

The Parent "O"bserver

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NEW BUS SYSTEM--IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Great news! Occoquan ES is partnering with PickUp Patrol to help better manage our dismissal process.

Secure, Efficient, & Convenient

PickUp Patrol provides a layer of safety to our dismissal process by authorizing plan changes and automatically tracking student dismissal plans. The application reduces classroom interruptions, speeds up dismissal time and is administered by our own school staff.

How It Works:

Regular Days: Students follow their normal dismissal plan. This is their Default Plan.

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- Kate rides the Bus everyday
- Tim is a PickUp on MTWH and goes to Aftercare on Fridays

Plans Changes: When you need to make a change to your child's Default Plan, submit it using PickUp Patrol and the office and your child's teacher will be alerted to the change.

- Kate is getting picked up instead of taking the bus

Attendance: Use PickUp Patrol to report absences, late arrivals and early dismissals too.

- Tim is leaving early for a dentist appointment

For easy access, add <https://app.pickuppatrol.net/parents> to your home screen.

Use PickUp Patrol on your phone or computer.

Applications for Free and reduced-priced meals

Applications for free and reduced-priced meals, which impacts other services families may need, will be available on the [School Food and Nutrition Services website](#) when available from the USDA. Questions

may be directed to staff in the Office of School Food and Nutrition Services.

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.

School Quality Profile (AKA: SOL Results)

On Thursday, August 18, the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) released the annual [Virginia Standards of Learning \(SOL\) test results](#) and updated the [School Quality Profile](#). It is clear we still have a long road to full academic recovery. Although PWCS has realized increases in reading and math scores and remains above the state average, our SOL scores reaffirm the impact the pandemic has had on student learning. PWCS will work diligently to support continued academic progress, acceleration, and recovery.

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.

[Occoquan's CIP_Template_School--Main--5.xlsx](#)

CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER

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33% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH | 5-9 PM

BACK TO SCHOOL INFORMATION

Please go to this link to see where and how to complete all of the required information you need to do before your child starts school on August 22.

<https://www.pwcs.edu/parents/backtoschool>

Optional Device Insurance

You never think you need this coverage until you actually need this coverage. Please, please consider this insurance in case there is any damage to your child's device. It looks like it will cost you \$32.95 for each device. Thank you in advance.

<https://securranty.com/pwcs>

PWCS Parent/Student Digital Device Handbook

The use of digital devices in PWCS is an integral part of the PWCS learning environment, and the policies governing the use of digital devices support all academic use. To maintain the integrity of the use of digital devices, all students and parents/guardians must acknowledge and agree to the following conditions of use, per [Regulation 426.01-2](#):

Please go to this link to review all of this information:

https://www.pwcs.edu/departments/information_technology/parent_student_device_handbook

Personal technology devices are not supported

PWCS is now a fully one-to-one School Division; laptops are provided by PWCS for every student and all instructional staff. As such, the use of personal devices by students and staff for any instructional or official PWCS business is strongly discouraged and may be prohibited for students by a school if they choose to do so.

The Department of Information and Instructional Technology (DIIT) will not provide any technical support to any personal technology devices in schools. This includes downloading any instructional software or other applications necessary in the classroom. Personal devices will not be granted any PWCS network access except for the guest network (certain personal assistive technology devices and medical devices such as glucose monitoring are an exception).

The use of personal devices can create inequities within a classroom, create network security concerns, and create classroom management challenges as students may not have access to programs used in instruction.

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

PARENTAL RIGHT TO INFORMATION ABOUT TEACHERS

The Elementary and Secondary Education Act, most recently reauthorized as the Every Student Succeeds Act, states that parents in Title I schools have the right to request certain information about their child's teachers. The information that you have a right to request about your child's teacher is:

1. Whether the teacher has met state qualifications and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subjects the teacher is teaching.
2. Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which state qualification or licensing has been waived.
3. The baccalaureate degree major or certification or degree held by the teacher, and the field of discipline of the certification or degree.
4. Whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

