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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

Emails for this newsletter were pulled from Aspen on 8/2/22. If you have an updated email, please contact Clerk Ms. Williams at [clpalmer6@cps.edu](mailto:clpalmer6@cps.edu). **Please sign up for digital access to your 1st-8th grader's grades via Parent Portal in Aspen.** Contact Ms. Williams.

October 28, 2022

Prescott families and friends,

Our students have done it again! They put Prescott in the top 10 percent of the Illinois public schools for academic performance. As a result, the state named Prescott the *highest "Exemplary" rating on 2022 Illinois Report Card*

It is one of **seventeen Chicago public schools** – and one of only four schools within a four-mile radius – to earn the rating.

Prescott is a neighborhood K-8 CPS school with a strong arts program, rigorous curriculum focused on accelerated science, math and English learning, and an emphasis on social and emotional learning and restorative practices.

The Illinois State Board of Education's Exemplary designation is given to schools whose performance is in the top ten percent of schools statewide as measured by the **multi-measures accountability index**, and in which no student demographic groups performed at or below the level of the "all students" group in the lowest five percent of all schools, and which has a graduation rate greater than 67 percent.

"At Prescott, our approach to teaching English Language Arts is rigorous and culturally responsive. Each year, a typical middle schooler reads 40 books – roughly 10,000 pages! – of complex text, and they talk about what they're reading with each other in book clubs and in individual presentations and conversations," said Prescott 6-7th grade English Language Arts (ELA) Teacher Tayler Showalter. "I'm always impressed by how hungry students are to talk with each other about an author's craft, to provide each other with specific feedback during writing, and to create artful representations of their learning at the end of each quarter. They are creating a tight-knit community that is centered in joy and togetherness."

Nationwide, students' academic growth slowed considerably during the pandemic. Prescott's students, however, continued to make steady academic progress. In 2022, Prescott's English Language Arts growth was in the 64th percentile and all subgroups were above the 50th growth percentile of all schools in Illinois. In 2022, Prescott's math growth was in the 65th percentile overall and all subgroups were at the 50th percentile of all schools in Illinois. View Prescott's full 2022 Illinois Report

Card profile at <https://www.illinoisreportcard.com/School.aspx?source=trends&Schoolid=150162990252410>.

Since 2010, Prescott has grown tremendously from a low-performing school on the brink of shutting its doors permanently to a thriving community that proudly attained the prestigious recognition with the **2019 National Blue Ribbon** award from the U.S. Department of Education.

Prescott's mission is to nurture creative minds and caring hearts that contribute significantly to their communities through anti-racist curriculum and culturally-relevant pedagogy, rich and rigorous academic experiences that are tailored to individual needs, divergent thinking and artistic expression, and team collaboration.

To learn more about Prescott, tour the school or register to attend, please visit <https://prescottparents.com/>.

Congratulations to Prescott students, teachers, staff, families, and partners!

Erin Roche, Principal  
Meghan Breyer, Assistant Principal

*Thanks to LSC Chair Tracy Kremer for crafting the above letter.*

<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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Formulario de  
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escuela Prescott

Family Income  
Information Form

Formulario de  
informacion de  
ingresos familiares

## Calendar of upcoming events

### October

29 Girls volleyball 5/6th team v. McAuliffe at 11am. 7/8th team v. Goethe at 11am. *All volleyball matches are at Clemente High School 1147 N. Western Ave.*

31 5/6th girls and boys basketball practices start this week-- ask coaches for details

31 K-2 Literary Character Parade at 3:30. Families can view outside along the Marshfield and Wrightwood sidewalks.

***Reminder: Halloween costumes are for home only and not for school. Students who dress in costumes at school will have to change into the school uniform. If you participate at home, enjoy a safe trick-or treating!***

### November

1 School tour at 9am

8 School closed for election day-- remember to vote!

18 Photo day K-8th grades

21 **Student-Led Conferences**-- note, to enhance flexibility, teachers will schedule conferences with families in Oct-Nov

22-25 School closed for Thanksgiving Break

***Click below for the Prescott School 2022-23 Calendar***  
*(continuously updated)*

Register as Level 2 Volunteer as  
required for school tour

An Important Message for Current Parents and Guardians from Prescott Parents /  
Un Mensaje Importante para los Padres y Tutores Actuales de Prescott Parents

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## Go Girls Volleyball Team!

They're getting better every week by practicing and supporting each other. Thanks, Coach Ms. Farley!



### Physical Education

Students have been working on collaborative activities to develop their teamwork, problem solving, and communication skills to be successful, as well as performance tasks. This week's photos spotlight students 6th and 8th grade taking part in the 15 Meter Progressive Aerobic Cardiovascular Endurance Run Test (PACER Test), one of the components of the annual FitnessGram Test administered at all CPS instructional facilities for all students in grades 3rd-12th grade.

The test measures a student's aerobic cardiovascular endurance. Students "pace" themselves throughout the test by running a distance of 15 meters ( 49.2 feet) in cadence with the music track accompaniment. As the test continues, the amount of time a student has to complete a 15 meter lap diminishes.

For more information about the FitnessGram Test, including the PACER Test, visit <https://fitnessgram.net/>

### Health Education

Parents and caregivers can learn about sexual health as well as their children! We encourage parents to attend these **in-person parent education sessions** and **virtual sessions** that will help equip them with the knowledge and skills to talk to their children about sexual health with confidence!

