

# The Parent "O"bserver

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## *New Items Added to the Newsletter that are Important*

### **PWCS has a Spanish Facebook**

#### Newsletters

##### English:

- Did you know that PWCS has a Spanish Facebook page? [Follow @PWCSespanol on Facebook for the latest PWCS news in Spanish.](#)

##### Spanish:

- ¿Sabías que PWCS tiene una página de Facebook es español? [Sigue a @PWCSespanol en Facebook para conocer las ultimas noticias de PWCS en español.](#)

#### Social Media

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##### Spanish:

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If you have questions, please contact Stan Olshefski, supervisor of web services in the Communications Department, at [olshefss@pwcs.edu](mailto:olshefss@pwcs.edu).

Please note: Do not forward/share Launchpad content to students, families, and the outside community. They cannot access Launchpad. Forwarding content from the Launchpad will cause confusion and access issues.

### **School Age Child Care (SACC) and AlphaBEST Education in the Summer**

School Age Child Care (SACC) and AlphaBEST Education will offer a full-day summer camp program at select schools (listed below) for currently enrolled PWCS students in grades K-5. Food Services and Nutrition will provide breakfast, lunch, and an afternoon snack. If additional

information is needed, please reach out to the School Age Child Care office at (703) 791-8844 or visit [www.alphabest.org/pwcva](http://www.alphabest.org/pwcva).

**Dates:** Wednesday, June 12 through Wednesday, August 7, 2024 (closed June 18-19, and July 4, in observance of Independence Day)

**Times:** 6 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

**Registration:**

**Registration opens Monday, April 22, and will close on Friday, May 31.** Parents must register their child to participate in the full day program at [customer-care@alphabest.org](mailto:customer-care@alphabest.org).

**Summer Camp Locations:**

- Belmont Elementary School
- Bristow Run Elementary School
- Dale City Elementary School
- Featherstone Elementary School
- Haymarket Elementary School
- Innovation Elementary School
- Leesylvania Elementary School
- Porter Traditional School
- Rockledge Elementary School
- Rosa Parks Elementary School
- Triangle Elementary School

**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](http://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.

**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.**

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# Items that Will Always be Relevant for Parents to Review

## School Quality 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](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](mailto: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.

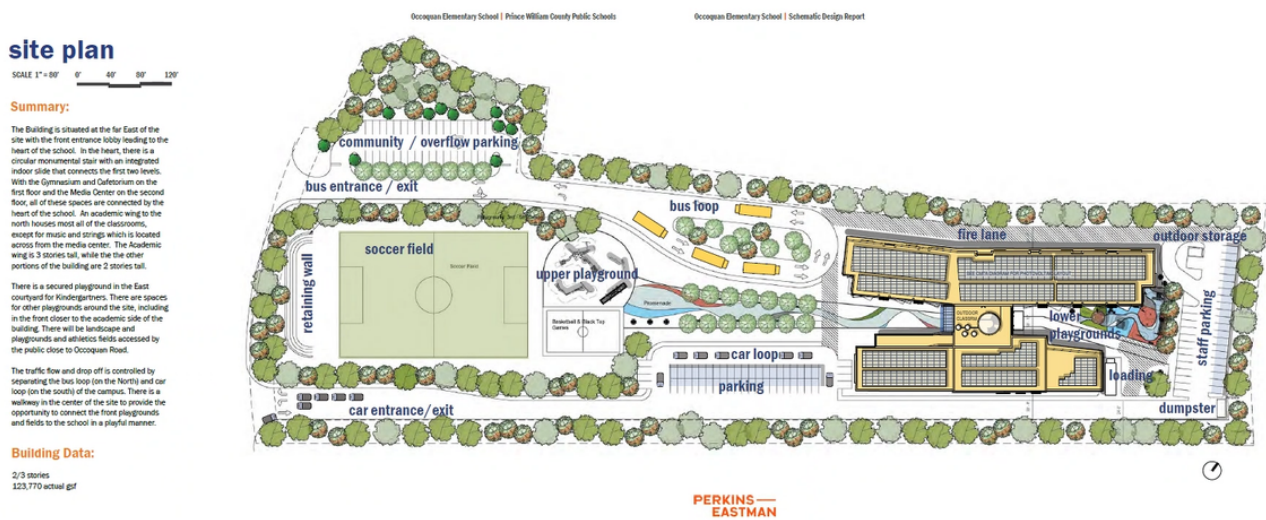
## CIP Info for 2023-24--Final 7-25-23.pdf

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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.



## 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!



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## *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*

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## *Important Event Dates*

Event Information

**Reading SOL for Grade 3-5**

When?

**Wednesday, May 1, 2024, 09:30 AM**

Event Information

**Reading SOL for Grade 3-5**

When?

**Thursday, May 2, 2024, 09:30 AM**

Event Information

**Math SOL for Grade 3-5**

When?

**Wednesday, May 8, 2024, 09:30 AM**

Event Information

**Math SOL for Grade 3-5**

When?

**Thursday, May 9, 2024, 09:30 AM**

Event Information

**VA Studies SOL for Grade 4**

When?

**Wednesday, May 15, 2024, 09:30 AM**

Event Information

**Science SOL for Grade 5**

When?

**Wednesday, May 15, 2024, 09:30 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

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

Dial by your location

+1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)

When?

**Thursday, May 16, 2024, 06:00 PM**

Event Information

**Woodbridge Walk of Honor for Seniors who are Graduating**

When?

**Thursday, May 23, 2024, 03:00 PM**

Event Information

**NO SCHOOL TODAY--Memorial Day**

When?

**Monday, May 27, 2024, 08:00 AM**

Event Information

**Kindergarten Promotion Ceremony & Picnic Day**

When?

**Friday, May 31, 2024, 09:30 AM**

Event Information

**2nd Grade Picnic Day**

When?

**Monday, Jun 3, 2024, 09:30 AM**

Event Information

**1st Grade Picnic Day**

When?



**Tuesday, Jun 4, 2024, 09:30 AM**

Event Information

**5th Grade Field Trip to Fred Lynn MS**

When?

**Tuesday, Jun 4, 2024, 09:30 AM**

Event Information

**3rd Grade Picnic Day**

When?

**Tuesday, Jun 4, 2024, 12:30 PM**

Event Information

**5th Grade Promotion at Gar-Field High School**

When?

**Wednesday, Jun 5, 2024, 06:00 AM**

Event Information

**4th Grade Picnic Day**

When?

**Thursday, Jun 6, 2024, 09:30 AM**

Event Information

**5th Grade Picnic Day**

When?

**Thursday, Jun 6, 2024, 12:30 PM**

Event Information

**Last Day of School -- Half Day of School -- Dismissal @ 12:40**

When?

**Friday, Jun 7, 2024, 12:45 PM**

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## **Occoquan Elementary School**

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A PWCS "School of Excellence"

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