Prescott Post

November 17, 2016

Prescott Promise

I promise to be **RESPECTFUL RESPONSIBLE** And

RESOURCEFUL

To make my home, community and school a better place.

Website

www.prescott.dbqschools.org

Find the school calendar of events, the school newsletter, school-approved web-sites, staff members' contact information and much more!



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NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL ...

Dear Families, we are grateful for the opportunity to partner with you in the important work of educating your children. On behalf of the entire staff at Prescott, Happy Thanksgiving! ~Vicki Sullivan

DB&T Hosting an Art Reception on Friday, Nov. 18; All are Welcome!

Ms. Recker, Prescott's Art teacher, is excited to announce that our Friday Exploratory students have created a group installation sculpture project that will hang at Dubuque Bank and Trust across the street (1398 Central Ave). There will be a reception at DB&T to celebrate the display on Friday November 18th from 3:30-4:30. Refreshments will be served. The sculpture will hang from the ceiling and be on display from November 15th to Thanksgiving. About 85 Prescott students in grades K-5 participated in the making of this installation sculpture. Special thanks to Mrs. Turza, Prescott paraprofessional, and DB&T for their generous support of our students.

NEW EVENT: PREK-5 WINTER PROGRAM - Thursday, Dec. 15

PreK-5 students will perform a winter concert featuring the same pieces they will perform at the Soup Luncheon fundraiser. This performance will last 35-40 minutes. When a grade level is not performing, they will be in their classrooms. Doors will open at 6pm. We hope all students and their families will join us.

DRESS REHEARSAL FOR SOUP LUNCHEON – Monday, Dec. 19

We want to be READY for our soup luncheon fundraiser and we want students to be able to see each other's' performances so a dress rehearsal will be held in the gym. All are welcome!

SOUP LUNCHEON FUNDRAISER - Tuesday, Dec. 20

This year's Soup Luncheon will be on Tuesday, Dec. 20, from 11am-1pm at Prescott. The inclement weather date is Wednesday, Dec. 21, from 11am-1pm. This is our only fundraiser for the year, and we rely on the proceeds to fund critical elements of our instructional design; fieldwork, community experts and additional arts experiences for students. Tickets are \$15 per person.

TECHNOLOGY

https://www.commonsensemedia.org_Are you at a loss for keeping up with your child's use of technology? Let common sense media be your guide. Common sense media offers a wide range of resources not only for schools and teachers, but also for parents. There's an entire section dedicated to Parent Concerns. Topics include screen time, privacy and internet safety, Facebook, Instagram, and Social, Cell Phone Parenting, and let's not forget, Learning with Technology! "Learn how to spot the good stuff, find the right product for your kids' needs, and foster a love of learning. Are you considering getting your child a cell phone? Be sure to read article under Cell Phone Parenting section, entitled, "What's the right age to get my kid a cell phone?" And learn what can you do as a parent if your kid texts constantly. Finally, learn about your child's digital footprint by evaluating whether or not it is safe to post pictures of your kid online. Check out common sense media to help you guide your child to make good digital decisions!

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WELCOME TO NEW STAFF MEMBERS!



Jon Kolker, Multicategorical Paraprofessional, Grade 5 with Mr. Morley and Mrs. Huseman: Mr. Kolker's education background includes a BA from Clarke University. He has worked as a Sound Engineer for various Venues around town; when not mixing sound, Jon spends time working in the garden, attending concerts or theatre events, and the occasional round of golf or game of tennis. He also enjoys volunteering for various nonprofit events including Voices from the Warehouse.



Maggie Turza, Multicategorical Paraprofessional, Gr. 4 with Mr. Gurdak and Mr. Morley: "A recent transplant to Dubuque, my family and I enjoy hiking, camping and fishing. Thankfully, summer in Iowa has given us a great opportunity to do all of the things we love and explore our new state. Personally, I love swimming, Dragon Boat Racing and Stand Up Paddling. Professionally, I coached competitive swimming and enjoyed spring and summer as an EMT for the Chicago Cubs at Wrigley Field. I am enjoying working with the students and staff of Prescott and am excited to be a Prescott Dolphin!"

Expeditionary Learning Design Principles

The Primary of Self-Discovery

Collaboration and Competition

Diversity and Inclusion

Responsibility for Learning

Success and Failure

Service and Compassion

The Having of Wonderful Ideas

Empathy and Caring

Solitude and Reflection

The Natural World



Calendar Highlights

Fri Nov 18, 2016

- 8:10am Professional Learning Session/1-Hour Late Arrival
- Classroom Visits to DB&T to view art installation project
- 2pm 4th grade Learning Celebration and Dolphin Gathering
- 2:30pm Prescott Dolphin Gathering. All are welcome!
- 3:30pm DB&T Hosting Reception for Prescott Student Art ~ All are Welcome!

Mon Nov 21, 2016

- 5th Graders, bring your instruments! -Lessons w/ Mr. Garde
- 7:30am Rise and Shine
- 8:15am Just Read
- 8:15am Prescott Pans Percussion Practice w/ Mrs. Millius
- 2pm PKG Learning Celebration
- 3:30pm Full Group Orchestra Rehearsal w/ Mr. Garde

Tue Nov 22, 2016

- Progress Reports Sent Home
- 7:30am Rise and Shine
- 8:15am Just Read
- 2pm PKM Learning Celebration

Wed Nov 23, 2016

- No School for Students
- District-Wide Professional Learning Day for Teachers and Some Paras

Thu Nov 24, 2016 and Fri Nov 25, 2016

• No School - Happy Thanksgiving!

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