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Academics, Arts, Athletics, Oh my!

By: Dr. Rick Spicuzza, Superintendent

As the 2018-19 school year comes to a close, the Prescott community has many reasons to feel Cardinal Pride! Over, and over, your students have represented Prescott well in the classroom, in the theater, and on the playing fields as they engage academically, artistically, and as athletes.

Academic performance in Prescott continues to rank at high levels:

- ACT testing – Three years ago, Wisconsin implemented testing for all grade 11 students on this national college entrance exam. Based on 2018 ACT Graduate results, Wisconsin was the highest academic performing state using the average composite score among all states with 100% student participation; and second only to Minnesota among states that test more than 77% of students. Prescott students continue to outperform the state average.
- State Accountability Report Card – For the third year in a row, Prescott School District continues to Exceed Expectations that are set by the state based on our student population. At this same time, Malone Elementary Significantly Exceeds Expectations while both Prescott Middle and High Schools Meet Expectations.
- National Recognition – Over the last year, PHS was recognized by College Board with AP Honor Roll Status based on criteria related to student participation in Advanced Placement courses, and U.S. News and World Report named Prescott School High School in the top 13% based on high levels of student achievement.
- Preparedness – Prescott offers rigorous programming with 10 Advanced Placement Courses and 17 College Credit articulation courses. Last year, Prescott students earned nearly 1,000 college credits before receiving their high school diploma. This school year, the school board committed to 2 full-time teachers to spearhead a K-8 STEM program, despite continued tight state funding.

Arts programming continues to grow and flourish:

- Students performed the first full-length musical, *Seussical the Musical™*, in 2019 on the Performing Arts Center stage at the High School.
- We proudly supported several vocal and instrumental students as they performed in various levels of solo-ensemble, introduced the new garage band option, traveled to perform out of state, and provided local concerts for family, friends, and community.
- Forensics students and National History Day students continually perform well at many levels. See more on their recent performances later in the newsletter.
- Destination Imagination Teams have advanced to state and national levels.
- The Prescott Dance Team has a long-standing reputation for excellence. See the back page for the most recent successes.
- Student Art exhibits have been publicly displayed at the Orange Dragon in Prescott and community guest artists have utilized the gallery in the Performing Arts Center at the High School, making powerful connections.

Athletic efforts remain strong:

- Prescott students continually perform well in a variety of sports. We have cheered on many teams and individuals as their journey led them to state competition over the years
- Prescott Community Recreations provides programming to help youth develop the skills and passion for athletics at an early age and beyond. We are excited to officially open First National Bank Fields on Dexter providing even more opportunities to our students and community.
- Prescott Community Education offers opportunities for community members of all ages to be involved in a variety of options.

The pages of a newsletter only catch a glimpse of the great things happening. We hope you enjoy the highlights within the pages and we thank you for an amazing year!

MALONE ELEMENTARY NEWS

Pie in the Face

In April, Malone Elementary Students achieved their goal of reading 200,000 collective minutes as a school. Students celebrated by smashing pies in the face of willing staff members. Everyone enjoyed meeting the milestone with lots of fun and laughter.



Staff members prepped for the big event! But students achieved some great pie-in-the-face results:



It's Cool to be Kind

Malone Elementary students and staff celebrated Kindness Week in March with special days like Friendly Flannel Day, Be Red-y to Be Kind Day, and Dream Kindness Day. They all dressed for the theme and practiced important skills such as writing thank-you notes, sharing compliments, holding doors, sitting with someone new, and more.



MALONE ELEMENTARY MISSION

Our mission at Malone Elementary is to nurture the whole child by providing a safe place for students to grow socially, emotionally, and academically.



MALONE ELEMENTARY VISION

We will prepare students to grow, learn, and reach their goals by building trusting relationships and by creating a developmentally appropriate environment in which they can take risks and flourish.

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.

**2019 State Literary Competition
Malone Intermediate School**

Malone Intermediate School students took part in Mary Jo Nettesheim State Literary Competition sponsored by the Psi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society recently. To enter, they submitted an original personal narrative or fictional story that was under 600 words. They were judged on Story Elements, Creativity, Originality, and Mechanics. In a tight competition of very talented writers, two 5th grade student were chosen to represent Malone Intermediate School at the state level by attending a banquet in Barron, WI on April 2, 2019. Nora Boles delighted readers with her story titled "In the Spotlight" and Makaria Haas showed her writing abilities in her story titled "Broken."



