



Prescott Magnet Cluster School

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2009 Golden Apple Award Winner

2010 Winner of Area 6 DRIVE Teacher Award

7 National Board Certified Teachers

2018-20 US Department of Education School Ambassador Fellow

2019 National Blue Ribbon School

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Principal

October 1, 2019

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2018-20

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Dear Prescott families and friends,

Prescott students, you are outstanding! You have won the 2019 National Blue Ribbon School award!

On Thursday, September 26, in Washington DC, the United States Secretary of Education announced to the entire world that your outstanding learning deserved outstanding recognition. You have worked hard, asked questions, stayed curious, tried and failed and tried again, and you have mastered so much. The Department of Education honored you, your teachers, your families, and our past Prescott students for outstanding success.

In addition to our students, our teachers are at the core of our students' learning. The teachers here at Prescott exemplify care for students, content expertise, and connecting students with content. Family engagement has bolstered our students' learning, and our community partners have collaborated intensively in the last dozen years. Thanks to Prescott Parents, Alliant Credit Union, Alderman Scott Waguespack, US Rep Mike Quigley, the Erikson Institute, and DePaul University.

As you have succeeded in recent years, Prescott has a profound history of creating a path for groundbreaking learning. Just after 1900, [Prescott housed the first Kindergarten in Chicago](#). During the construction of a new roof and tuckpointing this summer, I learned from a veteran of environment work that in the 1980s Prescott parents demanded that any work involving walls with lead paint include abatement. Prescott's past communities have contributed to super successes and you have now added another milestone!

We have invited Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot and other dignitaries to celebrate with our students the National Blue Ribbon School award. Please look for details in coming days.

As the district has held us to high expectations, we have responded. They will and we should expect even more of Prescott students. Given the freedom to create our path to the district's high expectations, our community will continue to respond to high expectations into the future. Working with you, I look forward to the challenge!





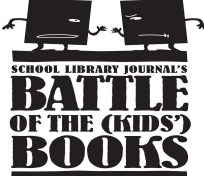
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[In 2018 & 2019, Prescott was one of few schools among 700+ to be named a fully Healthy School.](#)

October

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
September 30 8am Advanced Choir starts rehearsals-- Mon & Wed	1 8am Jr. Choir starts rehearsals-- Tues & Thurs	2 Word Problem Wednesday —ask your child about today's math word problem -1st Quarter Progress Reports go home (possible delay due to CPS's Aspen system)	3 	4 
7 7:45am Future Problem Solvers starts	8 9am public tour 4:30 Boys soccer game at Jahn	9 Word Problem Wednesday	10 5:30 Boys soccer game at Hawthorne	11
14 School closed in observance of Columbus Day/Indigenous People Day	15 CPS vision/hearing screening 3:45pm <i>Math Masters</i> starts	16 Word Problem Wednesday -Vision/hearing screening -5:30 Boys soccer game at Waters at Wilson East	17 5:30-6:30 Family Reading Night	18 
21 	22 5:30 Boys soccer game at Blaine	23 Word Problem Wednesday 4:30 Boys soccer game v. LaSalle at Wilson East	24 	25 8:55 <i>Celebration of Learning</i> K-5th 2:45 <i>Celebration of Learning</i> 6-8th
28	29	30 -- Word Problem Wednesday	31 3pm K-2 Literary character parade	November 1

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 accountability 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 have high expectations 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. Parents may not go directly to classrooms.

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. 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!

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 to help our 5-7 year olds!

The Prescott newsletter has become digital. Only the first page-- the letter and calendar-- will go home monthly in hard copy. The digital copies will be housed at the [Prescott Parents website](#) for future reference.

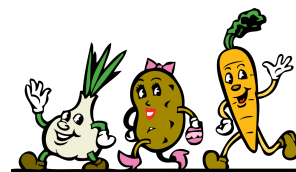
Healthy Eating at Prescott

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 15th deadline. Families can find a health center at <https://findahealthcenter.hrsa.gov/>.

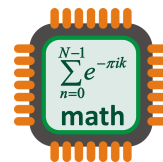
As a reminder, all new students must provide proof of required immunization and health exams at the time of enrollment (including those who enter after October 15th). Currently enrolled students must also provide proof of immunization and exam at specific grade levels (Pre-K, K, 6 and 9) no later than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



From Garden Club Teachers Tina Stewart and Rachel Blundy: We still have a few spots left in the Prescott Garden Club. We invite any students in grades 4-8. The club meets on Mondays from 3:45pm-5pm through November and again in the Spring. We do everything from planting, caring for plants to community service projects outside, and it's totally free. If you are interested, have your child pick up a Garden

Club form outside Room 104 or email Ms. Blundy at regalan@cps.edu for a permission slip.

Mathletes has a few spots open for students in grades 6-8. See Ms. Moran in Room 304 or email mtmoran@cps.edu for a permission slip.



Thanks for volunteering!

- ★ Elvira Cruz coordinates UFO.
- ★ Volunteers who helped Saturday, August 31st to get the school ready:
 - Jen Bowers, Greg Rueda, Brian Bushek, Jennifer Bushek, Marius Bushek, Stella Bushek, Catherine Smith, Logan Smith, Ahmet Dursha, Dana Plous, Paula Corwin, Wernika Kathrein, Maureen Kathrein, Timothy Kathrein Jill Stein, Shelley Krepick, Linda Cho, Ethan Cho, Jayden Cho, Amy Cortis, Tamara Margolis, Liam Hawry.
- ★ Thanks to volunteers Kathy Gow and Elvira Cruz for helping with Math Masters!
- ★ Amy Malelo-Shirar coordinates the [Prescott Parents website](#).

Please find the link to the [Vision and Hearing notification to parents](#) and [here](#).

[Parents, it's time to stop talking about tenacity and start talking about character](#)

-- Washington Post on August 29. Thanks to Kindergarten Teacher Laura Bottorff for referring it.

Duckworth also believes that strengths of heart such as kindness, gratitude and emotional intelligence are more important overall than strengths of will such as grit and self-control. "If you're only thinking of résumé building, you're missing something," she says. "If you look at people with a lot of grit, they are primarily motivated by purpose. As Ms. Bottorff pointed out, "PURPOSE and PASSION precede PERSISTENCE in the lives of our students."

So how can we encourage positive character — the desire to lead a good life for yourself and others — in kids? Click the title link to learn more.