

# The Parent "O"bserver

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## New Items Added to the Newsletter that are Important

### Multicultural Night IS BACK!!!!

We are excited to announce that Multicultural Night will be on November 8th 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 31st 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 3:30 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.

### Trunk or Treat

This is just a reminder to please consider participating in the Trunk or Treat Night here on Friday. If you cannot participate, please consider sending in candy to be passed out by the cars.

## 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.

### Parent Handbook for the 2023-24 SY



OES Parent Handbook 23-24.pdf

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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](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.



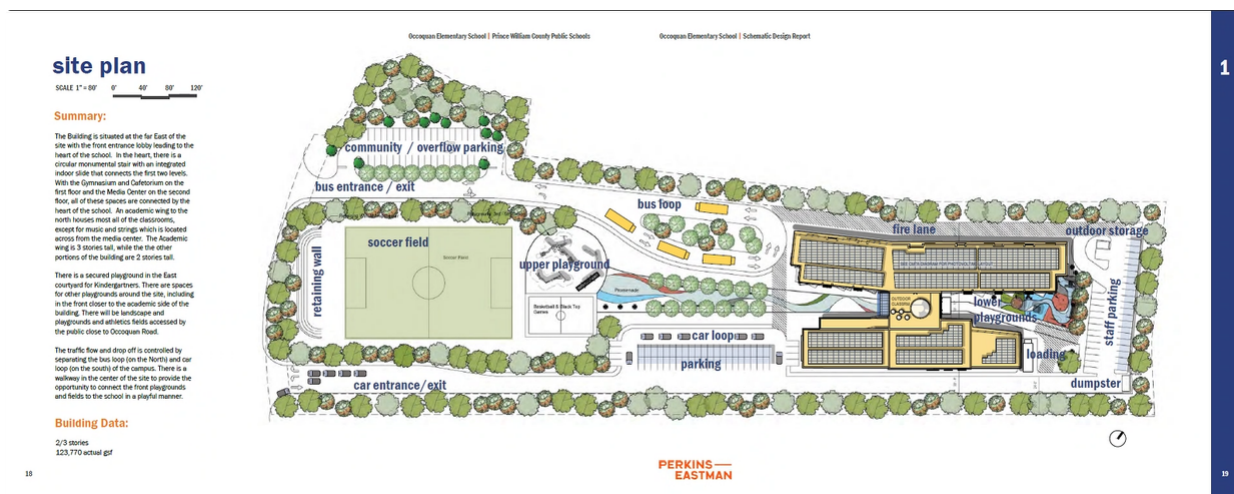
CIP Info for 2023-24–Final 7-25-23.pdf

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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

National Epilepsy Day; National Native American Heritage Month

When

Wednesday, Nov. 1st, 8am to Thursday, Nov. 30th, 10am

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

## Donuts and Coffee with the Principal

When

Thursday, Oct. 26th, 8-9pm

Where

12915 Occoquan Road Woodbridge, VA

## Trunk or Treat

When

Friday, Oct. 27th, 6-7pm

Where

12915 Occoquan Road Woodbridge, VA

## End of First Quarter

When

Friday, Nov. 3rd, 4:30pm

Where

This is an online event.

## Teacher Work Days--No School for Students-- November 6 & 7

When

Monday, Nov. 6th, 9am to Tuesday, Nov. 7th,  
4:30pm

Where

This is an online event.

## Multicultural Night Starts at 6

When

Wednesday, Nov. 8th, 6-7:30pm

Where

12915 Occoquan Road Woodbridge, VA

## Veterans Day--No School!!!

When

Friday, Nov. 10th, 8-10am

Where

This is an online event.

## Classroom Spelling Bee Competition

When

Monday, Nov. 13th, 9am to Friday, Nov. 17th,  
3:30pm

Where

12915 Occoquan Road Woodbridge, VA

## Report Cards will be Posted in Parent View

When

Wednesday, Nov. 15th, 4:30pm

Where

This is an online event.

## Advisory/PTO

When

Thursday, Nov. 16th, 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 FOR THANKSGIVING BREAK!!!

When

Wednesday, Nov. 22nd, 8am to Friday, Nov. 24th,  
4:30pm

Where

This is an online event.



## Picture Re-Take Day

When

Tuesday, Nov. 28th, 10am

Where

This is an online event.

## SPELLING BEE DAY for the Classroom Winners

When

Thursday, Dec. 14th, 9:30am

Where

This is an online event.

## Winter Chorus & Strings Concert

When

Wednesday, Dec. 20th, 6-7pm

Where

12915 Occoquan Road Woodbridge, VA

## NO SCHOOL FOR WINTER BREAK

When

Thursday, Dec. 21 st, 8am to Monday, Jan. 1 st  
2024 at 4:30pm

Where

This is an online event.

# Students return to School Today!!!

When

Tuesday, Jan. 2nd 2024 at 9:15am

Where


This is an online event.




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