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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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September 2, 2022

Prescott families and friends,

Our second week of the school year was full of joyful sounds of learning-- 1st graders perusing books on their own and with partners; 7th graders jumping into challenging math problems (e.g., make the numbers 1-20 only using the number 4 with  $+-X/$  fractions); 4th graders writing a full essay, 3rd graders listening to a read-aloud of *Wonder*; Kindergartners' drawings of themselves and writing their names; and more!

Thursday Night was Curriculum Night for grades K-5, so families have a good sense of what the school day looks like for your children. Teachers and families connected to talk about ways to support student holistic learning at home and school. Look for Family Reading Night and Family Movie Night in a few weeks.

Spirit Week culminated with a hot and very fun Field Day. Thanks to PE Teacher Bernardo Medina for organizing it, the 8th graders who oversaw the events, and the many parents and family volunteers. Our Fall Field Day builds community, relationships, and fun early in the school year!

Erin Roche, Principal

Meghan Breyer, Assistant Principal

Click to see before and after-school extra-curricular activities

Take a video tour of your child(ren)'s classrooms

<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

## Calendar of upcoming events

### September

5 School closed in observation of Labor Day

12 Girls on the Run (grades 3-5) starts M&W 3:45pm

13 School Tour at 9am (Volunteer Level 2 required to visit classrooms-- register below)

15 Curriculum Night grades 6-8 (online) 5-6pm; **High School Admissions Q&A 6:15-7pm**

17 (Saturday) 7/8th grade Sports games start for soccer, xcountry, and volleyball teams

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

**Prescott School 2022-23  
Calendar**

**Register as Level 2 Volunteer as  
required for school tour**



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## **Physical Education**

Hello Prescott Community! It has been an exciting second week of the school year thus far! It is great to see students actively engaged and eager to learn throughout the school day and getting back to the routine of school life.

This week's photos spotlight Ms. Austria's kindergarten students working on throwing to an open area. Students are working on the mechanics of throwing, which includes body position, aiming, transferring weight, releasing, and following through; lots of movements for a kindergarten student!

The photos show students engaged in an activity called "Clean Your Room," where students throw yarn balls to the opposing team's side. The yarn balls represent "garbage," and the team with the most yarn balls on their side at the end of the round have the messiest room. Both teams then engage in a quick workout activity, such as jumping jacks, toe-touches, and holding themselves up in the push up position for five seconds. Students are having a blast, demonstrating their understanding of personal space, play area boundaries, and completing the task at hand while playing by the rules. During Week 1, we established expectations, such as learning how to enter and exit the gym safely, and finding personal space. Throughout this ten week block of PE (1st quarter), kinder students will work on their locomotor movements in a safe manner, which include skipping, hopping, galloping, walking, leaping, and slide sliding daily, in addition to some dancing!

## **Health Education**

Prescott Students K-8th grade will participate in the CPS Sexual Health Education (SHE) program for school year 2023. Last year, Prescott Students did very well with being respectful to each other, asking great questions, received clarification, and busted some myths they had during the course. Thank you to the entire Prescott Community, Parents, and stakeholders for understanding the importance of health education.

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](#). Formal letters to the Prescott Community will be sent in the near future, so please be on the lookout! Thank you everyone for your support!



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## Counselor's Corner

### All families:

Please review the Notice of Rights for Students in Temporary Living Situations (homeless students). If you feel your family would qualify for these services, please reach out to Ms. Mathews. *Proof of address is not required to qualify for STLS services.* ([English](#) / [Spanish](#))

If you are interested in having your child receive an eye exam at school from Ageless Eye Care, please fill out the following consent form. This is the same form sent home in the health packet at the beginning of the year, so if you have already submitted it, you do not need to submit it again. If you would like a paper copy of the form, please reach out to Ms. Mathews. ([English](#) / [Spanish](#))

### 8th grade families: Please be aware that:

- GoCPS applications will open 9/14.
- High School Night will be held 9/15 at 6:15pm, right after Middle School Curriculum Night. **Ms. Mathews sent the presentation and google form for Q&A via email and Bloomz on Friday, 9/2.**
- You can also check out the [Prescott High School Application Website](#) for frequently updated information on all types of Chicago high schools and important dates/deadlines.
- The Daniel Murphy Scholarship application is due October 3rd. Visit their [website](#) to determine if your child would be a good fit for this opportunity.

### [Counseling Referral Form](#)

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## Early Dismissal, Alternative Pick-up, and Building Access

*Note: This policy began eight years ago but was put on hiatus at the beginning of Covid and the Remote Learning/Hybrid school year as well as last year. It is back in place beginning Monday. Thank you for planning in advance.*

## **Early Dismissal and alternative pick-up**

A high volume of early dismissals causes frequent interruptions of classroom learning activities. In order to minimize such interruptions, the following procedures are in place: Parents must notify homeroom teachers in writing via email or by note sent with the child on the day when early dismissal is required (emails must be sent by 7:30am on the date of dismissal). The notification must include the date and time of dismissal. If these notification deadlines are not met, students will only be released for early dismissal at the teacher's discretion or during classroom transition times, which usually occur at five minutes after the hour or 35 minutes after the hour. Students will not be dismissed between 2:45pm and 3:45pm without advance notification.

Getting messages to teachers regarding alternative adults picking up students is another cause of interruptions to classroom learning activities. The following procedures seek to minimize such interruptions.

- Parents who want their children to be released to an alternative adult should notify the teacher in advance and in writing (via note or email) by 7:30am of the corresponding date.
- If a parent notifies the main office, but does not notify the teacher in advance, the child will be taken to the main office at dismissal and released to the alternate adult by the main office staff. If the notification is by phone, the alternate adult must be listed on the child's emergency forms.

(When children are sick and need to go home, the school will continue to contact parents).

## **Building Access**

At Prescott we want to continue to build on our strong parent involvement. At the same time, we have a need to ensure student, staff, and visitor safety by closely monitoring adult access and movement with our building. Accordingly, the following procedures are in place.

All non-staff adults must use the main entrance: All non-staff adults must enter the building through the main entrance (Wrightwood entrance) and immediately check in the main office. Only staff and students are allowed through other entrances.

**Visiting your child's teacher:** Parents and teachers are a team and to support that effort, we encourage parents to speak with teachers by phone, email, and in person. However, spontaneous meetings are not feasible because teachers need to prepare and conduct classes. Just as visitors may not see physicians "on-demand" at the doctor's office, parents and visitors may not "stop by" classrooms. Parents must schedule visits with teachers and check-in at the main office upon arrival. The office staff will then notify the teacher. In case of abuses of this policy, parent visitation may be restricted.

**Volunteers and meetings:** Parents and visitors who are attending a planned meeting or who are volunteering on a regular basis should enter through the main entrance and check-in at the main office.

**Early Dismissal, Alternative Pick-up, and Building Access**

## **Congratulations! Thank you! Help needed!**

Thanks to parents Jeff Marren, Alexa Sindelar, and Amy Cortis for starting *Kiss 'n' Go* on the first day of school! They make drop-off very smooth.

Thanks to parent Jenn Bushek for organizing the sales of uniforms at the *Popsicle Party* last week!

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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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