The second round of Sexual Health Education (SHE) will begin during the sixth week of the second quarter for the following classrooms:

8th Grade 305  
6th Grade 205  
4th Grade 201

Reminders to parents will be sent prior to the start of SHE class. Thank you to the entire Prescott Community, Parents, and stakeholders for understanding the importance of this course content. For more information about the CPS SHE curriculum, including the updated curriculum for K-2, please visit the district's website: [CPS Sexual Health Education](#). Thank you everyone for your support!



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## Counselor's Corner

### All families:

Lake View therapist Becky Parkinson from Pathways to Connection will be hosting two fall workshops for students: "[Turning Your Inner Critic into Your Inner Coach](#)" for 5/6th graders and "[Becoming a Flexible Thinker](#)" for 3/4th graders. Click the links for more information. All students are welcome.

CPS District Offices are doing a donation drive for newly-arriving CPS students from other countries. They are accepting donations in the lobbies of CPS District Offices (Loop, Garfield Park, Colman, and Bridgeport) for: coats, jackets, scarves, hats, gloves, pants, shirts, and shoes. If you would like to contribute a monetary donation, you can do so [here](#). For more information, contact the Office of Family and Community Engagement at [face@cps.edu](mailto:face@cps.edu) or 773-553-FACE.

Looking for ways to support your child(ren)'s mental health or support them through a challenging time? Erika's Lighthouse, who provides mental health and wellness curriculum for schools, is now offering self-paced family engagement workshops. Click [here](#) to access the workshops and a parent handbook.

### 8th grade families:

- GoCPS applications opened 9/21. Create an account and submit applications [here](#).
- [Sign up](#) to attend application submission trainings with the Office of Access and Enrollment in November. Sessions are offered in both English and Spanish.
- The HFS Chicago Scholars scholarship application is now available and is due November 15. Learn more about this scholarship here ([English](#) / [Spanish](#)), and visit their [website](#) to apply. If you need the essays printed, please let Ms. Mathews know.

[Counseling Referral Form](#)



# Communication: GROK

A big part of Restorative Practices is language and communication. In order for children to participate in the restorative conversations, they need to have the language to communicate. We focus on 3 main tools to practice this language **1.**

***The Feelings Wheel 2. The 4 Part Framework (listening and speaking) and 3. GROK***

## GROK

GROK is a game we use to teach students feelings and needs vocabulary, and active listening. One person tells a story and the other person needs to guess their feelings and needs by pulling out the cards and showing the storyteller.

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### **Welcome to Teacher Syd Shadrick!**

Teacher Syd will teach 6-8th graders in collaboration with Mr. Schiffern (Social Studies), Ms. Edwards (Science), Ms. Page (Math), Ms. Choi (Reading & Writing), Ms. MJ, Ms. Poole, and Mr. O. Syd has worked extensively with a variety of students and student learning needs in formal school settings as well as camps. They just completed their Master's degree in Reading Education with a certificate in Teaching Multilingual Learners after finishing an undergraduate degree in Special Education at Appalachian State University in Boone, North Carolina. At Appalachian State U, they earned the Cratis D. Williams Society of Outstanding Graduates, and they were an iSHINE Scholar. Syd has contributed to ongoing research presentations on Special Education teaching techniques. Syd has volunteered and led improvements in a variety of child-focused organizations from breast cancer to book buddies. Please introduce yourself and welcome Syd to the Prescott School community!

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### **Prolific Prescott Artists!**

Art Teachers Ms. Ammons and Ms. Bullard nurture art skills, art history knowledge, and studios for Prescott students to create amazing works. Check out the incredible number of high-quality K-8 artworks by our Prescott students at [Artsonia.com](http://Artsonia.com).

**Artsonia at Prescott**

# Prescott Elementary School


Chicago, Illinois

## School Activity

 **37,141** [artworks](#) - 1,499 [this year](#)

 **4,859** [comments](#) - 188 [this year](#)

 **10,096** [statements](#) - 679 [this year](#)

 **1,380** fans - 378 this year

 **83,877** visitors

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## Congratulations! Thank you! Help needed!

Thanks to the Fried family for the fruit snacks for 8th graders after their Chicago High School Admissions Test on Wed!

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### 3rd grade engineers

Chris Phares, husband of Teacher Jennifer Phares, brought his skyscraper-building expertise from Clark Construction to Prescott's 3rd graders. Check out our budding engineer's collaborative work below. Thanks for lending your morning and energy to our 3rd graders, Mr. Phares!



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## Covid guidance and weekly testing registration

The district will continue to offer weekly in-school COVID-19 testing program next year. Importantly, any student or staff who wants to participate this year must fill out a new consent form. [Click here](#) to complete the testing consent form for this school year.

Consent forms from last school year or this summer will not be valid for the 2022–23 school year. However, once a student or staff member has consented this year, that consent will remain in place until they leave CPS.

Student weekly  
Covid testing  
registration for  
2022-23

Covid-19 Guidance  
for Prescott  
families and staff

Orientacion de  
Covid-19 para las  
familias y el  
personal de  
Prescott

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MTSS Parent/Guardian One-Pager-- from CPS to parents

Early Dismissal, Alternative Pick-up, and Building Access