Hooked on STEM



Andy Roth, of Gray Goat Fly Fishing, visited the Malone Intermediate STEM room to share information about local rivers, trout habitat, life-cycle and fly fishing. Malone students are participating in Trout Unlimited's *Trout in the Classroom* program this year. Trout eggs have hatched and students are now caring for the fingerlings and learning about trout. 5th graders are researching a question about trout and creating a project to share what they have learned. Later this spring students will release the trout in the Willow River. The local chapter of Trout Unlimited sponsors the program and has provided the tank, chiller, trout eggs and transportation to Willow River to make this experience happen for Malone Students.

This is one of many projects implemented through the new STEM program this school year.

Malone Intermediate

Vision
Together... We make the difference!

Mission
Educate.
Empower.
Engage.
Inspire.

Core Values
P - Persistence
R - Respect
I - Integrity
D - Determination
E - Empathy

School Age Care Option!

The Prescott School Board extended the YMCA school age care contract and approved YMCA programming during June summer school with a local Summer Program to be offered in July and August. The YMCA will provide families with information. This is a new partnership in addition to off-site care options offered by Heart, Hands & Minds as well as New Adventures

To find out more about these opportunities for school age care, please visit the district website at: <https://www.prescott.k12.wi.us/page/3354>.

**UPCOMING EVENTS AT MALONE
Elementary and Intermediate Schools**

- Fri., May 3 Spring Carnival 6pm – 8:30 p.m.
Intermediate School
- Wed., June 5 Kindergarten Graduation 1:15 p.m.
Performing Arts Center, High School
- Wed., June 5 Fifth Grade Graduation 9:30 a.m.
Malone Intermediate Gym
- Wed., June 5 Last Day of 2018-19 School Year

Follow Malone Intermediate on Twitter: @maloneconnected

Middle School Battle of the Books

Prescott Middle School Students take reading to a competitive level by participating in Battle of the Books. Battle of the Books is a program that encourages students to read quality literature. The books selected for the program include classics, award winners, and new favorites that cover a range of reading levels for more student participation. Students are introduced to the books at the beginning of the competition.

Students read the books to retain information about story elements such as plot, character, theme, setting, and more. Teams then develop questions to be used in competition to quiz the other teams. Teams are eliminated as the competition progresses.

The Prescott Middle School Team participated in the state level Battle of the Books competition in March. This a very challenging competition with 144 schools participating. Prescott students represented well, finishing 20th overall at state competition!



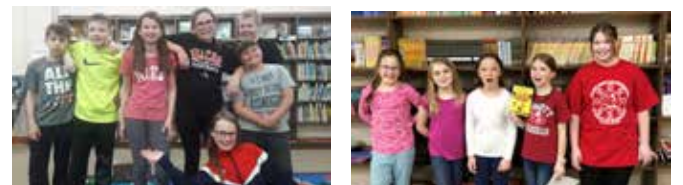
National History Day Competition



Over 600 students and 98 schools participated in National History Day 2019. The Prescott Middle School performance team qualified for Final Round judging. This means they finished in the top 5 performances of the year with their research on the Triumph and Tragedy of Little Boy.

Destination Imagination

Prescott sent seven Destination Imagination teams to the Regional Tournament in March. Three of those teams placed and advanced to state competition: In the service learning category, the “K9 Dream Team” placed 1st in regional competition. Team “KAGAM” came in as a strong 2nd place. The third team advancing to state competed in a Medical Mystery Challenge. Team “Eiatlea” tied for 2nd place in their category at Regionals.



Prescott Middle School Mission:

Prescott Middle School exists to provide a well-rounded, rigorous education in a safe learning environment with social and emotional support to empower every student to be a productive member of their community.

Vision:

Learning today for a better tomorrow.

