

The Parent "O"bserver

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New Items Added to the Newsletter that are Important

Do You Have or Know a Future Kindergarten Student?

We're excited to welcome your little ones to Occoquan! Kindergarten registration is now open, and we encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity. Whether you have a rising kindergartener or know someone who does, please make sure to visit us as soon as possible. Completing the registration process early ensures a smooth start for your child next year. Don't wait too long—let's work together to make sure everything is in place for a successful beginning!

Attendance Improvements

I am thrilled to share some exciting news about our efforts to address chronic absenteeism at our school. Last year, approximately 15% of our students were considered chronically absent, which means they missed more than eighteen days of school. However, I am delighted to report that this year, we have made significant progress! Our dedicated team has worked tirelessly to reduce chronic absenteeism, along side our parents, and we've achieved remarkable results. The current rate of chronically absent students is now almost 10%—a substantial improvement!

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.

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 customercare@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

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[Download](#)

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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.

site plan

SCALE 1" = 60'

Summary:

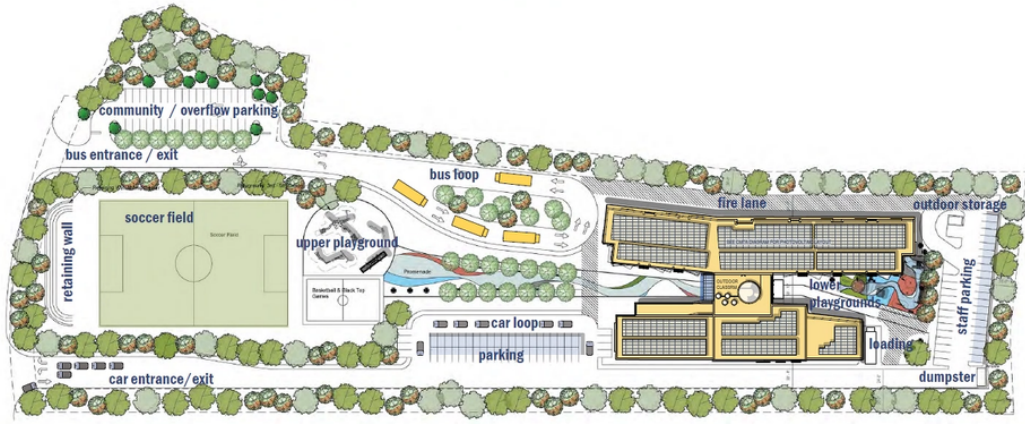
The Building is situated at the far East of the site with the front entrance lobby leading to the heart of the school. In the heart, there is a circular monumental stair with an integrated indoor slide that connects the first two levels. With the Gymnasium and Cafeteria on the first floor and the Media Center on the second floor, all of these spaces are connected to the heart of the school. An academic wing to the north houses most all of the classrooms, except for music and strings which is located across from the media center. The Academic wing is 3 stories tall, while the other portions of the building are 2 stories tall.

There is a secured playground in the East courtyard for Kindergartners. There are spaces for other playgrounds around the site, including in the front close to the academic side of the building. There will be landscape and playgrounds and athletics fields accessed by the public close to Occoquan Road.

The traffic flow and drop off is controlled by separating the bus loop (on the North) and car loop (on the south) of the campus. There is a walkway in the center of the site to provide the opportunity to connect the front playgrounds and fields to the school in a playful manner.

Building Data:

2/3 stories
123,770 actual gsf



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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

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

Important Event Dates

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

Title I Summer Thrive--pass out summer thrive supplies to selected families on the playground

When?

Thursday, May 30, 2024, 05:30 PM

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

TRIBE UP--Students are EXPECTED to wear their Tribal Gear for our Final Tribal Assembly

When?

Wednesday, Jun 5, 2024, 03:00 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 @ 12:25

When?

Friday, Jun 7, 2024, 12:45 PM



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