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From our PTO Presidents...

Despite still being able to enjoy some warmer than usual fall days, it is hard to believe that it is already almost November. We hope that the beginning of your family's school year has been happy and that your children are enjoying the beginning of a new year at the Prescott!

The PTO has been very busy already- holding our first meeting, hosting the Back to School BBQ and Ice Cream Social at the Open House night, completing our first fundraiser of the year, and preparing for several upcoming events. We are so thankful for all of your participation in the fundraiser and were delighted to see such wonderful turnouts at our first events of the year! We hope to see even more of you in the upcoming weeks. We hope that you will mark your calendars for the upcoming dates,

- The annual Halloween Party on Friday, October 27th from 6:30 -8:00 pm
- Trivia Night (Parents' Night Out) on Friday, November 3rd at 7:30 pm
- Family Game Night on November 9th from 6:30-8:00 pm

Thank you to everyone who has paid their PTO dues for the year. We have had a wonderful response to date but there is still time to contribute if your family hasn't done so yet. Please feel free to send cash or check (\$20 per family, checks made out to Prescott PTO) to school with your child in an envelope marked "PTO dues". We appreciate your participation as dues are used in a variety of ways to support the Prescott and activities for our children, including enrichment programs, busses for field trips, scholarships, and events to name a few.

It has been a whirlwind of activity and planning for the both of us in our first few months as PTO co-presidents. We could never accomplish all of this without the amazing efforts of other PTO volunteers and parents but we can always use more help! Please join us for our next PTO meeting at the Prescott on November 15th at 7:30pm or feel free to reach out to either of us – we would love to have you join us!

- Leigh and Amanda



Upcoming events...

Friday October 27th Halloween Party

November 2nd Walk at School 8:50

November 3rd - School Store

November 3rd Trivia Night 7pm

November 15th PTO Meeting 7:30 pm

November 16th Brain Challenge -
(Enrichment program - Geography)

November 21st First Grade Thanksgiving
Play 2:00 p.m.

December 12th Holiday Store





Dear Parents/Guardians,

It has been a busy beginning to our year!

I would like to update you on curriculum at the Prescott School. We are in our third year of the adoption of the math Envisions program. We have seen excellent results with our adoption of this program. You may have noticed the program uses many strategies for our students to find solutions to their problems. This is on the hope that your child will find the strategy that works for them. Homework is a component of the program but it should not be overwhelming. If your child is struggling with their homework just add a note so the teacher is aware.

Our reading program continues to be very strong under the direction of Mrs. Carol Thornton. Mrs. Thornton works with small groups in grades 1 and 2 and goes into the classrooms to teach reading strategy lessons in grades 2-5. Students read at their own level and are taught how to choose "Just Right" books to read independently. Students should be reading at home also. Our library is jam packed with books for your child to choose from. If you notice your child is choosing books that are not a good fit please let your child's teacher know.

Our science center teachers, started teaching kick off building. They begin the units teachers the materials to their website.



Mrs. Lockwood and Mr. Goulet have lessons in every classroom in our for each grade level and leave the complete the unit. Here is the link to <http://sites.norwood.k12.ma.us/sci/>

This year we have been picked to pilot the "Tower Garden". Students in Mrs. Ficco's room have started vegetable seeds to plant in the garden. The garden will be in the front lobby when the seeds are ready to be planted.



We will have the Boston College/Weston Observatory seismologist, Stacey Moulis back again with us this year. She will be working with 3rd and 4th grade studying earthquake tracking. Thanks to the PTO for funding this program.

From Donna Twohig



It was great meeting so many families at the Prescott School Open House!

I have begun vision screening, and will screen all students. Hearing screening will occur in first, second and third grades only. I hope to have all vision and hearing screening completed by the middle of November. If your child does not pass the screening I will send a letter

home recommending follow up with your pediatrician. If you do not hear from me your child passed the screening test.

As we head into the cooler weather please remember to dress your child for the weather. The students go outside for recess most days to enjoy the fresh air.

Please continue to keep me posted regarding any changes in your child's health status.



From Mrs. Miller.....