To follow WI Middle Border Sports Schedules:

1. Go to www.prescott.k12.wi.us
2. Click on “activities”
3. Make a selection from the menu

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>

HIGH SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

Forensics Students Shine at State



(photos credit: Facebook page)

Wintry April weather was no match for the determination of Prescott's state-bound forensics students. Here are the state competition results:

13 Golds: Laura Pryor, Emma Fiedler, Kira Penk, Anna Welter, Anna Mercord, Grace Gale, Shayla Rein, Kira Chesney, Karin Geerdes, Jessica Geerdes, Maddie Tibayan, Sophie Tibayan, Kyle Holtan

6 Silvers: Macy Cleasby, Morgan Chesney, Kora Bichay, Jade Johnson & Abby Holz, Faith Rohl, Shelby Sizemore.

Fun fact: 13 golds ties the school record for the number of golds in one year! Congratulations.

The Great Art Exchange

While student art was featured at the Orange Dragon during the month of April, including this Wall of Faces, the Performing Arts Gallery at the high school displayed guest art. This fun exchange helps connect artistic students and community members.



(photo credit: PACT Facebook)

Math + Competition = Fun



On February 16th, 18 students participated in the 37th annual University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire Math Meet. The students competed in five total rounds, both individually and as a team. This is the first time Prescott has competed in this event. Congratulations to Anna Thomley who achieved 4th place overall and was awarded one credit to the University.

Spanish Class Takes a Spin



Prescott students in Spanish 2 and 3 level classes went to Global Market in Minneapolis to take a salsa dancing lesson from world renowned Latin musician and performer, Viviana Pintado, born and raised in Cuba, now residing in the Twin Cities. The cross cultural experience and lesson conducted completely in Spanish allowed students to make a real world connection of their studies of Latin music and Celia Cruz, queen of Salsa, with someone who actually toured with her.

PHS Mission Statement:

Prescott High School exists to provide students experiences in a community that promotes lifelong learners and develops productive members of society.

Vision Statement:

Prescott High School develops successful future leaders.

Values:

We commit to the following values in order to develop successful future leaders.

1. **Respect**
2. **Relationships**
3. **Responsibility**
4. **Rigor**
5. **Relevance**

2019 PRESCOTT TOP TEN

VALEDICTORIAN



MADELYNNE STITES

Parents: Brian Stites and Kristi Charles
College: University of Wisconsin Eau Claire
Major: Nursing

SALUTATORIAN



ALLISON MURPHY

Parents: Ron & Katie Murphy
College: University of Wisconsin La Crosse
Major: Undecided

Prescott High School commencement ceremony will be held Saturday, May 25, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. in the High School Gymnasium. Congratulations, Graduates.

Rounding out the Top Ten in alphabetical order:



SYDNEY BENCK

Parents: Eugene & Andrea Benck
College: University of Wisconsin - Madison
Major: Business



MACKENZIE CAREY

Parents: Steve & Barb Carey
College: St. Mary's
Major: Pre-Sonography

2019 PRESCOTT TOP TEN



MORGAN CHESNEY

Parents: Chris & Mary Chesney
College: Puget Sound
Major: Entrepreneur



KARIN GEERDES

Parents: John & Cynthia Geerdes
College: Undecided
Major: Psychology



JENA HEINSCH

Parents: Robert & Bobbie Heinsch
College: University of Wisconsin- La Crosse
Major: Undecided



LAURA PRYOR

Parents: William & Ruth Pryor
College: University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire
Major: Computer Science



NOLAN ROHL

Parents: Joe & Stephanie Rohl
College: University of Wisconsin – River Falls
Major: Pre-Engineering



CARSON STENROOS

Parents: Tina Stenroos and Jeff Stenroos
College: Davidson College
Major: Mathematics

COMMUNITY NEWS

Grants and Gratitude

Throughout the year, Prescott School District receives a number of grants to support various projects. We are so grateful to sponsors who recently provided the following support:

- Local vendors hosted a spring "Shopping Extravaganza" in April. Over 200 people attended and helped raise \$2,556. The proceeds were designated to support the school's Angel Fund to assist students with economic challenges and to help fund a second female student representative to attend Badger Girls State Conference.
- Ann Marie Foundation for additional funding to support initial inventory and unfunded start up needs for the High School Entrepreneur class as they open the new store at the high school, called The Nest.
- Prescott Foundation for funding supplies for the pollinator club at the high school. This will allow hands learning through planning, preparation, and ongoing maintenance of a pollinator patch and apiary in the green space near the high school.
- Ongoing support from individuals and businesses for a variety of student needs and activities.

Mark your calendars...

