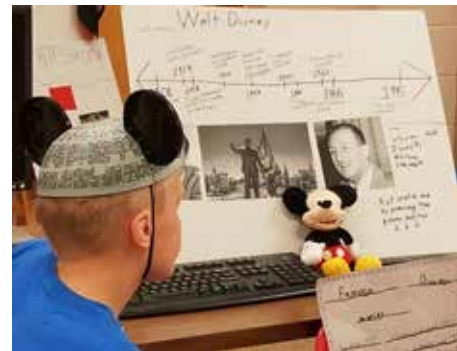
Kindness is Always in Season

Across the hall from the Malone Intermediate School media center, a Kindness Tree is in full bloom! The kindness project was started by teacher, Stephaine Lloyd, who found inspiration from a Pinterest idea. It began with a simple trunk and branches and a school-wide invitation to bring the tree to life. Teachers and students were encouraged to take a blank leaf and write an expression of how someone has shown them kindness. The tree sprouted all kinds of great affirmations about the kindness in our Cardinal hallways.... And it continues to grow each day with new words of gratitude!



History Comes to Life

Malone 4th grade students brought history to life on April 13. Students researched a historical figure and prepared a presentation for the Living History Museum. Dressed as their character, students shared a short synopsis of that person's life when "activated by the visitors". Exhibits varied from sports to entertainment; politics to royalty; business leaders to artists and many other interests.



Egg-stra Special Project Hatches at Malone Elementary

Mrs. Sizemore's second grade students enjoyed watching spring "hatch to life" as baby chicks emerged from their eggs in April. The baby chicks broke out of their shells and were greeted by very appreciative classroom.



DISTRICT NEWS AND HAPPENINGS

Building Efficiency Improvements

Last fall, the Prescott School Board approved important energy efficiency projects with funding provided under ACT 32 financing guidelines. Along with tremendous interest savings due to the school district's strong bond rating, the district will realize a guaranteed energy savings of \$29,000 per year after completion of the projects.

The projects to be completed include:

- Removing all air handler units and boilers from Malone Intermediate School. The boilers are 1969 models that were sized to handle water heating needs based on high school physical education and sports activities. With the new use of the buildings, the water heating capacity can be reduced and more efficient equipment put in place.
- LED fixtures and lighting will replace the current lights on the second floor of Malone Intermediate.
- At Malone Elementary, 15 classroom window units will be replaced with one air handler unit to dehumidify and condition the entire wing.

TRANE was hired as the contractor on the project and has already implemented the initial steps. The remaining construction will begin as soon as the school year is completed. To accommodate the construction schedule, the last day of school was moved up one day to Wednesday, June 6. That will allow time to move supplies to the high school for summer school as Malone Intermediate will be completely shut down from June 11 – August 17. Summer School and the District Offices will be located at the high school during that time.

These important projects will improve the working and learning environment at the schools, reduce operating costs, and complete maintenance projects to allow the district to be proactive in planning for future capital investments.



Technology Improvements for Parent-Teacher Communication

During the summer, Prescott School District will be changing student information systems. Beginning with the 2018-2019 school year, our new system, Infinite Campus will replace the JMC system. This will allow teachers and families to access student information at the secondary level, including assignments, tests, and grades.

The new system also includes a user app to make mobile access more efficient. Parents who access their student information from their phone or mobile device will appreciate that feature.

One of the most popular features of Infinite Campus is likely to be the ability to communicate important events, like snow days or school emergencies, by family instead of by student. That means families who have more than one student in the district should only receive one alert for the entire family instead of one alert for each student enrolled.

There are many other efficiencies that will improve district recordkeeping, as well. Parents will learn more about the program and how to access it as part of the back to school planning in the fall.

2018 PRESCOTT TOP TEN

Prescott School District is proud to present the Class of 2018 Top Ten Graduates:

VALEDICTORIAN



TY SANFORD

Parents: Chuck & Erin Sanford
College: University of Wisconsin La Crosse
Major: Biomedical Science

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KATIE BURMOOD

Parents: Steve & Janet Burmood
College: Iowa State University
Major: Criminal Justice

Prescott High School commencement ceremony will be held Saturday, May 26, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. in the High School Gymnasium. Congratulations, Graduates.

Rounding out the Top Ten in alphabetical order:



LAUREN AULECIEMS

Parents: Linda Auleciems and Paul Auleciems
College: University of Wisconsin Madison
Major: Chemistry (Pre-med)



WESTON BARTSCH

Parents: Jay & Renee Bartsch
College: University of Wisconsin La Crosse
Major: Athletic Training/Occupational Therapy

2018 PRESCOTT TOP TEN



SARAH BURRIS

Parents: Dana Jourdain, Charles Lundeen
College: Hibbing Community College
Major: Nursing



EMMA CARLSON

Parents: Brandon & Brenda Carlson
College: U of MN or University of St. Thomas
Major: Nursing or Biology



MADISON DORAU

Parents: Ron & Chrissy Dorau
College: University of St. Thomas
Major: Undecided, considering Business



KATELYN MILLER

Parents: Scott & Kathy Miller
College: University of Wisconsin La Crosse
Major: Occupational Therapy



MARI SOMMER

Parents: Kevin & Kathy Sommer
College: University of Wisconsin La Crosse
Major: Biomedical Sciences



GEORGE WAZLAWIK

Parents: Jennifer & James Wazlawik
College: University of Wisconsin La Crosse
Major: Physics and Engineering