

The Parent "O"bserver

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New Items Added to the Newsletter that are Important

Study Hall/STEAM

We have been advertising for our After School Study Hall/STEAM program to prepare the students for their spring SOLs. Normally we have about 250 students that sign up. However, this year, we only have about 50 students currently signed up. If you are interested, you will need to reach out to the office to join our waitlist to see if we can get you in at a later date. This is extremely important, as this really does prepare the students for their upcoming SOL tests.

Articles of Clothing Needed

As you know the clinic has some clothing for students should they need it. We are in need of all-sized clothing for students who have soiled their clothing or have simply fallen in the mud (which happens so much more than you would ever think). If your student/child should need a change of clothing, we may not have what they need. So, if you have gently used clothing for our clinic, we would greatly appreciate your donation.

Items that Will Always be Relevant for Parents to Review

SchoolQuality Profile (AKA: SOL Results)

The Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) released the annual Virginia Standards of Learning (SOL) test results and updated the [School Quality Profile](#). We are well on our way to fully recovering from the pandemic. Occoquan has scored some of the highest scores in Reading and Math. Our African-American scores are what I am most proud of, as we have now surpassed the

achievement gap in this category. PWCS will work diligently to support continued academic progress, acceleration, and recovery.

Dismissal Times

Students are no longer allowed to be dismissed from the office between the times of 3:30 and 4:00 due to disruptions to the dismissal process. If you need to pick your child up early, you will need to do so before 3:30. Otherwise, you will need to wait until 4:10 to come into the office to pick them up.

Parent Handbook for the 2023-24 SY

OES Parent Handbook 23-24.pdf

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251.2 KB

Late Bus Information

Transportation's Late Bus Notification web page is now available for parents and schools. The page will list buses that will be late 15 minutes or more to start their run. Please save the link below to review it:

https://www.pwcs.edu/departments/transportation/bus_delays

Here Comes the Bus App

Please be sure to download "Here Comes the Bus" app so that you can track your child's bus to know a more accurate time on when your child will be picked up and dropped up from their bus stops. After you download the app, it will prompt you with a few questions, and then you will need to enter a school system code. This code is: 76348

Should you have any issues with this app, please feel free to email hctb@pwcs.edu, and they will answer your questions.

Continuous Improvement Plan

Our ambitious Continuous Improvement Plan ensures we are on the right track to navigate the journey back to pre-pandemic levels by investing in our instructional core, maintaining high expectations to ensure academic excellence, and strengthening infrastructures along the way toward greater equitable and accessible academic achievement for all students.

Please click the link below to take a look at the plan in what will be some of its final stages.

Construction on the New Building

Construction on Occoquan's new building began recently when they started digging two of the one-hundred-ten holes they will need to dig for our geothermal energy. It has been an exciting time. The students are predicted to move into the building in February 2025. The new building will be located on the grass behind the playground. Construction will officially begin in January 2024, but they will continue to work on some of the other aspects that take a little longer well before that time frame.



Title I Information

Key information for Title I

- Please be sure to check out the Occoquan school compact for information about Title I (it is the document directly above), staff agreements, student agreements, and parent agreements, as well as our goals for the year in reading and math.
- Reading support is provided through small-group instruction and before and after-school tutoring.
- Math support is provided through small-group instruction, co-teaching lessons with the classroom teacher, before and after-school tutoring, and one-on-one individual support for math intervention.
- Thank you for supporting our awesome Occoquan students!



Grade Level Newsletters

Grade Level Newsletters

Please click on the grade level below that your child(ren) is in order to read their specific information from their teachers.

Grade Levels update their information once a month.

[Kindergarten](#)

[1st Grade](#)

[2nd Grade](#)

[3rd Grade](#)

[4th Grade](#)

[5th Grade](#)

[Gifted](#)

The En"CORNER"

EL Department

Special Education Department

Important Event Dates

Event Information

No School For MLK Jr Day

When?

Monday, Jan 15, 2024, 08:00 AM

Event Information

Advisory/PTO

Michael P. Lint is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Advisory/PTO

Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://pwcs-zm-edu.zoom.us/j/86835043754?pwd=UnRaWFJkc3Myd0dOZHBTWit1MEZBQT09>

Meeting ID: 868 3504 3754

Passcode: 250979

One tap mobile

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+16469313860,,86835043754#,,,,*250979# US

Dial by your location

+1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)

When?

Thursday, Jan 18, 2024, 06:00 PM

Event Information

Donuts and Coffee with the Principal

When?

Thursday, Jan 25, 2024, 08:00 AM

Where?

Event Information

Half-Day of School--Dismissal at 12:40

When?

Friday, Jan 26, 2024, 12:30 PM

Event Information

End fo Second Quarter Today

When?

Friday, Jan 26, 2024, 04:30 PM

Event Information

NO School for Students--Teacher Work Day

When?

Monday, Jan 29, 2024, 08:00 AM

Event Information

Report Cards will be Live in Parent View for Second Quarter

When?

Wednesday, Feb 14, 2024, 07:00 AM



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