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**2019 National Blue Ribbon School**, Golden Apple Award Winner, 8 National Board Certified Teachers, 18 Google Certified Educators, Excelling Creative (Arts) Schools Certificate, Fully Healthy School

# Prescott School

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July 22, 2022

Prescott families and friends,

Happy summer!!

Prescott in the Park is Sunday, July 31st from 10-11am. There will be a pop-up "uniform store" at this event to showcase new items. This is not a replacement for purchasing the items that you need. There is still time to order at [www.getshirtsfast.com](http://www.getshirtsfast.com).

Prescott School is accepting students for enrollment in grades 1-7. Invite families and friends to benefit from Prescott's learning and community! Send an email to Clerk Ms. Williams at [clpalmer6@cps.edu](mailto:clpalmer6@cps.edu) to begin enrolling.

Erin Roche, Principal  
Meghan Breyer, Assistant Principal

<https://twitter.com/PrescottCPS>

**In 2016 and 2019, Chicago Magazine ranked Prescott in the top 15 schools in the city**  
**In 2018 and 2019, Prescott was one of few schools among 700+ to be named a fully Healthy School**

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## Calendar of upcoming events

*Prescott School rents to Pedalheads during the summer*

### July

31 Prescott in the Park 10-11am

### August

11 Kindergarten Q&A Orientation online 9-11am

15 Teachers return officially to prepare for school year

18 Popsicle party at Wrightwood Park 4:30pm

18 Scavenger hunt for Kindergarten and new students in grades 1-8 at 4pm

22 First day of classes for all K-8 students

29 Practice begins for Boys 5/6th grade soccer team, the 7/8th boys soccer team, and the girls and boys cross-country team

***Click below for the Prescott School 2022-23 Calendar***

Right At School provides before/after-school enrichment programs that are different from others in our industry. As we often say, we go the extra MILE, which is our mission statement. In other words, we are Mission-Led, meaning we are passionate about and work toward the same goal of helping children and parents, Innovation Driven, we are constantly improving our programs so children can get the most out of their time with us, Locally-Inspired, our programs are tailored to the communities where they are located, and Efficiency-Obsessed as we love to get things done!

Enroll at Right at School before and after-school care

**Click to get connected to free internet for families in need.**

### Order uniforms for next school year

We know this school year hasn't ended yet, but it is time to start thinking about uniforms for the fall. Please order **ONLINE** by **July 15<sup>th</sup>** at the very latest, to guarantee you get your items before the beginning of the school year. In order to keep costs low, orders are collected every 2 weeks and printed in combined batches. This may impact delivery.

Check out some of the **NEW** additions – navy sweatpants and a ¼ zip sweatshirt!  
Please contact Alexa Sindelar with any questions: [akk625@yahoo.com](mailto:akk625@yahoo.com)

Buy here

### Counselor's Corner

I hope everyone has a safe and restful summer! Consider having your child(ren) participate in the Random Acts of Kindness [Summer Challenge](#) to encourage them to help others and help themselves keep up with a routine this summer.

If families are in need of additional mental health support over the summer, please consider these resources:

- CPS Student Safety & Security Hotline: 773.553.3335
- [Safe2Help](#) Illinois
- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1.800.273.8255 (TALK) (English) / 1.888.628.9454 (Spanish)
- Crisis Text Line (for students and adults): Text "home" to 741-741 / [www.crisistextline.org](http://www.crisistextline.org)
- Trevor Project (for LGBTQ+ individuals): 866.488.7386 or text "start" to 678-678

If families are interested in eye exams this summer, Ageless Eyecare is offering exams

and glasses. See the flyer for more information. [English](#) / [Spanish](#)

Freshman Connection applications are open now at this [link](#). Head to the [Freshman Connection webpage](#) for an FAQ about this program for rising CPS 9th graders.

### [Counseling Referral Form](#)

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*Click below for a list of resources for families who are interested in summer camp activities and/or continued educational, social, and emotional support in the Chicagoland area. You can find more information by clicking on the hyperlink (highlighted blue title) and by reading the descriptions below the hyperlink. If you need additional support finding a program right for your family please reach out to the School Social Worker Ms. Dabrowski at [mmdabrowski@cps.edu](mailto:mmdabrowski@cps.edu).*

## Summer Camps/Therapy Options for Summer 2022 in Chicago

## Congratulations! Thank you! Help needed!

**Congratulations to Teacher Esther Page who took extensive coursework and passed the challenging exam to earn her certification to teach 8th grade Algebra in 2022-23.** Moving forward, our 8th graders will benefit tremendously from a one or two year Algebra experience in 8th grade (and possibly 9th grade). Research shows overwhelmingly that a positive, deep Algebra foundation leads to deep high school math learning (higher GPA) as well as more math courses, high school and college completion, and even higher lifetime earnings (Consortium on Chicago School Research, various reports). At Prescott, we're eager for all our 8th graders to benefit from Ms. Page's Algebra expertise!

K-1 powerhouse team **Teachers Priscilla Lindsey, Lis Barajas, and Amanda Hazelip as well as Prescott consultant Dr. Jenn Moore presented** in June at the *Innovative Schools Summit* in Atlanta and just last week at the *Innovative Schools Summit* in Las Vegas. They shared their cutting-edge primary grades expertise in non-violent communication with educators from across the nation. Prescott is fortunate to benefit from their and our other primary grades teachers' indepth instructional knowledge.

