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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 30, 2022

Prescott families and friends,

To make reporting absences easier for parents, Teacher Ms. Moos created the below *Prescott School absent form* (yellow button). You can now submit absences electronically, if that helps you. You can still submit absences via paper-- whatever works for you. Ms. Moos modeled the form based on Lane Tech High School and Lincoln Park High School reporting systems. Thanks, Ms. Moos!

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

**Prescott School
absent form/
formulario de
ausencias de la
escuela Prescott**

**Click to see before
and after-school
extra-curricular
activities/ Apunte
para ver
programas de
antes y despues
de clases**

**Take a video tour
of your child(ren)'s
classrooms/ Tome
un paseo del salon
de su nino/a**

Calendar of upcoming events

October

6 Family Reading Night grades K-5 from 5-6pm

6 Trivia Night grades 6-8 from 5-6pm

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

26 8th grade Chicago High School Admissions Test

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](#)

Girls volleyball team

Coaches are SECA Diana Orozco and Teacher Tiana Farley



Physical Education

This week's photos highlight Ms. Swanson's 4th grade class. Students have been working on striking an object using equipment. The students worked on maintaining a volleyball using foam paddles and student friendly balls, which eliminate the fear of injury if struck with the object. Students practiced their overhand, underhand, forearm, and backhand striking, in addition to maintaining personal space while working with their partners for safe 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 read the email send on September 22, 2022 for the scope and sequence for your child's grade level. Reminders were sent to parent/guardian emails 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!



Counselor's Corner

All families:

From the Office of Student Health and Wellness - The 2022 National Conference on Child Health and Well-Being is just around the corner on November 2-4 in Chicago! This conference focuses on best practices for districts, schools and families to support sustainable solutions for children's health. Attend to learn about school health best practices and to network with other school staff, parents/caregivers and community members. [Check out the conference schedule](#) and [register by 10/12 to receive a discounted rate](#).

8th grade families:

- GoCPS applications opened 9/21. Create an account and submit applications [here](#).
- Noble Network has released their open house schedule. View it and contact information for each school [here](#).
- The HFS Chicago Scholars scholarship application is now available and is due November 15. 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

The main tool in the restorative approach is the Restorative Conversation. This is the place where the two parties are able to discuss the situation with the intent of restoring things to a good learning environment. The conversation takes the form of 5 questions.

In school we use the 5 big questions during these conversations:

- 1. What happened?**
- 2. What were you thinking about at the time?**
- 3. What were you feeling? What are you feeling now?**
- 4. Who has been affected?**
- 5. What needs to happen to make things fair and better?**

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!

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!

Family Movie Night had a huge turnout thanks to the planning and preparation of Dawoine Camel, Max and Amy Cortis, Jenn Bushek, and Alexa Sindelar. Thanks to Jeff Marren, too!

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### **Winter sports are just around the corner!**

The girls and boys 5/6th and 7/8th basketball sign-up poster is on the north stairwell.

Boys 5/6th grade basketball will be coached by Parent Jeff Marren.

**We need coaches for Girls & boys 5/6th and 7/8th basketball and 7/8th boys basketball.**

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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## **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