

# Prescott Magnet Cluster School

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*A CPS Level 1+ School*

*2009 Golden Apple Award Winner*

*2010 Winner of Area 6 DRIVE Teacher Award*

*9 National Board Certified Teachers*

*2018-20 US Department of Education School Ambassador Fellow*

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Principal

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September 2, 2019

Dear Prescott families and friends,

[Bullying behavior is not being mean or rude.](#)

When Someone says or does something *unintentionally* hurtful and they do it once, that's **RUDE**.

When someone says or does something *intentionally* hurtful and they do it once, that's **MEAN**.

When someone says or does something *intentionally* hurtful and they *keep doing it*--even when you tell them to stop or show them that you're upset-- that's **BULLYING**.

This is a short definition of bullying that's easy to remember. You can read the [full CPS definition of bullying here](#).

Victims and bystanders should not expect revenge or punishment against the bully; such vindictive behavior does not change behavior but only represses it until it can lash out again.

When a child bullies, the teachers, the counselor, and staff will work with the child and family to help him or her to adopt a new mental model and corresponding behavior that is kind and empathetic. All adults-- parents, teachers, grandparents, staff-- should help the bully to change their behavior by modeling and guiding them. A bully is suffering from lack of friends or social skills, so our job as adults is to help them while keeping all children safe.

Please join me this year in making a commitment to helping all our children to contribute to physically, socially, and emotionally safe places to learn at high levels at school and at home.



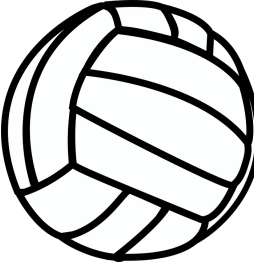

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[www.prescott.cps.k12.il.us](http://www.prescott.cps.k12.il.us)

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[In 2018, Prescott was one of only 13 schools among 700+ to be named a fully Healthy School.](#)

# September

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2 	3 8:30 School starts 8:45 Classes resume	4 <b>Word Problem Wednesday</b> —ask your child about today's math word problem	5	6 
9 Spirit Week	10 Spirit Week 9am public tour	11 Spirit Week <b>Word Problem Wednesday</b>	12 Spirit Week 5:30-6:30 Curriculum Night grades K-5—all parents please attend without children	13 Spirit Week
16	17 NWEA grades 1-8	18 NWEA grades 1-8 <b>Word Problem Wednesday</b>	19 NWEA grades 1-8	20 Field Day (Rain day is 9/27)
23 	24 NWEA grades 1-8	25 -NWEA grades 1-8 -- <b>Word Problem Wednesday</b> -5:30-6:30 Curriculum Night grades 6-8th grade -- all parents please attend without children	26 NWEA grades 1-8	27 
30	Oct 1	Oct 2 -- <b>Word Problem Wednesday</b> --Progress Reports go home	Oct 3	Oct 4

## Parent reminders:



**Please make sure that your child is healthy and in school.** Children who are not in school are not experiencing Prescott's rigorous curriculum. Prescott's Level 1+ status depends on an attendance rate of 96%. If your child misses more than 1 day per month (10 total days), then Prescott's attendance dips below 95%. Please help to keep Prescott's Level 1+ status by getting your child healthy and to school on time each day.

**All visitors and employees must report to and sign in the office.** Visitors may then be escorted to their appointment.

**Students can be dropped off in the morning between 8:30 and 8:40am.** Please do not drop off students before 8:30 as there is no student supervision. If you need to drop off a student before 8:30am, please arrange for child-care with Right at Schools at <https://rightatschool.com/>.



**Parents who drive children to Prescott** are encouraged to drop off children along Marshfield and not Wrightwood. Marshfield is safer due to less traffic. **Please do not park in the cross-walk, alley, or in the staff parking lot. Your car may be ticketed or towed. Also, please do not drive through the alleys as**

**they are not meant to be through-ways.** Thank you for making Prescott a safe school and for respecting our neighbors!

Please remember that **all visitors must check in the main office upon arrival.** Parents may not go directly to classrooms.

