

The Parent "O"bserver

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Before and After School Programs

Occoquan is currently reviewing what our Before and After School Program (Study Hall & STEAM for grades 3-5) will look like. Unfortunately, the new time change really throws a huge wrinkle into our old plans. So, just to give you a heads-up, we are currently looking into a new system where we will have the program only before school with no bus transportation. The parents would have to drop their children off in the morning. We are in the process of determining whether it will start at 8, or sometime around that time.

More information will be coming out shortly.

NO LEFT HAND TURN OUT OF THE PARKING LOT

I cannot beg you enough, but we cannot have you making a left-hand turn out of the parking lot when you are leaving the school property. If you are caught doing this on more than one occasion, your car rider privilege may be revoked, as it backs up the traffic in our parking lot. Plus, it is illegal to cross the double yellow line, so making that left-hand turn is a traffic violation.



Kiss and Ride in the Afternoon

As you have noticed by now, we have changed the route of our kiss and ride. We had to do this because we were unable to get our buses in to pick our students up to take home.

As you are aware, every single student is provided with bus transportation here at Occoquan. My job is to prioritize them and get them in and out of the building on time and as quickly as possible.

Now, having said that, this new route for the cars seems to be working well, and has helped with traffic and getting cars off of the students. I thank all of my car riders for always straddling the double yellow line as they come in to give the buses room to get in.

It is truly teamwork with all of us, and I cannot thank you all enough. Lastly, the buses are now coming to school on time this year, so if you would like to have your child go back onto the bus, please just let the office and your teacher know this so we can get this arranged for you.

Student Device Insurance

PWCS will offer a reduced price for device insurance for student laptops and iPads for the 2023-24 school year. It is preferred that insurance is purchased within 30 days of a student receiving their device. Exceptions can be made but the TSSPEC will need to inspect the device before entering details into the portal to ensure it is not damaged. Insurance will cover accidental damage and loss.

[This is the link to make purchases.](#)



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*** Free and Reduced Lunch and Services Application ***

Yes, I know your child will be receiving free lunch all year, however, by completing this Free and Reduced Lunch Application can also help you with other services in and around the school and community. Things such as Rec. Sports, Strings, and a host of other things that your child can benefit from.

So, please visit the link below in order to complete this application to reap the benefits. If you are unsure whether you would qualify or not, simply complete the application to find out.

This application will also help the school as a whole to continue to maintain its Title I status which helps pay for important resources such as our Math Specialist, a second Reading Specialist, After-School Tutoring, and much more.

So, please visit the link to complete the application at <https://pwcsnutrition.com/index.php?page=lunchapps&sid=0408101731444083>

If you need a computer to complete this, we will have laptops set up in the Cafeteria during Open House.

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

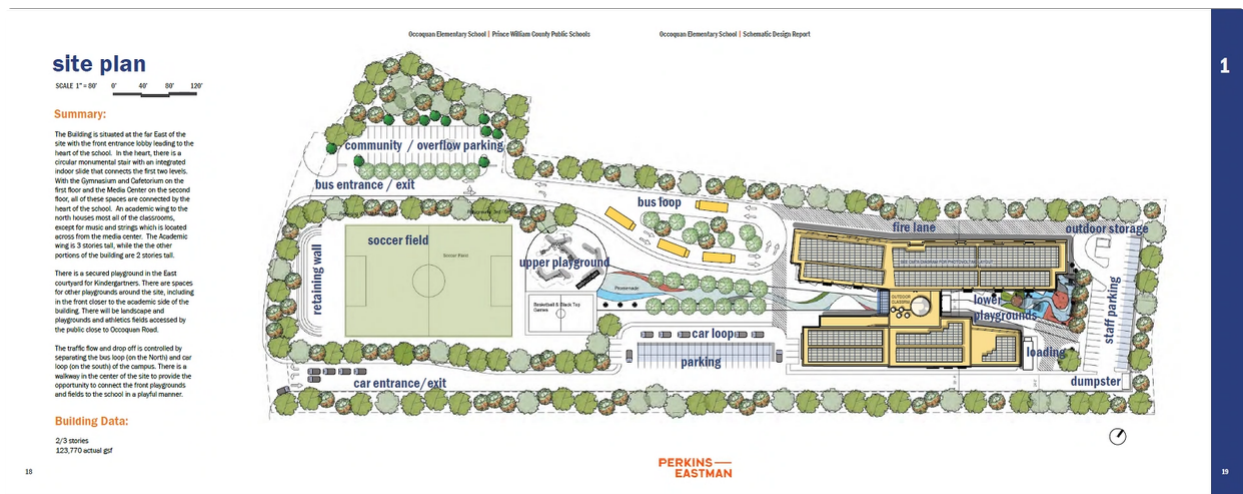
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Construction on the New Building

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.