### Fall sports are just around the corner!

Boys 7/8th grade soccer will be coached by Teacher Mr. McCarthy

Boys 5/6th grade soccer will be coached by SECA Gaby Johansson

**We need coaches for Girls & boys 5/6th and 7/8th cross country**

Girls 5/6th grade volleyball and 7/8th grade volleyball will be coached by SECAs Diana Orozco, Mariana Ojeda, Tiana Farley, and LaDonna Love. If interested in helping or if you have questions, please email Prescott Athletic Director, SECA LaDonna Love at [ldshelton@cps.edu](mailto:ldshelton@cps.edu).

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The Prescott LSC will have a community representative and parent representative opening in July. Interested candidates can request an application from Clerk Ms. Williams in the main office. Get more information by clicking the button below.

About LSCs in CPS

## Comings and goings

Welcome, **SECA Brandon Meeks**! Mr. Meeks has been the *Right at School Coordinator* before and after school at Prescott for the past five years. In January, he joined Prescott as a Miscellaneous Employee during the school day and now will support student learning in collaboration with teachers and other SECAs. Mr. Meeks' boundless enthusiasm for interacting with students while holding high expectations has created a nurturing, welcoming environment for students before, during, and after school. Mr. Meeks earned his undergraduate degree from Columbia College and has worked with children and led children's programs for almost a decade with JCC, Right at School, Youth Guidance, and CCAP Big Arts Fellows Program.

Welcome, **NU Fellow Missy Aminu**! Ms. Aminu recently graduated from *Northwestern University* with an undergraduate degree in Social Policy. She has both wide and deep experiences as in intern with Adonai Child Development center in Chicago and Uganda, where she wrote grants, gathered and analyzed data, partnered with local leaders to implement Physical Education (PE) activities, and more. She has also interned with *Advocate Pediatric Development Center* to support children with development disabilities and collaborated with neurological professionals regarding the impact of BMI on spinal injuries at *Northwestern Medicine*. In March, Ms. Aminu was accepted as a Fellow of the *NU Public Interest Program (NUPIP)* and will facilitate the growth and improvement of many social-emotional learning (SEL) and academic programs to deepen student engagement, sense of belonging, and academic achievement, especially for struggling students.

Welcome, **Art Teacher Kelly Bullard**! Ms. Bullard has taught 4th graders for nine years CPS. Her students have had incredible holistic learning growth each year. Ms. Bullard originally studied graphic arts and worked in the field for almost a decade before becoming a teacher. She has worked tirelessly to foster a strong classroom community, get to know each student for their strengths and interests, and pushes students to grow tremendously from their starting point. She has helped to organize Family Reading Nights, books fairs, and more. Ms. Bullard has been a mentor teacher for the past four years for *AUSL*. She will bring her unique, professional artist expertise and deep teaching expertise to Prescott School as an Art Teacher alongside Ms. Ammons. Ms. Bullard earned her undergraduate degree in Fine Arts from the *University of Illinois at Chicago* and her graduate degree in Education from *Quincy University*.

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## Love and Logic

What's the very most important skill in Love and Logic? That's an easy one for us to answer:

**Empathy is the key!**

There are two critical elements for delivering empathy—when it is delivered and how it is delivered. Whenever you are delivering consequences, empathy must always come first.

The most successful Love and Logic folks make it easier to ensure that they deliver empathy first by memorizing and using just one brief empathetic statement. They also make it more natural by picking one that fits their personality. Listed below are some examples of how to start off an empathetic statement:

“How sad....”

“Oh, no....”

“That stinks....”

“What a bummer....”

“That’s no good....”

“Awe, man....”

Just as important as when we express our empathy is how we deliver the message. What percentage of the message we send is communicated with words? Probably less than 10 percent! It’s how it’s we say it that is most important.

Years ago, I observed a teacher who used the right words but still did not have control of her classroom. Observing her teach, I heard her say, “How sad,” when she provided consequences. I even heard her use choices like, “Feel free to do this in pen or pencil. You decide.” However, I realized that way she was speaking to her students was creating more battles and rebellion than solutions.

The most successful students of Love and Logic know that they must start with empathy, but they also know that how they express themselves is far more important than what they say. Actions always speak louder than words. Our new audio, [Nobody Wins a Power Struggle: Avoiding Battles that Ruin Relationships and Lead to Rebellion](#), is an excellent resource for ways to avoid creating resentment and rebellion while continuing to provide the limits and discipline that kids need.

Thanks for reading!

If this is a benefit, forward it to a friend. Our goal is to help as many families as possible.

[Dr. Charles Fay](#)

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[How to report a Covid case](#)

[CPS COVID-19 Quarantine Protocols](#)

[Find a vaccine site near you](#)

### **Prescott student vaccination status**

Fully vaccinated: 83.7% or 344/411 students (100% of Kindergartners in Rm 101!)

First shot: 1.7% or 7 students

Unvaccinated from Covid: 14.6% or 60 students

### **Covid testing update**

Students registered for testing: 232/411 students or 56.4%

Staff registered for testing: 51/55 or 92.7%

[Student weekly Covid testing registration](#)

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