**Uniforms orders to directly to homes.** The cost will be \$4-10 depending on the size of the order according to Barrel Maker.

## VOLUNTEER



Any parent who would like to volunteer at Prescott including chaperones for field trips will need to complete a volunteer application for a level II volunteer at <https://chicagopublicschools.civicore.com> and come to main office with a picture ID for a copy to be made and kept on file at Prescott. If you plan on volunteering as a coach you will need to complete the process to be a level II volunteer which includes a TB test and fingerprinting. *Prescott always needs more volunteers for Project Boost to help struggling readers in Kindergarten and 1st and 2nd grade. Please contact PB*

*Coordinator Ms. Gurda at [wgurda@cps.edu](mailto:wgurda@cps.edu) to help our 5-7 year olds!*

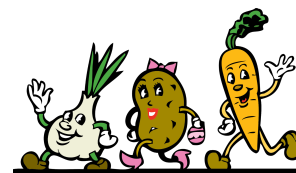
### Healthy Eating at Prescott

The Chicago Public Schools Board of Education approved a policy regarding healthy eating at schools. Below is a policy summary of

- Only highly nutritional food for children
- Limit over-eating by letting students and parent know in advance of additional food (e.g., birthday celebration)
- Healthy eatingà healthy kids and stronger academic growth

To comply with the policy and to encourage healthy eating, outside food must be approved by the principal at least one week in advance (forms are available in the office). Outside food may only be nutritional. The parent needs to bring the approval to the lunch supervisor. The supervisor collects and returns the form to the principal. Please discourage unhealthy food and food fundraisers that compete with healthy breakfasts and lunches.

Students who **bring lunch from home** can help their families save time and money every day by taking fruit, vegetables, and a cold milk to complement their lunch – **for free!**



### Vaccinization

Thanks for your hard work and persistence to ensure CPS students are protected from all required vaccine-preventable diseases including measles — which is making a notable resurgence outside of Chicago where measles immunization coverage is low. While over 95% of our students comply with district vaccine requirements, a small proportion is still missing one or more of school-required vaccines. Vaccine-unprotected students bear significant risks and pose risks to others as well.

Families, please schedule school physical and vaccination appointments before the start-of-school rush and well ahead of the October 15<sup>th</sup> deadline. Families can find a health center at <https://findahealthcenter.hrsa.gov/>.

As a reminder, all new students must provide proof of required immunization and health exams at the time of enrollment (including those who enter after October 15<sup>th</sup>). Currently enrolled students must also provide proof of immunization and exam at specific grade levels (Pre-K, K, 6 and 9) no later than October 15<sup>th</sup> each year.

The City of Chicago has Posted a Job opportunity for the Crossing Guard position. ***Applications for this position will be accepted until MONDAY 11:59 pm CST on Sept 5th, 2019.*** <https://chicago.taleo.net/careersection/100/joblist.ftl>

Prescott's own Sheridan Steele (waving) is regal as a member of the royal court at the Bud Billiken parade in August!



Middle school students, coached by Teacher Ms. Gow, perform for parents at the Ballroom Dance performance in June



## Visual arts at Prescott

You can follow our progress through the year or contact me through Art Teacher Ms. Ammons blog: [www.prescottpaint.blogspot.com](http://www.prescottpaint.blogspot.com) . We will also have an online art gallery through which you can view or purchase student artwork. Look for the Prescott Elementary page on [www.artsonia.com](http://www.artsonia.com).