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!

PARENTAL RIGHT TO INFORMATION ABOUT TEACHERS

The Elementary and Secondary Education Act, most recently reauthorized as the Every StudentSucceeds Act, states that parents in Title I schools have the right to request certain information about their child's teachers. The information that you have a right to request about your child's teacher is:

1. Whether the teacher has met state qualifications and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subjects the teacher is teaching.
2. Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which state qualification or licensing has been waived.
3. The baccalaureate degree major or certification or degree held by the teacher, and the field of discipline of the certification or degree.
4. Whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

At Occoquan Elementary School, we are extremely proud of our teachers and paraprofessionals, and are happy to provide you with any of the information above pertaining to your child's teacher(s). If you have such a request, please call the school at 703.494.2195 and ask for the information you are interested in.

Parental Notification of Assessment Opt Out Policies under The Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015

According to the Virginia Department of Education, "All students in tested grade levels and courses are expected to participate in Virginia's assessment program, unless specifically exempted by state or federal law or by Board of Education regulations." On December 10, 2015, the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (ESSA) was signed into law. Section 1112(e)(2) of ESSA states that parents of students in Title I schools have a right to know about state or division policies regarding student participation in or any assessments mandated by ESSA, including any policy, procedure, or parental right to opt students out of such assessments. The Commonwealth of Virginia does not currently have an Opt-Out policy for SOL assessments. However, Section 22.1-253.13:3.C of the Code of Virginia states that, "The Board of Education shall not include in its calculation of the passage rate of a Standards of Learning assessment for the purposes of state accountability any student whose parent has decided to not have his child take such Standards of Learning assessment, unless such exclusions would result in the school's not meeting any required state or federal participation rate." Prince William County Public Schools regulations state that, if a parent or guardian decides to not have a student take a state or local assessment, then the person making the request should be informed about the academic consequences that decision could have on the student.

If you would like to receive more information about this topic, please contact the principal.



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](#)

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Attendance Awareness Month; Childhood Cancer Awareness Month; Suicide Prevention Month

When

Friday, Sep. 1st, 8am to Saturday, Sep. 30th, 4:30pm

Where

This is an online event.

No School Today--Rosh Hashanah

When

Friday, Sep. 15th, 9am-4pm

Where

12915 Occoquan Road Woodbridge, VA

Advisory/PTO

When

Thursday, Sep. 21 st, 6-7pm

Where

This is an online event.

More information

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

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Dial by your location

+1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)

No School Today--Yom Kippur

When

Monday, Sep. 25th, 9am-4pm

Where

12915 Occoquan Road Woodbridge, VA

Back to School Night

When

Wednesday, Sep. 27th, 5:30-7:30pm

Where

12915 Occoquan Road Woodbridge, VA

More information

Back to School Night K-2 from 5:30 to 6:15, Title I from 6:15 to 6:45, & 3-5 from 6:45-7:30

Donuts and Coffee with the Principal

When

Thursday, Sep. 28th, 8:15-9:15pm

Where

12915 Occoquan Road Woodbridge, VA

Boosterthon Fun Run

When

Friday, Sep. 29th, 1:30-3:30pm

Where

12915 Occoquan Road Woodbridge, VA

2nd Grade Swim Day at Colgan High School

When

Tuesday, Oct. 3rd, 9am to Tuesday, Oct. 31st, 4pm

Where

13833 Dumfries Road Manassas, VA

More information

More information on this will come soon from your 2nd Grade teacher

Teacher Work Day--No School for Students

When

Monday, Oct. 9th, 8am-4:30pm

Where

This is an online event.

PWCS Presenting the New Building to the Community

When

Tuesday, Oct. 10th, 6-8pm

Where

12915 Occoquan Road Woodbridge, VA

More information

There will be a Spanish Interpreter on site. Exact details are forthcoming.

PICTURE DAY!!!

When

Tuesday, Oct. 17th, 9:30am-3:30pm

Where

This is an online event.

Advisory/PTO

When

Thursday, Oct. 19th, 6-7pm

Where

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Trunk or Treat

When

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Where

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