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September 9, 2022

Prescott families and friends,

Today the annual state standardized test individual reports for grades 4-8 were sent home with your 4th-8th grader, if they were a student at Prescott last year. Students in grades 3-8 take the test, the Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) each March or April.

The IAR reports on analysis in reading, analytical writing, and math problem-solving. It is not like old standardized tests with multiple choice answers. It is much more sophisticated in that it measures critical thinking in reading, writing, and math. Students often write answers and essays and have to show their thinking as well as answer multi-step questions. We do not receive individual reports of students who were at other schools last year.

Please review the IAR results with your child, so they and you can understand them well. The IAR is one of many indicators, such as grades and other standardized assessments such as the Benchmark Assessment System (BAS), that help your child, their teachers, and you to know that they are on grade level and if they are growing. Prescott teachers and staff continue to commit to you and your child(ren) a great, holistic learning experience.

Erin Roche, Principal
Meghan Breyer, Assistant Principal

[Click here to understand the IAR](#)

[IAR tutorial](#)

<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](#)

September

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)

13 Rock Band starts 3:45

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

21 Quarter 1 Progress Reports go home

24 (Saturday) 5/6th grade Sports games start for soccer and volleyball teams

October

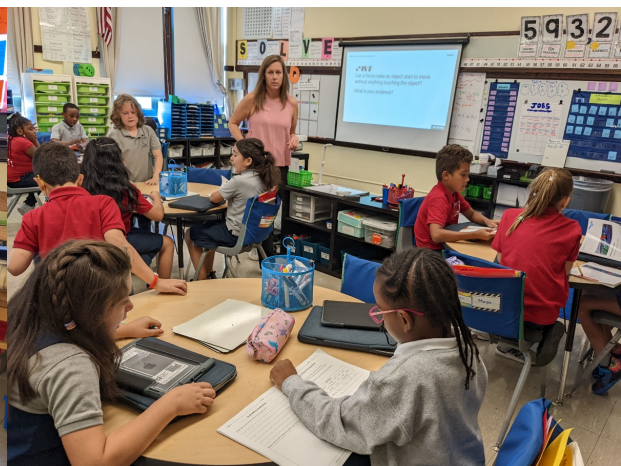
6 Family Reading Night grades K-5

***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**
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On Friday, September 2, 2022, Prescott held its annual Field Day event at Wrightwood Park. The weather cooperated, the students were actively engaged, and we had a great time! Thank you to all of the Parent Volunteers for their assistance once again, we could not have done it without you! A special shout out to the entire 8th Grade class for assisting classrooms and supervising stations. We cannot wait to have this event again at the end of the school year in June!

Here are some photos from the Field Day event for you to view. Thank you everyone once again for your support and continuous partnership with Prescott School! GO WOLFPACK!

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!



Counselor's Corner

All families:

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 Tuesday, 9/6.**
- 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.

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.

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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!

We are excited to announce that beginning this fall, **Prescott will be participating in the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program!** It is a USDA grant funded initiative to increase student access to fresh produce. Students in all homerooms will be receiving deliveries of fresh fruit and veggies twice a week (days of the week are TBD and will be determined by Nutrition Services). In CPS, the program is coordinated at the district level by Nutrition Support Services and the Office of Student Health and Wellness. For more information on the program, please refer to the [program handbook](#) or [nutritional fact sheets](#) on the various produce offerings. Prescott is excited to provide our students with the opportunity to broaden their taste bud preferences that will also improve their health and well being. See Asst Principal Meghan Breyer with questions.

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

CHICAGO CHILDREN'S CHOIR FREE CONCERT EVENT

It's time to bust out the confetti.

With a new program year upon us, CCC is uniting voices from across our programs for a one-of-a-kind free **season kickoff concert and party** at

Chicago's iconic Navy Pier.

Anchored by performances from singers in our world-renowned after-school programs and festival activities all afternoon, we're heading into our 2022-23 program year like we've never done before.

Join us along with hundreds of CCC singers, families and alumni at 3pm on Saturday, October 1 for Uniting Voices, **a free season kickoff at Navy Pier**. Bring the whole family out for this day packed full of uplifting music, free festival activities and unmatched joy as we get ready for another year of inspiring and changing lives through music. Click on the link for more information: **[Chicago Children's Choir Free Concert @ Navy Pier](#)**