### Welcome to teachers new to Prescott School! Please introduce yourself and welcome them!

- Colleen Hall will teach 6th-8th graders math in Room 304. She has taught 3-6th graders in Atlanta and Chicago for the past six years. Ms. Hall earned her BS at the University of Georgia and her MS in Education at The Johns Hopkins University. This is a new position at Prescott to serve the additional 7th grade class.
- Tayler Showalter will teach 6th and 7th graders ELA and Social Studies this year in Room 205. Her position also accommodates the additional 7th grade class. She taught in Brooklyn and for the past five years middle schoolers in Chicago. Ms. Showalter earned her BS in Education at Ohio University.
- Laura Bottorff will teach Kindergartners in Room 101 this year. She has taught Kindergarten and PreK for over 25 years in Indiana. She graduated earned her BA from Grinnell College and her MEd in Early Childhood Education at National-Louis University.
- Lexie Bertrams will teach Kindergartners in Room 103 this year while Priscilla Lindsey is on a leave of absence. She taught 1st graders at Agassiz School last year. Ms. Bertrams earned her BA at the University of Kentucky and her MAT at National Louis University.
- Alex Sophiea will teach 4th graders math, science, and Social Studies in Room 306 this year. She taught in Dallas for over ten years and most recently taught 2nd graders last year in Chicago. She graduated from the University of Michigan with a BA and DePaul University with a Masters degree in teaching.

- Sarah Tracy will teach 5th graders math and science in Room 206 this year. She has taught 5th graders for eight years in two International Baccalaureate schools in Oregon. She graduated from Marquette University.
- Esther Page will teach middle schoolers math and Social Studies this year in Room 203. She has taught 5th and 6th graders for the past two years in Chicago. She earned her BA from Ball State University and her MEd at DePaul.
- Brian Padilla will teach PE to all students. He has taught PE recently in Chicago. He earned his BA at Northeastern University.

All the best to departing staff in their next career moves! Ms. Lindsey and Ms. Reilly have continued their leaves of absences. Ms. Roberts has returned to teach PreK. Ms. Izard is teaching Sped at another school, and Ms. Lipke has moved to the suburbs. Mr. RJ has returned to his former school. Ms. Hajduk moved to a school closer to her home. Ms. Bailey is in a special teacher preparation program. Thanks to all of them for their work at Prescott School!

**Thank you!**

... to Robyn Warren's mom for working with Costco to donate 100 backpacks to students!

--- to Jennifer Lister, Brianne Shepherd, and Georgeanna Fischetti for coordinating the Chicago Cubs volunteers on August 26th!

--- to the Chicago Cubs organization for volunteering via Chicago Cares on August 26th to help prepare the school for the school year!

The Prescott School Local School Council seeks a volunteer to serve as a community representative on the Local School Council (LSC). Eligibility includes living in Prescott's attendance area and not being a parent or employee. The LSC meets roughly nine times per year in evenings. By state law, the responsibilities of the LSC are to hire and evaluate the school principal performance as well as approve the local school budget. If interested, please see School Clerk Tiara Collum for an application packet and submit it as soon as possible. The LSC will select and appoint the new representative at its next meeting on a rolling basis.

Prescott School's new roof and tuckpointing is almost complete! The interior work, including many painted classrooms and hallways and 1st floor water fountains, is done. The exterior work will be completed by Sept 30th. As a result, some fencing will stay up in the parking lot. Steve Richardson, CPS' site supervisor, deserves kudos for figuring out major complications in the roof work and for getting the interior work done well and on time! Thanks, Mr. Richardson!

GSG Environmental Specialist Nick provided this history about Prescott School: in the early 1980s, Prescott parents were the first to publicly advocate for lead abatement when work was done on walls with lead-based paint. Thanks to those well-informed parent crusaders for children's and staff's safety, around the nation lead abatement rules ensure healthy standards when improving buildings! Nick happened to work on the school at that time. Thanks, Nick and Prescott parents!



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## 2019-2020 Master Calendar

During summer, winter and spring intersessions, be sure to have your child take advantage of [www.razkids.com](http://www.razkids.com) and [www.ixl.com](http://www.ixl.com) to help continue to growth in reading and math!

