

Prescott Elementary an Expeditionary Learning Charter School

Mission

The members of the Prescott learning community will empower each child to achieve to his/her highest potential and to become strong contributing members of the community

Promise

I promise to be

**RESPECTFUL
RESPONSIBLE**

And

RESOURCEFUL

To make my home, community and school a better place.

Website

www.prescott.dbqschools.org

Find the school calendar of events, the school newsletter, school-approved web-sites and much more!

Facebook

Search for Prescott Elementary School on Facebook and like our page!

Office

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Hours: 7:30am-4pm

Message from Mrs. Sullivan

The commitment of the staff at Prescott to do what it takes to meet the needs of every learner is inspiring! I've noticed that moments of joy are valued and celebrated in this community. Laughter is present. You can be confident that the mission of Prescott School is driving the important work being done because the caring adults that work with your children are amazing!

Prescott's school improvement goals this year are focused on improving student learning (academic, social, and emotional) through strengthening our practice in three areas:

- 1. Climate and character.*
- 2. Effective lesson planning.*

- 3. Effective delivery of instruction.*

These goals are not fancy. Rather, they are robust and straight-forward. I invite you to notice that they are firmly grounded in that which we have full control – our own attitudes, beliefs and behavior. We believe that if we get after these goals with tenacity and verve, then learning outcomes for each child will improve.

How can parents/guardians help? Research reveals that a strong connection between home and school matters in terms of student learning. Please consider the power in an ongoing conversation with your child this year about the Prescott Promise (see left side bar). Help your student make sense



of what respectful, responsible and resourceful words and actions sound like and look like. Notice and label their choices as respectful, responsible or resourceful when they demonstrate one or more of these character traits. Help your child to make connections between the choices that people (them, you, me, neighbors, friends) make and the impact that these choices have on others.

Finally, encourage your student to value respectfulness, responsibility and resourcefulness because it's the right thing to do.

Grateful to be serving you,

*Vicki Sullivan,
Prescott Principal*

**Expeditionary
Learning Design
Principles**

The Primary of
Self-Discovery

Collaboration and
Competition

Diversity and Inclusion

Responsibility for
Learning

Success and Failure

Service and Compassion

The Having of
Wonderful Ideas

Empathy and Caring

Solitude and Reflection

The Natural World

Prescott Crew Gatherings

This is an exciting structure that we are launching to strengthen our climate and character. All teachers, the nurse, the counselor, paraprofessionals and the principal are divided into teams of about 8 members. Each team has an Expeditionary Learning design principle that they infuse into three Crew lessons using a format very similar to morning meeting; a greeting, an activity, and sharing. We share these lessons with one another which means that all Crews are using the same lessons to deepen students' ability to make meaning of our Design Principles in their own lives and put them into action.

Each Crew includes two staff members and one or two 5th graders, 4th graders, 3rd graders, 2nd graders, 1st graders and Kindergarteners. There are twenty-four Crews! Fifth graders are considered the Crew leaders and will gradually be assuming more responsibility for their group across the year.

The first Crew theme of the year is Diversity and Inclusion; Make Your Mark! Be sure to ask your child about their Crew experience today.

Highlights of the Week Ahead

Friday, September 16

- One-hour late arrival for Professional Learning. We are scheduling PTS conferences and planning Crew lessons
- 10:15 2DR MAP testing
- 2:30pm Prescott Crew

Monday, September 19

- 10:30am Guest expert to Preschool
- 2pm 4DGM MAP testing

Tuesday, September 20

- 9:15am 3D MAP testing
- 10:15am 5F MAP testing

Wednesday, September 21

- 10:15am 2KP MAP testing
- 1pm 4GM MAP testing

Thursday, September 22

- 9:15am 3F MAP testing
- 10:15am 5MH MAP testing

Friday, September 23

- One-hour late arrival for professional learning
- 10:15am 2DR MAP testing
- 2:30pm Prescott Crew

GO DOLPHINS!