PRESCOTT FOUNDATION 22nd Annual Golf Outing

Location: Clifton Highlands

Wednesday, AUGUST 14, 2019

Proceeds help support important projects in the school and throughout the community. The impact of the Prescott Foundation is impressed visually in their contribution to the Performing Arts Center, First National Bank fields and many other school projects. Students benefit from generous donations to classroom activities and projects, as well. The golf outing is a great way to have some fun and support the Prescott community.

Get your team together and watch for details and registration information soon at:
<http://www.prescottfoundation.com>



The Nest is open for business at the Prescott High School and ready for you to stop in!

This new school store offers Prescott apparel, snacks & beverages, school supplies, and Prescott accessories.

The students have put in a lot of effort the past year and are really looking forward to seeing our hard work pay off!

Hours

Before School (7:35 - 7:55)

After School (3:20 - 3:45)

Cardinal Time

Special Events

COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS

Prescott Community Education continues the conversation...

Thanks to ongoing funding from grants, Prescott Community Education has important Community Conversations topics through the rest of this school year. Prior events included information on timely topics, such as gender identity, addiction, mental health, suicide awareness, digital citizenship/identity theft, and organ/bone marrow/blood donations. These events are free to attendees. Here is the schedule of upcoming events:



Coming Soon - Mental Health and the Transition to College (watch for details soon)

For some, the stress of college may impact mental health, making it difficult to manage the daily demands of school. Research shows that one in five students experiences a mental health condition while in college, and 75 of all mental health conditions begin by age 24. This conversation will help students and families learn how to connect to resources while beginning the often independent journey into the post-secondary world.

May 1, 6:30-7:30pm - Refugees & Resettlement Prescott High School Performing Arts Center

This discussion will help create a greater understanding of the needs of refugees fleeing from persecution and beginning new lives in the United States. Our speaker, Yusuf Abdi, is the Program Director of Refugee Services for Lutheran Social Service of MN and a graduate of North Dakota State University. Yusuf has been affiliated with Lutheran Social Services since 2000, when his family received assistance to resettle in Pelican Rapids. In addition to sharing his own story of life as a refugee and a Muslim, he will share a number of resources. There will be time for Q&A. Call the Prescott Community Education Office at 715-262-4676 for more details on the Day of Service and/or collection.

May 5 (Sunday), 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. – Prescott Day of Service Malone Intermediate School, and various satellite sites

Spend the morning having fun and spreading kindness through a variety of service projects! Families, couples, singles, seniors...everyone is welcome! Prescott Knights of Columbus offering lunch from 11am-12:15pm with proceeds going toward their graduating senior scholarships.

Thank You and Welcome



Prescott School District thanks Josias Franco for his 3½ years of service on the School Board. His passion for getting to the best solution for students is invaluable and greatly appreciated. Josias has provided strong leadership in many areas of board policy and as a strong advocate for our public school system. Thank you, Josias.

The two candidates on the April 2 ballot were elected to fill three year terms, including incumbent Mike Matzek, who currently serves as board president. Newcomer, Vicki Rudolph will fill the other open seat. Vicki is a long term resident of Prescott and we look forward to her service in the years ahead.



Graduation Information

**Prescott High School
Commencement Ceremony is**
Saturday, May 25, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. in
the High School Gym.

Prescott Fifth Grade Graduation is Wednesday, June 5 at 9:30 a.m. in the Malone Intermediate School Gym.

Prescott Kindergarten Graduation is Wednesday, June 5 at 1:15 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center at the High School.

Congratulations to our students and families on these important milestones.

We send our graduating seniors into the world with all the best wishes for success. Thank you for all the contributions you made to the Prescott School District during your time here. We know you will do well.

PRESCOTT SCHOOL DISTRICT QUICK REFERENCE CONTACT PAGE

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 Technology Information Kyle Flaherty
 Pupil Services Administrator ... Mark Inouye

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

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Principal Kyle Igou
 School Counselor Larissa Dreyer

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Principal Donita Stepan

Malone Elementary School

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Principal Sara Dusek
 *School Counselor Kevin Haglund
 *School Psychologist Beth Dodge
 *Malone Nurse Melanie Charette
***Note: Staff listed serve at both Malone buildings**

School Health 715-262-2383

District Nurse Cassie Butler

Community Education 715-262-4676

Community Ed Director Penny Peterson

Transportation 715-262-3212

Email: transportation@prescott.k12.wi.us

Director of Transportation Tim Rundquist

SCHOOL HOURS

School	Start	End*
Malone Elementary	7:55	3:00
Malone Intermediate	7:55	3:00
Middle School	7:55	3:15
High School	7:55	3:25

(Wed high school early release is 2:50)

 * Adjusted schedule through the end of 2018-19 school year.
 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
- Staff Directory

Stay Informed!!! Like us on Facebook!



