

The Parent "O"bserver

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New Items Added to the Newsletter that are Important

Hello rising Kindergarten families! Here's a friendly reminder about our rising kindergarten meet and greet on **Monday, March 18 from 9:30 a.m. -12:00 p.m. or 12:45-3:30 p.m.** On this day, you will be able to bring your child to Occoquan Elementary for them to meet some of the kindergarten teachers and do a couple of small get-to-know activities with them. Please plan to stay for a little while so we can get to know your child. We will only be holding this event on one day, so please plan accordingly.

As a reminder this is not a time to come in to fill out your registration paperwork. The paperwork should be filled out on your own, but does not need to be completed prior to bringing your child. If you have any additional questions regarding this process, we would be more than happy to help you. All registration begins online at [PWCS's Kindergarten Registration website](#). Unfortunately, when you come, you will not be able to tour the building. A tour may be scheduled on a different day.

When you come, we will provide you with some information regarding our rising kindergarten summer camp. **Please spread the word to other families in the area who have a rising kindergartener.** We are looking forward to seeing you and your child!

All the best,

The Kindergarten team at Occoquan Elementary

Yearbook Orders are LIVE

Yearbook preorders are now open through April 5th. Order forms will go home starting next week. Yearbooks will be \$20. I highly encourage you to go onto yearbookforever.com and searching Occoquan to get your preorder in early. If you prefer cash or check, please make sure you send the

order form to school signed by a parent/guardian. After preorders close yearbooks will go on sale once they are delivered.

Preschool applications open February 1st!

Families apply online by completing an [Online Application](#). ([Spanish version](#)). Applications may also be completed in-person or via phone. Families should call the preschool office with any questions.

Email: PreKPrograms@pwcs.edu

Phone: 703-791-8708

Please note:

- Check list of schools served [here](#).
- The preschool program has income limits. To review, please visit: www.pwcs.edu/headstart
- During the online application, families are asked to upload proof of family income, a copy of child's birth certificate, and at least one proof of address. Other information will be requested if a child is accepted. For more information on the application process, acceptance, and school enrollment, visit: www.pwcs.edu/academics_programs/head_start/how_to_apply.
- **Selections begin in April and continue until classes are filled.**

Summer School Information

Registration for Summer School will run from April 11 through May 24. Registration is open to Prince William County residents only at this time.

The location will most likely be at Belmont or Rockledge ES, we are not sure which location we will be sending our students yet. Both of these programs will be providing the students with free meals.

Summer School dates will be different this year, so please be aware of this. **The dates will run from June 24 through July 12.**

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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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.

CIP Info for 2023-24--Final 7-25-23.pdf

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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.

site plan

SCALE 1" = 60'

Summary:

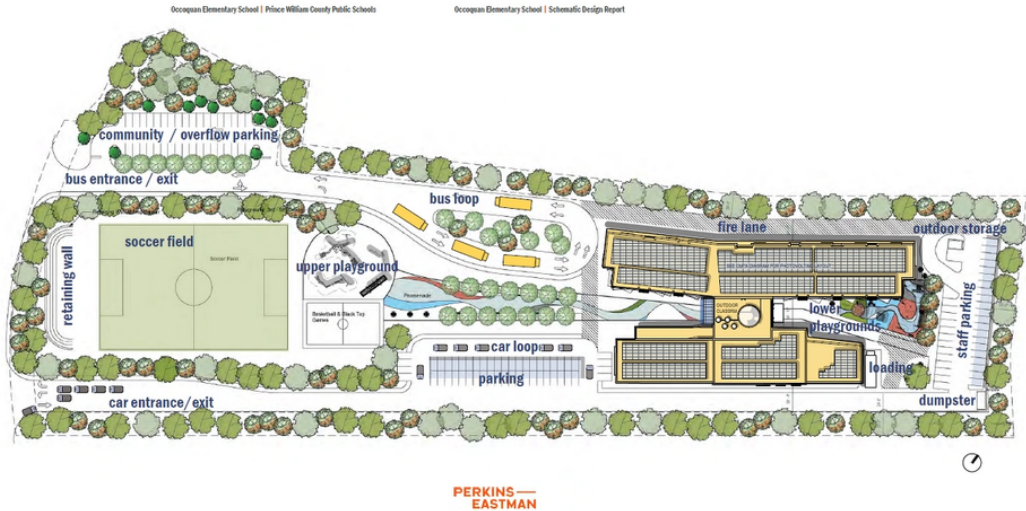
The Building is situated at the far East of the site with the front entrance lobby leading to the heart of the school. In the heart, there is a circular monumental stair with an integrated indoor slide that connects the first two levels. With the Gymnasium and Cafeteria on the first floor and the Media Center on the second floor, all of these spaces are connected by the heart of the school. An academic wing to the north houses most all of the classrooms, except for music and strings which is located across from the media center. The Academic wing is 3 stories tall, while the other portions of the building are 2 stories tall.

There is a secured playground in the East courtyard for Kindergartners. There are spaces for other playgrounds around the site, including in the front closer to the academic side of the building. There will be landscape and playgrounds and athletic fields accessed by the public close to Occoquan Road.

The traffic flow and drop off is controlled by separating the bus loop (on the North) and car loop (on the south) of the campus. There is a walkway in the center of the site to provide the opportunity to connect the front playgrounds and fields to the school in a playful manner.

Building Data:

2/3 stories
123,770 actual gsf



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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

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=UnRaWFJkc3Myd0d0ZHBTWit1MEZBQT09>

Meeting ID: 868 3504 3754

Passcode: 250979

One tap mobile

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Dial by your location

+1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)

When?

Thursday, Mar 21, 2024, 06:00 PM

Event Information

Spring Chorus Concert

When?

Wednesday, Mar 20, 2024, 06:00 PM

Event Information

Spring Break--NO SCHOOL from March 25-29

When?

Monday, Mar 25, 2024, 08:00 AM

Event Information

This is no April Fools Joke, the Kids Return to School on April 1

When?

Monday, Apr 1, 2024, 08:00 AM

Event Information

End of 3rd Quarter

When?

Monday, Apr 8, 2024, 04:30 PM

Event Information

NO SCHOOL--Teacher Work Day

When?

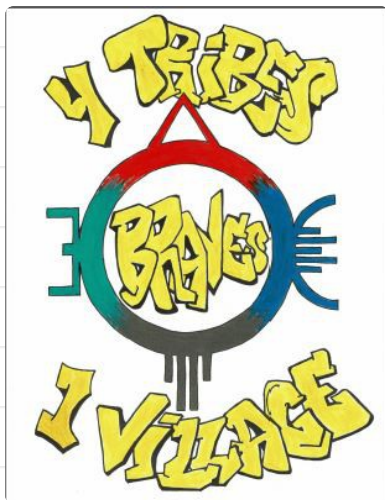
Tuesday, Apr 9, 2024, 08:00 AM

Event Information

No School Due to EID AL-FITR

When?

Wednesday, Apr 10, 2024, 08:00 AM



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