

## 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](http://www.prescott.dbqschools.org)

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

## Facebook



Search for Prescott Elementary  
School on Facebook and like our  
page!

## Office

563-552-4200 7:30am-4pm

## NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL ...

Thank you to the many parents, guardians and community members who attended learning celebrations this past week for students in Kindergarten, grade 1 and grade 4. Providing students with authentic audiences helps to build engagement and motivation, and that is good for kids!

Wishing each of you a safe Spring Break Week, March 13-17. We look forward to seeing all students on Monday, March 20.

## DISTRICT CHORAL FESTIVAL

Congratulations to our choir students and to Mrs. Millius! They will be performing at the District Choir Festival on Tuesday, March 21, at Hempstead. Elementary students should arrive by 6pm and the concert will begin at 6:30pm.

Grade 3: Peyton, Iris, Kahlil, Hailey, Gabe, Chase, Zion

Grade 4: Abby, Brennan, Delainey, Nora, Xander, Aiden N, Starr, TreShawn, Rickieanna, Madahlia

Grade 5: Vanessa, Emmelia, Ambelina, Lilly

## 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 Iowa 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 [www.dbqschools.org/preschool](http://www.dbqschools.org/preschool) 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, visit [www.dbqschools.org/preschool](http://www.dbqschools.org/preschool).

Visit the Prescott office in person or over the phone at 563-552-4200 and we'll be happy to assist with any questions.

## DOLPHIN GATHERING ~ Friday, March 24

Join us on Friday, March 24, at 2:15pm for a Dolphin Gathering in the gym. All are welcome! Our hosts for this gathering are first grade students and staff. The purpose of Dolphin Gatherings is to connect as a school-wide community in a fun and positive way, provide leadership opportunities for students, and celebrate our school spirit.

## 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!

*The members of the Prescott learning community will empower each child to achieve to his/her highest potential and to become strong contributing members of the community*



## PRESCOTT COMMUNITY GROUP LAUNCHES

This newly reorganized group met last Thursday evening to share ideas about how best to support the Prescott community. It included parents/guardians and school staff members. The discussion was powerful and productive and led to planning for next steps. There was consensus among participants that having input from all stakeholders is critically important. **Thursday, April 27, 5:30-6:30pm, at Prescott is our next meeting date. A meal and child care will be provided. All are warmly welcome and encouraged to attend.**

## INFLUENZA UPDATE – From the Heath Office

Outbreaks of influenza (flu) and respiratory illness are common in the winter months and currently we are seeing widespread activity in our area. Students and staff may be able to infect each other one day before symptoms occur and up to ten days after being sick. In an effort to help reduce the transmission and potential outbreaks of influenza parents and school staff need to be aware of the symptoms of the flu and what they need to do.

### SYMPTOMS OF FLU INCLUDE;

Fever (usually high), headache, extreme tiredness, dry cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, muscle aches, stomach symptoms, such as nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea, also can occur but are more common in children than adults

**Children and adults displaying any of these symptoms should stay home until they are fever free (without the use of medication to reduce the fever) for 24 hours, and free from vomiting and diarrhea for 24 hours.**

### HOW TO PREVENT THE FLU

- Get vaccinated for influenza
- Teach and encourage good handwashing and wash hands regularly with warm water and soap for at least 15-20 seconds before and after eating, recess, gym class and every other situation involving frequent child to child interaction. Parents and staff can be good role models.
- Use hand sanitizers only in areas when soap and water are not readily available.

## Calendar Highlights

Mon March 20, 2017

- School resumes for students and staff. Welcome back from Spring Break!
- 5th Graders, bring your instruments for lessons
- 7:30am Rise and Shine
- 8:15am Just Read, Pans Practice
- 3:30pm Full Group Orchestra Rehearsal

Tue March 21, 2017

- 7:30am Rise and Shine
- 8:15am Just Read, Choir Practice
- 10:15am District Choir Festival Rehearsal at Hempstead
- 6:30pm District Choir Festival at Hempstead. All are welcome!

Wed March 22, 2017

- 7:30am Rise and Shine
- 8:15am Just Read, Pans Practice

- 3:30pm SMART! Tutoring

Thu March 23, 2017

- 7:30am Rise and Shine
- 8:15am Just Read, Choir Practice
- 3:30pm SMART! Tutoring

Fri March 24, 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.
- 2:15pm Dolphin Gathering hosted by first grade. All are welcome!