2019-2020 NEXT YEAR'S SCHOOL CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	Board Approved 2019-2020 Academic Calendar	
AUGUST					1	2	3	August
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	19-22 Summer School Cardinal Academy
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	26-29 All Staff Inservice
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31		
SEPTEMBER								September
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	2 Labor Day: No School
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	3 School Starts
15	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	30 Professional Development: No School for Students
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
29	30							
OCTOBER			1	2	3	4	5	October
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	18 No School for Students & Staff
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	25 Professional Development: No School for Students
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
27	28	29	30	31				
NOVEMBER						1	2	November
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	6 End of Quarter 1 (Grades 6-12)
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18 Professional Development: No School for Students
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	26 End of Trimester 1 (Grades 4K-5)
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	27-29 Thanksgiving Break: No School
DECEMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	December
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	23-Jan 1 Winter Break: No School
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
29	30	31						
JANUARY			1	2	3	4	5	January
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	2 School Back in Session
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20 Martin Luther King Day: No School Students & Staff
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	23 End of Semester 2 (Grades 6-12)
26	27	28	29	30	31			24 Professional Development: No School for Students
FEBRUARY							1	February
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	24 Professional Development: No School for Students
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
March 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	March
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	3 End of Trimester 2 (Grades 4K-5)
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23-27 Spring Break
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
29	30	31						
APRIL			1	2	3	4	5	April
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	1 End of Quarter 3 (Grades 6-12)
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	10 No School Students & Staff
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	
26	27	28	29	30				
MAY						1	2	May
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	11 Professional Development: No School for Students
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	22 HS Graduation Ceremony
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	25 Memorial Day: No School
JUNE								June
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	4 Last Day of School
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	5 Professional Development: No School for Students
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
28	29	30						

KEY	
 School back in Session	 Special Event
 Professional Development	 Holidays
 Days Off Students & Staff	

Congratulations Students!

Here are a few of the great things that happened since the last District Newsletter:

#cardinalpride! (photo credit: Facebook pages... follow the teams)



Girls Basketball

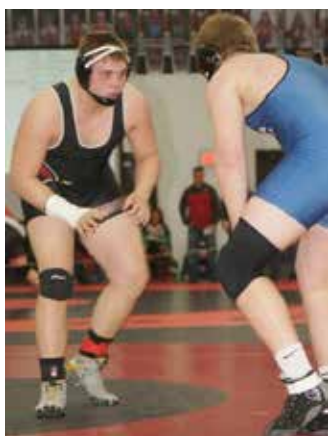
Prescott Girls Basketball won the Regional Championship Title! Players Haylee Yaeger, Bella Lenz, and Allie Murphy all made First Team All-Conference this year. Haylee was also named Honorable Mention to the All-State team.

The Prescott Dance Team performed well at State competitions: The Varsity Team won State Champion in Div 3 Jazz, and placed third in Div 4 Pom. The JV squad place 2nd in Div 2. It was a great showing overall.



Dance Team

Prescott Wrestler, Joe Schulte won the Div 2 220 pound Individual Sectional Tournament Championship.



Wrestling

Fourth and fifth grade students at Malone Intermediate School have been busy studying current events this year for the National Current Events League (NCEL)! Over the course of the year, participants took 4 difficult current events quizzes. The scores of all four tests were totaled to determine the winner for the school. Donavin Ward came in 3rd place, Emelia Berg came in 2nd place, and Liam Haeg was 1st!



National Current Events

The High School Forensics Team not only met their school record for medals earned at State (see article on page 5), they also received an Excellence in Speech Award. The top five percent of schools are recognized with this award and only 19 of the 340 high schools from across the state took home the plaque this year.



National History Day

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State Forensics

As we enter spring sport season, we cheer all of our athletes who are participating in Track, Softball, Baseball, Boys Golf, Trap Shooting and other seasonal activities. We wish you success in your sports and thank you for representing Prescott well in your competition.