

The Parent "O"bserver

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New Items Added to the Newsletter that are Important

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.

New Building Meeting at Occoquan ES

The PWCS Facilities Department is hosting a hybrid informational community meeting about the Occoquan Elementary School Replacement Project. We hope you can join us to learn more about PWCS' first Net-Zero School. Staff will be available for questions and to receive your input on this important project.

Meeting Details:

Tuesday, October 10, from 6-7 p.m.

Occoquan Elementary School, 12915 Occoquan Road, Woodbridge

If you would like to participate via Zoom, please register [here](#).

If you would like to request interpretation services, please [submit your request](#) by Friday, October 6.

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.

Items that Will Always be Relevant for Parents to Review

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.](#)

Parent Handbook for the 2023-24 SY



OES Parent Handbook 23-24.pdf

[Download](#)
257.3 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.



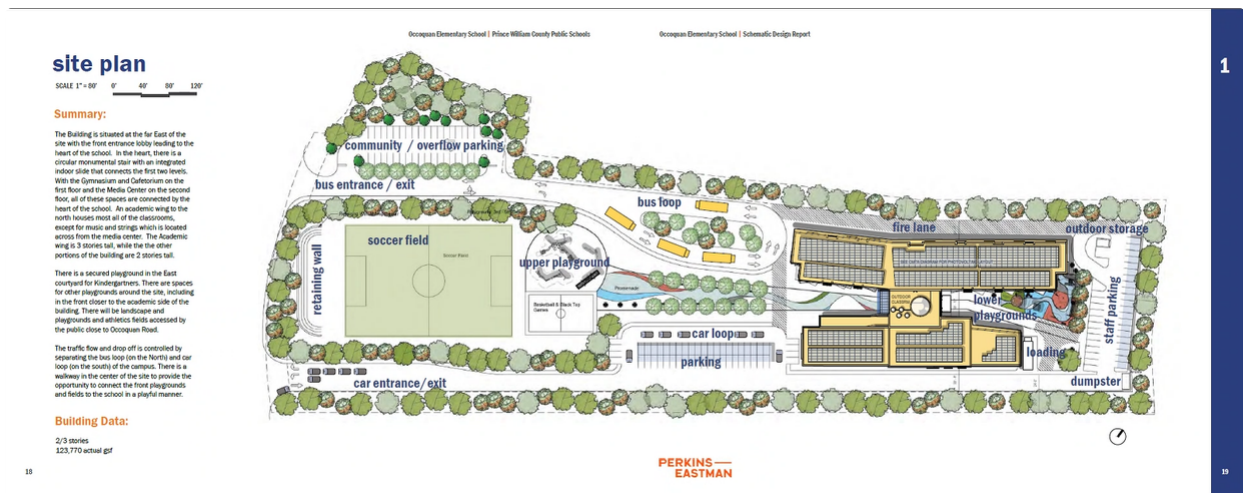
CIP Info for 2023-24–Final 7-25-23.pdf

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1.0 MB

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

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

ADHD Awareness Month; Breast Cancer Awareness Month; Dyslexia Awareness Month; Filipino American History Month; National Italian Am. Heritage Mo; National Bullying Prevention Mo; National Polish Am Heritage Mo; Learning Disabilities Awareness; Suicide Prevention Month; 9/15-10/15 National Hispanic Heritage Month

When

Sunday, Oct. 1 st, 8am to Tuesday, Oct. 31 st,
4:30pm

Where

This is an online event.

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.

Zoom will also be available

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

Topic: Community Meeting for New Building

Time: Oct 10, 2023 05:45 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://pwcs-zm-edu.zoom.us/j/89188887524?pwd=V25CT3ITSEE5OTdTOVdWbTFFemVIQT09>

Meeting ID: 891 8888 7524

Passcode: 231864

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- +1 719 359 4580 US

Meeting ID: 891 8888 7524

Passcode: 231864

Find your local number: <https://pwcs-zm-edu.zoom.us/j/kdFBPVVey8>

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

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)

Donuts and Coffee with the Principal

When

Thursday, Oct. 26th, 8-10pm

Where

12915 Occoquan Road Woodbridge, VA

Trunk or Treat

When

Friday, Oct. 27th, 6-7pm

Where


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