

The Parent "O"bserver

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Trunk or Treat Information

PTO is excited to bring back the 2nd Annual Storybook Character Trunk or Treat!

For those who are unfamiliar with Trunk-or-Treating, it's a modern, community favorite tradition in which students and their families go "trick-or-treating" car-to-car in a parking lot, instead of house-to-house in a neighborhood. Each car trunk is decorated with a theme and monitored by a trusted adult who gives out candy and/or other treats. **It is always FUN and was a big hit with OCES families last year.**

This event is FREE to Occoquan ES families and will be held on Fri October 28th, 5-6p (A-L families) and 6-7p (M-Z families).

To make our event successful, we need to collect candy and non-candy treats to distribute to our trick or treaters. To donate you can:

- Purchase from our [Amazon Wishlist](#)
- Shop online yourself and ship to: 12915 Occoquan Rd, Woodbridge, VA 22192 Attn: PTO
- Drop off donations in the front office

We encourage everyone to dress up for the event. Please note that scary decorations and/or costumes are prohibited. Hope to see you there!

**If you are interested in hosting a trunk (coming early to decorate your vehicle's trunk and staying to hand out treats) or volunteering for other tasks, please sign up at <https://bit.ly/3erRjP8>. We'd love to have your help!*

Multicultural Night IS BACK!!!!

We are excited to announce that Multicultural Night will be on November 9th this year! We are very excited about this year's event and hope that you can be involved! This is your chance to get involved and share your culture with the school! We will have a Parade of Nations featuring the students

wearing traditional clothing from their country of origin and a Food Festival where parents can share cultural food from their native country!

If you would like to participate in the Parade or the Food Festival, please fill out the forms below. Please complete the forms by **October 21st** if you wish to participate. You can participate in one or both of the events or you can also just come and enjoy the fun! The event will start promptly at 6:00 pm here at Occoquan Elementary.

[Parade of Nations form](#)

[Parade of Nations form \(Español\)](#)

[Food Festival form](#)

[Food Festival form \(Español\)](#)

Dismissal Times

Students are no longer allowed to be dismissed from the office between the times of 3:15 and 3:50 due to major traffic disruptions to the flow of traffic. If you need to pick your child up early, you will need to do so before 3:15. Otherwise, you will need to wait until 3:50 to come into the office to pick them up.

We are continuing to get a lot of complaints from community members about the amount of traffic that we have flooding out into the main roads, so we are trying to combat this as much as we possibly can.

I know this can be an inconvenience, but I promise you, we are trying to do the best we can.

Traffic Flow out of the Parking Lot

As many of you know, there is a sign right under the stop sign that says you are only allowed to make a right-hand turn out of the parking lot. This is not a school rule, this is how VDOT has set up the traffic flow for safety reasons. However, every day, I continue to see folks continue to make a left-hand turn out of our parking lot.

I have to beg of you to please follow the law and only make a right-hand turn out of the parking lot. I have had many community members call and complain about our cars sitting in the middle of the road trying to make a left-hand turn, which is blocking the flow of traffic, and it is against the law.

Thank you for your help with this.

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

Free Homework and Tutoring App for PWCS Students

FREE, 24/7, unlimited tutoring and writing support for you!

To log in:

- Go to app.paper.co
- Type in your school name (Occoquan Elementary School)
- Sign in with Clever

Title I Information



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

Dyslexia Awareness Month; ADHD Awareness Month; Breast Cancer Awareness Month; Filipino American Heritage Month; Learning Disabilities Awareness Month; National Bullying Prevention Month; School Bus Safety Awareness Month

When

Saturday, Oct. 1st, 9am to Monday, Oct. 31st,
4:30pm

Where

This is an online event.

America's Safe Schools Week; Custodial Services Employees Appreciation Week; Digital Citizens Week; National School Bus Safety Week;

When

Monday, Oct. 17th, 8am to Friday, Oct. 21 st, 4:30pm

Where

This is an online event.

Study Hall/STEAM Starts on Tuesdays and Thursdays

When

Friday, Oct. 14th, 3:45pm to Thursday, Dec. 8th, 5:30pm

Where

12915 Occoquan Road Woodbridge, VA

School Bus Transportation Employees Appreciation Day

When

Wednesday, Oct. 19th, 8am-4:15pm

Where

12915 Occoquan Road Woodbridge, VA

More information

Make your bus driver a nice card, give them a thoughtful gift, or anything else that would make them feel appreciated.

Earthquake Drill ("The Great Southeast ShakeOut")

When

Thursday, Oct. 20th, 10am

Where

12915 Occoquan Road Woodbridge, VA

Advisory at 6:00 and PTO at 6:15 via Zoom

When

Thursday, Oct. 20th, 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=UnRaWFJkc3Myd0dOZHBTWit1MEZBQT09>

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NO SCHOOL

When

Monday, Oct. 24th, 8:30am-4:30pm

Where

This is an online event.

Red Ribbon Week

When

Monday, Oct. 24th, 8am to Friday, Oct. 28th,
4:30pm

Where

This is an online event.

Donuts and Coffee with the Principal

When

Friday, Oct. 28th, 8-8:45am

Where

12915 Occoquan Road Woodbridge, VA

Story Book Character Day--APPROPRIATE ATTIRE ONLY

When

Friday, Oct. 28th, 8:45am-3:45pm

Where

This is an online event.

PTOs Trunk or Treat

When

Friday, Oct. 28th, 6-7pm

Where

12915 Occoquan Road Woodbridge, VA

End of the First Quarter

When

Friday, Oct. 28th, 3:45pm

Where

This is an online event.

No School for Students--Teacher Work Day

When

Monday, Oct. 31 st, 8am-4:30pm

Where

This is an online event.

Attendance Officer Appreciation Week; National Native American Heritage Month

When

Tuesday, Nov. 1 st, 8am

Where

This is an online event.

Gifted Parent Meeting in Trailer 4

When

Tuesday, Nov. 1st, 5:30-6:30pm

Where

12915 Occoquan Road Woodbridge, VA

End of Quarter 1 Tribal Assembly--DRESS FOR THE DAY

When

Friday, Nov. 4th, 2:45-3:30pm

Where

This is an online event.

School Psychologists Week

When

Monday, Nov. 7th, 8am

Where

This is an online event.

No School for Students--Teacher Work Day

When

Tuesday, Nov. 8th, 2:30-4:30am

Where

This is an online event.

MULTICULTURAL NIGHT--Huge Community Event

When

Wednesday, Nov. 9th, 6-7:30pm

Where

12915 Occoquan Road Woodbridge, VA

More information

We will have a bus going to and from the commuter lot at the corner of Route 123 and Old Bridge Rd. This will help with the major traffic and parking problems we have encountered in years past.

Multicultural Day Activities for the Students in Encore

When

Thursday, Nov. 10th, 9:45am-2:30pm

Where

This is an online event.

NO SCHOOL FOR ALL

When

Friday, Nov. 11th, 8am-4:30pm

Where

This is an online event.

Advisory at 6:00 and PTO at 6:15 via Zoom

When

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