The library is up and running and students have been borrowing books. Library lessons have focused on Anti-Bullying and Digital Citizenship so far this year.

First grade has also been working on mouse skills and second grade is learning to use the Destiny catalog. The makerspace is open and 4th and 5th graders have begun exploring various materials and creating. We will soon have it available to 1st - 3rd grades.

Many thanks to Mrs. Sorensen and the rest of the PTO for a great book fair! I saw many excited students holding (and some even reading) new books that they purchased.

The NYRA program will begin for 4th and 5th graders the week of Oct. 30th. This is an enrichment program where students read 4 or more of the 10 choices and then vote for their favorite title early Feb. The list has a variety of genres and levels - so there is something for everyone. I will be adding an online component this year in hopes of making accountability a bit easier. We will see how it works.

Enrichment Update

By Maria Brewer and Melinda Spindler



We have started off our Enrichment programming this year with an awe inspiring musical performance by Ball in the House. The a capella group provided the students not only a wonderful mini-concert but with some history on how a capella came to be. The entire audience was signing along and a couple talented students got a chance to try beat boxing on stage!

It was the kick off to the anti-bullying theme at school and they shared their message of believing and sticking with interests like the arts. So even though your friends may have different interests then you it makes them no less important and everyone should be supportive of each other. The musical performance was amazing and the message perfect!



This performance was paid for by the PTO with funds raised through the fundraising and events families participate in throughout the year. Thank you!



We have submitted a grant application to the Norwood Cultural Council to help offset the cost of this program. The Norwood Cultural Council has been a generous supporter to the Prescott and we hope they will approve us for a grant once again for this performance.

The Norwood Cultural Council is a local agency funded by the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

Up Next for Enrichment: The Ultimate Game Show with a Geography spin!

News from First Grade...

Students have started the year off on a great note! They are getting used to the school, routines, and expectations.

In reading, students have started to work on independent reading at their level. They all have book boxes/bins with their leveled books. A sight word test was sent home indicating the number of sight words your child read correctly. Please practice these at home! Some ideas are flashcards, environmental print (finding the words around you), and spelling them with something fun (sand, letters, spaghetti!). Students started spelling homework. Tests will be on Friday, so please practice at home.

In math, students are working on Topic 2: Addition and Subtraction strategies to 10. We DO NOT expect students to read questions on their own. It is okay to read them the math problems and guide them to solve correctly. Please allow your child to show you what they know by answering on their own (wrong or correct). Information about logging into Pearson enVision accounts will be coming home soon!

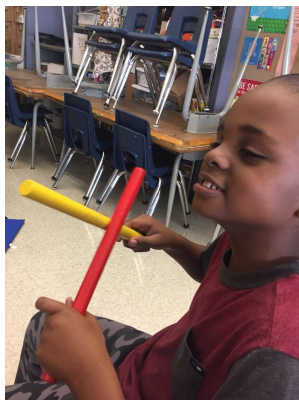
In writing, students have been working in their green writing journals. They are learning about finger spaces, capital letters, punctuation, and spelling sight words. Students are writing personal narratives. It is important for them to have ideas on things they have done. Talking about your weekend provides great ideas for writing! The 5 W's: Who, What, Where, When, Why!

Officers Mahoney and Murphy visited to teach us about Halloween Safety!



News from PACS.....

The PACS classroom has had a busy start to the year. We are working diligently on communication and improving our fine motor and gross motor skills through physical activity and engaging crafts. This month we have been working on the Pumpkin Life Cycle, individualized academics and the "Move of the Month"- Hip Strengthening. Miss Jackie walked the Autism Speaks walk in Boston in honor of our classroom and our amazing students.



News from Second Grade

Second grade has had a super start to the school year! We have learned the routines of our classroom.

As mathematicians we have learned different strategies to add numbers, about arrays, about even and odd numbers, and are now focusing on adding two-digit numbers. Some strategies we have to use for adding two-digit numbers are a hundreds chart, open number line, breaking apart numbers, and compensation.

We are growing as readers every day! Our focus in literacy has been on community. We have read books that discuss goods and services, community workers, traditions, and what a community is. While reading these stories we have been learning how to answer questions about our reading.

