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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 23, 2022

Prescott families and friends,

In the late summer and early school year, I shared with you in newsletters the process and proposal in alignment with district policy to change Prescott's grading scale, policy, and practices. The district initially approved the school's proposal but recently reversed and denied it. As a result, the school's grading scale will revert to the district's default model.

A 90-100  
B 80-89  
C 70-79  
D 60-69  
F 0-59

We will continue to work within district constraints to move forward to grading with equity. Thank you for your ongoing confidence and expectations of equitable grading policies and practices.

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](#)

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

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

## Calendar of upcoming events

### October

6 Family Reading Night  
10 School closed in observation of Indigenous People's Day  
11 Public tour 9am (no need to RSVP but registration as Level 2 Volunteer is required-- see button below)  
20 End of Quarter 1  
21 No school for students, Teacher PD day

**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**

**An Important Message for Current Parents and Guardians from Prescott Parents /  
Un Mensaje Importante para los Padres y Tutores Actuales de Prescott Parents**  
Click / Hacer clic [HERE](#)

**Prescott, playing with only 10, almost win**

Stellar defense by Gavin, Jackson, and Eli, incredible saves by goalie Caleb, and a goal by Mikayil powered Prescott's boys soccer team to a 1-0 lead until a last second penalty kick by Funston School tied the game. Mr. McCarthy's coaching improved the team of mostly 6th and 7th graders to almost topple the huge 7th and 8th graders on the other team. Cheer them on next week at Hanson Park at 10am.



## Physical Education

Hello Prescott Community! Week four has come and gone, and we are nearing the halfway point for the first quarter of the school year.

Hello Prescott Community, we are halfway through the first quarter of the 2023 school year! This week's photos highlight Ms. Edward's 6th grade class engaged in a game titled "Bean Bag Toe Tag." Student performance tasks include working within play area boundaries, fleeing/dodging, throwing, and engaging in physical activity with integrity and fair play.

## Health Education

Beginning Monday, October 3, 2022, the following classrooms will partake in the first round of the CPS Sexual Health Education (SHE) program offered at Prescott:

8th Grade Room 203  
6th Grade Room 304  
4th Grade Room 201  
Kinder Room 103  
2nd Grade Room 106

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. Please be on the lookout for reminders in your email on file.

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

### 8th grade families:

- GoCPS applications opened 9/21. Create an account and submit applications [here](#).
- 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.

### 7th and 8th families:

- Join the Network 4 counselors and over 40 high schools at one of two **N4 High School Fairs**. See the flyer ([English](#) / [Spanish](#)) for dates and more information. Ms. Mathews will be at the Lake View fair, but students are welcome to attend either option.

### [Counseling Referral Form](#)

## Restorative Practices

### Restorative Conversations

During our staff training days in August, all staff took part in 6 hours of Restorative Practices Training. The aim of the restorative approach is to develop our community and to help everyone in our school feel more comfortable managing conflict and tension by repairing harm and building relationships. For effective teaching and learning to take place, we believe that there should be good relationships within the school. The restorative approach puts repairing harm done to relationships at the heart of the school.

This allows us to build, nurture and repair relationships. The restorative approach gives us two main opportunities:

- It primarily provides those who have been harmed (victim) with a forum to 'have their say and be heard', which is vital to the healing process.
- Secondly it presents the offender (harmer) with an onus of responsibility for their actions, an opportunity to make some form of retributive acknowledgement.

[https://youtu.be/\\_obyZY4Xzal](https://youtu.be/_obyZY4Xzal)

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PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW SECURITY, MS. WALLS to the Prescott Wolfpack. She has been a Teacher Assistant in CPS for five years and worked with children for over a decade. Her background in proactively building relationships with and among students dovetails neatly with reinventing the Security position to be a supportive guide rather than a reactionary response. She will perform traditional roles to ensure school safety as well as work closely with Counselor Ms. Mathews on social-emotional learning (SEL) for individual students, Restorative Practices Coach Ms. Lindsey on RP, and teachers and staff to help individual students grow. She will help students so they can self-monitor and self-regulate-- i.e., preventing harm. Ms. Walls earned her BA at Roosevelt University and her AA at Harold Washington College. Her first day with us was yesterday. Please introduce yourself and welcome her warmly to the Prescott School community!

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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.*

Prescott School

Effective date: September 2, 2014

## **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.

## **Parking**

If you drive to pick up children, please respect our Prescott neighbors by parking legally. Do not block intersections, crosswalks, or alleys. Violators may be ticked by police. Thanks for keeping traffic flowing and keeping safe our students, families, staff, and our neighbors!

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

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

**ALL students K-8 can participate in UFO for the entire year (every Friday)! Thank you to everyone who donated extra this year to ensure that all students can participate!**

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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**