# Prescott Post

# April 1, 2017

#### **Prescott Promise**

l 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 ...

This is a big week! Middle school counselors and students will be at Prescott to meet with our 5<sup>th</sup> graders on Monday about their upcoming transition to middle school. And on Thursday evening, we are hosting a Welcoming Event for incoming Kindergarten students and their parents/guardians. It's true that your children are changing and growing each day, but these benchmark events call our attention to the passage of time in a special way. While it's bittersweet to begin to say goodbye to our 5<sup>th</sup> graders, there is also great joy in welcoming our newest Dolphins. Know that we are committed to supporting and encouraging each student that you entrust to our care.

## **PROFESSIONAL LEARNING**

The most influential factor in your child's learning is his/her teacher. Because of that, we believe that ongoing and high-quality professional learning is important. Mia Chmiel, an Expeditionary Learning School Designer, will be joining us for six days of adult learning this spring; April 3, 4, 25 and May 4, 5, and 24. We will be working to strengthen our knowledge, skills and beliefs around implementing practices that nourish students in their journey to become self-directed and self-disciplined learners.

### **KINDERGARTEN WELCOMING EVENT**

If you have an incoming kindergartener starting at Prescott next August please plan to attend our **Kindergarten Welcoming Event on Thursday, April 6, 6-7pm, in the Prescott Library.** Bring your soon-to-be in kindergarten student with you! Families will meet kindergarten teachers, spend time in the kindergarten classrooms, hear from the principal, counselor, nurse and instructional coaches. There will also be time for you to ask questions, and an optional tour of the building will be offered. We would love to see you!

#### **#WeAreCrew**

We are proud of the respect, responsibility and resourcefulness that our students demonstrate! They serve and show compassion in big and small ways each day. A shout out to our 5<sup>th</sup> graders for their leadership at Crew meetings on Friday afternoons. All year long, they have gathered the students in grades K-4 who are a part of their crew, helped lead the crew meeting and then safely returned the younger children to their classrooms. The positive relationships that have grown out of Crew support a productive and safe environment focused on learning.

## **PRESCOTT COMMUNITY GROUP**

This newly reorganized group includes parents/guardians and school staff members. There is consensus among participants that having input from all stakeholders is critically important. Please consider joining us for our next event:

Thursday, April 27, 5:30-6:30pm, at Prescott is our next meeting date. A light meal and child care will be provided. All are warmly welcome and encouraged to attend.

#### THE HAVING OF WONDERFUL IDEAS (An Expeditionary Learning Design Principle)

Fourth graders have taken on the role of health coaches for interested staff members at Prescott. Each 4<sup>th</sup> grader met with his/her adult learner to set wellness goals. Since that time, coaches have shared research and encouragement via email. What a powerful vehicle for learning and for serving others. It's even been heard that the Prescott principal has improved her eating habits (Thank you, Taylor)!

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**Dolphin Play** First graders enjoying movement and honing their dribbling skills with Mr. T!



## **FREE 4-YEAR-OLD PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION**

Registration for free four-year-old preschool in the Dubuque Community School District is now open. This includes Dubuque's 13 public schools offering preschool through the Statewide Voluntary Free Preschool Program.

Free four-year-old preschool is open to students who are four by September 15. Enrollment for preschool is not based on geography and all sites are open to lowa residents. Proof-of-age, preferably a birth certificate, is required to register a student. A passport or signed immunization record will be accepted if necessary. Initial paperwork can be found online at <u>www.dbqschools.org/preschool</u> or it is available in our office. In addition to spots in Dubuque's public schools, a variety of community preschool partners also offer free four-year-old preschool. For a complete list of preschool providers, go to <u>www.dbqschools.org/preschool</u>. Visit the Prescott office in person or over the phone at 563-552-4200, and we'll be happy to assist with any questions.

# **Calendar Highlights**

Mon April 3, 2017

- 5th Graders, bring your instruments for lessons
- 7:30am Rise and Shine
- 8:15am Just Read, Pans Practice
- 9:15am Middle school counselors and students meet with Prescott 5<sup>th</sup> graders
- 3:30pm Full Group Orchestra Rehearsal

Tue April 4, 2017

- 7:30am Rise and Shine
- 8:15am Just Read, Choir Practice
- 6pm Jefferson Middle School Orientation

#### Wed April 5, 2017

- 7:30am Rise and Shine
- 8:15am Just Read, Pans Practice
- 9:15am Kindergarten Fieldwork at Swiss Valley
- 9:30am & 1:30pm Gr. 2 Fieldwork at Courthouse and Fire Station
- 3:30pm SMART! Tutoring

Thu April 6, 2017

- 7:30am Rise and Shine
- 8:15am Just Read, Choir Practice
- 9:30am & 1:30pm Gr. 2 Fieldwork: American Trust & Savings Bank and Carnegie Stout Public Library
- 12:00pm KKW Fieldwork at Mission Garden
- 3:30pm SMART! Tutoring
- 6:00pm Welcoming Event for incoming kindergarten students and their parents/guardians

#### Fri April 7, 2017

- One-Hour Late Arrival for Students. Professional Learning Session for Staff.
- School spirit day! We recognize and celebrate our commitment to being proud Prescott Dolphins. All are invited to wear their Prescott apparel or our school colors, purple and white.
- 2:30pm Crew. Twenty-four teams of Kdgn-5<sup>th</sup> grade students and staff members meet for teaching and learning focused on an Expeditionary Learning Design Principle and Social/Emotional Learning. #WeAreCrew

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