In Writers' workshop we have written personal narratives and improved on adding more detail. This includes adding detail to our pictures and words. Students also reviewed the use of capital letters in their writing as well as when punctuation should be used. We are currently describing a friend and writing silly animal stories.

Our science program has focused on the human body. Mrs. Lockwood has started the year with us. Midway through the year Mrs. Lockwood and Mr. Goulart switch places and we continue the rest of the school year with Mr. Goulart. In social studies we have read and discussed topics about responsibility, being a good citizen, and the importance of learning about history. We also learned about Christopher Columbus and his accomplishments.

Halloween is approaching! On Tuesday, October 31st all 2nd grade classes will be parading in costume around the building. Please pack your child's costume in a reusable shopping bag. Students should not come to school dressed in their costume. Please leave any weapon accessories at home that day until your evening activities. A Halloween party will take place in the afternoon as well. Room parents will be in touch about refreshments. Happy Halloween!

News from Third Grade...

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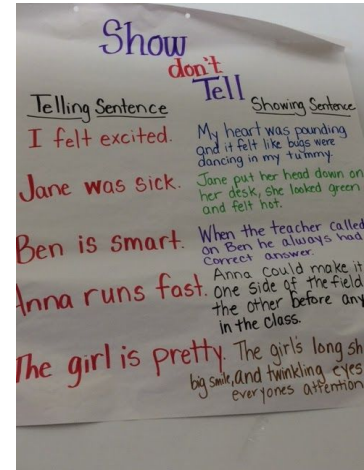
The third grade has been busy! We have launched our math program Envisions and completed topics 1 and 2. We will continue to think about the concepts of multiplication and division through the month of October.

In writing we are trying to use "Show don't tell Sentences" to make our writing more interesting for the reader.

Our first book report will be due at the beginning of November. Students have chosen a mystery chapter book to complete this report.

We are continuing to work on Geography and Map Skills in Social Studies. We are beginning to learn about the Algonquin tribes who welcomed the Pilgrims to America. We are looking forward to our first field trip to Plimoth Plantation in November.

In Science Mr. Goulart has helped us to learn about Forces and Simple Machines. We have explored gears, built levers, and learned about the engineering design process by designing a glider. We have transitioned well into a new science routine which includes writing in a science journal and will also include science tests!



Simple Machines



Lever



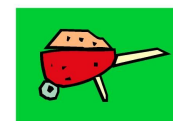
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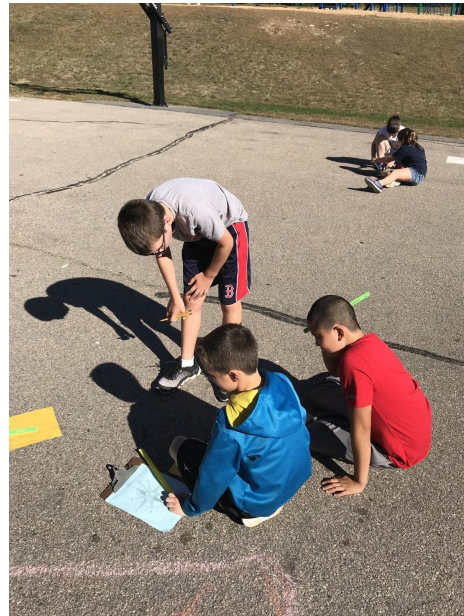
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Screw

News from 4th Grade...

Fourth grade is off to a wonderful start! We just finished our reading unit on Stone Fox. During the reading, students did a great job focusing on and analyzing character traits. In writing, students are completing descriptive paragraphs for haunted houses they drew. If you're brave enough, come check them out! In Science, we are wrapping up our unit on the Solar System. Over the past few weeks, the students have recorded the change in shadow length and direction using "Shadow Casters." We are excited to continue exploring our curriculum with our 4th grade adventures!





News from 5th Grade...

Our trip to Salem Massachusetts



Photo Gallery

Boks is up and running!



First grade playground





Drop everything and have an Open Circle!



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