<p><b><u>AUGUST</u></b>  29 → Kindergarten Meet-and-Greet (4:30)  29 → Back-to-School Popsicle Party, Wrightwood Park (5:30)</p>	<p><b><u>JANUARY</u></b>  6 → Classes resume  14 → School Tour (9am)  20 → <i>Martin Luther King Day, no school for students</i>  30 → End of Q2  31 → <i>No school for students, Teacher PD</i></p>
<p><b><u>SEPTEMBER</u></b>  3 → First day of school!  10 → School Tour (9am)  12 → Curriculum Night K-5th grade, all parents attend  9-13 → Spirit Week  20 → Field Day (Rain out date 9/27)  25 → Middle School (6-8) Curriculum Night, all parents attend</p>	<p><b><u>FEBRUARY</u></b>  5 → 2Q report cards go home  7 → Recognition of Learning (students only)  11 → School Tour (9am)  13 → Family STEM night  17 → <i>President's Day, no school for students</i>  21 → Celebration of Learning</p>
<p><b><u>OCTOBER</u></b>  2 → Q1 progress reports go home  8 → School Tour (9am)  14 → <i>Columbus Day, no school for students</i>  17 → Family Reading Night  25 → Celebration of Learning  31 → Literacy Character Parade</p>	<p><b><u>MARCH</u></b>  2-6 → Kindergarten registration for in-area students begins  4 → 3Q progress reports go home  10 → School Tour (9am)  TBD → Illinois Assessment of Readiness (3-8th graders)</p>
<p><b><u>NOVEMBER</u></b>  7 → End of Q1  8 → <i>No school for students, Teacher PD</i>  11 → <i>Veteran's Day, no school for students</i>  12 → School Tour (9am)  13 → <i>Q1 Report Card Pick-Up, Parent/Teacher Conferences</i>  15 → Recognition of Learning (students only)  15 → High School applications due (8th graders)  22 → Celebration of Learning  26 → Picture Day K-7, 8th grade grade pictures  27-29 → <i>Thanksgiving Break, no school for students</i></p>	<p><b><u>APRIL</u></b>  6-10 → <i>Spring Break, no school for students</i>  14 → School Tour (9am)  16 → End of Q3  17 → <i>No School for students, Teacher PD</i>  22 → <i>Q3 Report Card Pick-Up, Parent/Teacher Conferences</i>  24 → Recognition of Learning (students only)  TBD → Book Fair</p>
<p><b><u>DECEMBER</u></b>  2-6 → Scholastic Book Fair  10 → School Tour (9am)  11 → Q2 progress reports go home  13 → 8th grade graduation pictures, all other retakes  16-20 → Spirit Week  23 <i>Winter Break begins, no school for students</i></p>	<p><b><u>MAY</u></b>  1 → Celebration of Learning  12 → School Tour (9am)  20 → 4Q progress reports go home  22 → Walk-a-thon  25 → <i>Memorial Day, no school for students</i></p> <p><b><u>JUNE</u></b>  5 → Middle School Dance  8-12 → Spirit Week  9 → School Tour  11 → 8th grade graduation  12 → Kindergarten celebration  16 → End of Q4, Recognition of Learning (students only)  16 → Q4 report cards go home, last day of school!</p>



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### Uniform Free Option (UFO)

September 2019

Dear Prescott Families:

Prescott Parents and Principal Roche together will again launch a UNIFORM FREE OPTION (UFO) Day. The second and fourth Friday of every month (if school is in session), starting September 27, Prescott students will have the option of paying \$1 to be Uniform Free for the day.

The Thursday prior to the UFO day, a Prescott Parent will be present in the Cafeteria during lunch for students to pay their dollar. Thursday is the **ONLY DAY** the money will be collected during the lunch hour, no exceptions. The next day, Friday, is the day to come to school Uniform Free.

