

# The Parent "O"bserver

8/9/24 -- Edition 8, Volume 1

## *New Items Added to the Newsletter that are Important*

### **Open House Information**

We will hold an Open House for all parents to come into the school and meet their teacher. If you would also like to drop off some of the student's school supplies, you may use this opportunity to do so as well.

This event will be held on August 18, 2023 at the following times:

- A-L will come anywhere between the time of 9AM-10AM
- M-Z will come anywhere between the time of 10AM-11AM

Due to the start of construction on our awesome new building, our parking is extremely limited. So, we will only be able to allow anyone with a handicapped sticker into our parking lot. All others will need to park at the kiss and ride where a shuttle bus will be able to transport you from the kiss and ride over to the school to attend. The bus will start running from 8:45 AM and stop running at 11:15 AM

### **\*\*\*Back to School Packet\*\*\***

The Back to School Packet will be available in ParentVUE starting on August 8. Please be aware that when parents log in to ParentVUE, they will be alerted to complete the Back to School Packet, and they will not receive access to any other student information, including student schedules and bus information until the packet has been completed. Please note that students will still be able to access their information in StudentVUE regardless of their Back to School Packet completion status.

Messages will go out to families relaying that it is critical for schools to have up-to-date emergency contact and health information for students to attend school. As a result, parents will not have access to information in ParentVUE until their Back to School Packet is complete.

Principals are asked to please ensure all parents/guardians have a ParentVUE account. If a parent does NOT have an account, please reach out to Ms. Watts in the front office.

### **\*\*\*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 hoist 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.

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## *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 2024-25 SY*



**OES Parent Handbook 24-25.pdf**

[Download](#)

251.2 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**

[Download](#)

1005.5 KB

## 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 December 2025. The new building will be located on the grass behind the playground. Construction will officially begin in June 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:

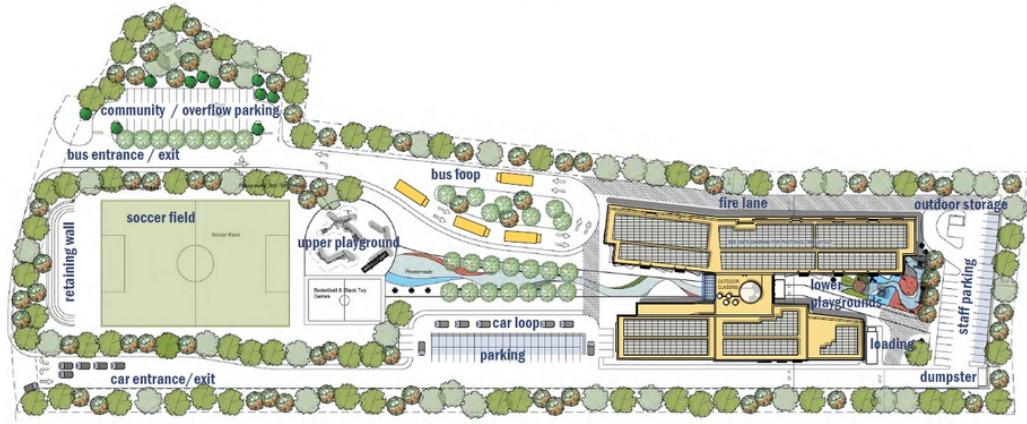
The Building is situated at the far East of the site with the front entrance lobby leading to the heart of the school. In the heart, there is a circular monumental stair with an integrated indoor slide that connects the first two levels. With the Gymnasium and Cafeteria on the first floor and the Media 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



PERKINS—  
EASTMAN

# 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!



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## *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

**Popsicles with the Principal--NEW STUDENTS ONLY from 2-3 in the Cafeteria**

When?

**Wednesday, Aug 14, 2024, 02:00 PM**

Event Information

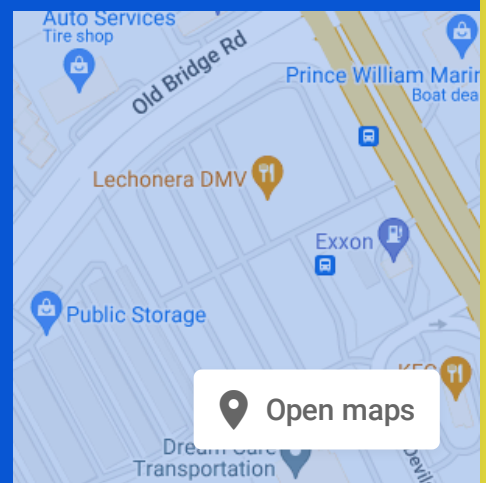
**Open House (A-L from 9-10 & M-Z from 10-11)--Parking required at the Commuter Lot**

When?

**Friday, Aug 16, 2024, 09:00 AM**

Where?

**Occoquan Commuter Lot, Old Bridge Road, Woodbridge, VA, USA**



Event Information

**Labor Day Weekend--NO SCHOOL**

When?

**Friday, Aug 30, 2024, 08:00 AM**

Event Information

**Labor Day Weekend--NO SCHOOL**

When?

**Monday, Sep 2, 2024, 08:00 AM**

Event Information

**Advisory/PTO**

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>

Meeting ID: 868 3504 3754

Passcode: 250979

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When?

**Thursday, Sep 19, 2024, 07:00 PM**

Event Information

**Boosterthon Fun Run**

When?

**Friday, Sep 27, 2024, 01:00 PM**

Event Information

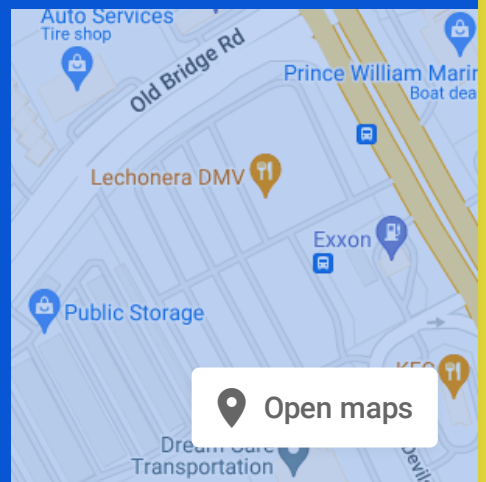
**Back to School Night K-2 from 5:30 to 6:15 & 3-5 from 6:45 to 7:30**

When?

**Tuesday, Sep 24, 2024, 05:30 PM**

Where?

**Occoquan commuter lot, Old Bridge Road, Woodbridge, VA, USA**



Event Information

**Rosh Hashanah (Schools Closed)**

When?

**Thursday, Oct 3, 2024, 08:00 AM**

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## Occoquan Elementary School

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