**On Thursday, September 26th, we will be offering a ONE-TIME ONLY option to pay for all 16 UFO days for \$15 (1 UFO day free).**

The student's teachers will have a list of who paid to be Uniform Free. The following are the UFO Days to remember:

Month	Day to Pay	UFO Day
September	9.26.19	9.27.19
October	10.10.19	10.11.19
October	10.24.19	10.25.19
November	11.7.19	11.8.19
November	11.28.19	11.29.19
December	12.12.19	12.13.19
January	1.9.20	1.10.20
January	1.23.20	1.24.20
February	2.6.20	2.7.20
February	2.20.20	2.21.20
March	3.5.20	3.6.20
March	3.19.20	3.20.20
April	4.2.20	4.3.20
April	4.23.20	4.24.20
May	5.7.20	5.8.20
May	5.21.20	5.22.20

Some things to keep in mind: UFO is meant to be a fun day for the students of Prescott. Anyone who chooses to dress Uniform Free, and did not pay, must change into a uniform. Clothing worn on UFO Day also must be appropriate. If you do not know if it is appropriate, DO NOT wear it. Any student without appropriate clothing will need to change into a school uniform. He or she will also not receive a refund for the Pass. Prescott Parents will use the funds raised for numerous projects within the school to help the gaps in the budget.

Remember the first day to pay your dollar for UFO day is **September 26, 2020 (9/26/20)!**

Please contact Jennifer Lister at 312.848.0570/prescottschoolchicago@gmail.com or Principal Roche with any questions.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Lister

Principal Roche

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### Uniforme de Libre Opcion (OVNI)

Septiembre de 2019

Queridas Familias de Prescott

Prescott padres, PTA y Principal Roche juntos lanzamos OPCIÓN UNIFORME GRATIS (OVNI) Day. El segundo y cuarto viernes de cada mes (si la escuela está en sesión), comenzando el 27 de septiembre, los estudiantes de Prescott tendrán la opción de pagar \$1 para ser Uniform Free durante el día.

El jueves anterior al día OVNI, un padre de Prescott estará presente en la cafetería durante el almuerzo para que los estudiantes paguen su dólar. El jueves es el único día que el dinero será recogido durante la hora del almuerzo, sin excepciones. Al día siguiente, viernes, es el día para venir Uniforme gratuito.

**En Jueves, Septiembre 26th, estaremos ofreciendo un “opción Única” una sola vez para pagar por los 16 días de OVNI por \$15 (1 días de ovnis gratis).** Los maestros del estudiante tendrán una lista de quién paga a ser libre de uniforme. Los siguientes son los Días de ovnis para recordar:

Month	Day to Pay	UFO Day
Septiembre	9.26.19	9.27.19
Octubre	10.10.19	10.11.19
Octubre	10.24.19	10.25.19
Noviembre	11.7.19	11.8.19
Diciembre	11.28.19	11.29.19
Diciembre	12.12.19	12.13.19
Enero	1.9.20	1.10.20
Enero	1.23.20	1.24.20
Febrero	2.6.20	2.7.20
Febrero	2.20.20	2.21.20
Marzo	3.6.20	3.7.20
Marzo	3.20.20	3.21.20
Abril	4.10.20	4.11.20
Abril	4.24.20	4.25.20
Mayo	5.8.20	5.9.20
Mayo	5.22.20	5.23.20
Junio	9.26.20	9.27.20

Algunas cosas a tener en cuenta: UFO está destinado a ser un día de diversión para los estudiantes de Prescott. Cualquier persona que opta por vestir uniforme gratuito, y no pagó, debe cambiarse en un uniforme. La ropa usada en el Día UFO también debe ser apropiada. Si usted no sabe si es el caso, no lo use. Cualquier estudiante sin ropa adecuada tendrá que cambiar en un uniforme escolar. Él o ella también no recibirán un reembolso para el día.

Los padres Prescott utilizarán los fondos obtenidos de numerosos proyectos de uniformes deportivos a los estudiantes y también la tinta para las impresoras de la biblioteca y salones. Recuerde Que el primer día para pagar el dólar para el día OVNI es Septiembre 26!

Por favor, póngase en contacto con Jennifer Lister en 312.848.0570/prescottschoolchicago@gmail.com o Director Roche con cualquier pregunta.

Atentamente,

Jennifer Lister

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Traductor

Principal Roche

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