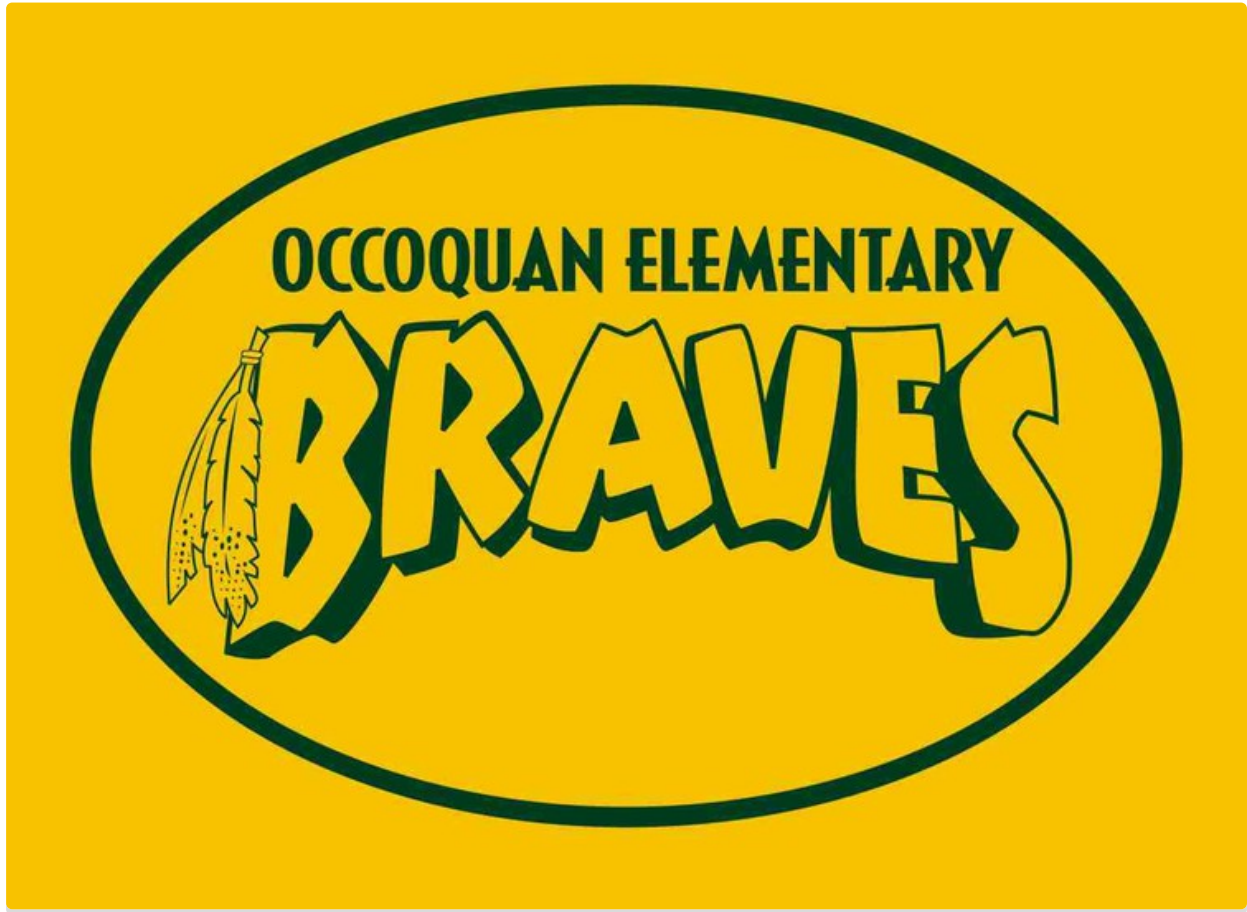
At Occoquan Elementary School, we are extremely proud of our teachers and paraprofessionals, and are happy to provide you with any of the information above pertaining to your child's teacher(s). If you have such a request, please call the school at 703.494.2195 and ask for the information you are interested in.

Parental Notification of Assessment Opt Out Policies under The Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015

According to the Virginia Department of Education, "All students in tested grade levels and courses are expected to participate in Virginia's assessment program, unless specifically exempted by state or federal law or by Board of Education regulations." On December 10, 2015, the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (ESSA) was signed into law. Section 1112(e)(2) of ESSA states that parents of students in Title I schools have a right to know about state or division policies regarding student participation in or any assessments mandated by ESSA, including any policy, procedure, or parental right to opt students out of such assessments. The Commonwealth of Virginia does not currently have an Opt-Out policy for SOL assessments. However, Section 22.1-253.13:3.C of the Code of Virginia states that, "The Board of Education shall not include in its calculation of the passage rate of a Standards of Learning assessment for the purposes of state accountability any student whose parent has decided to not have his child take such Standards of Learning assessment, unless such exclusions would result in the school's not meeting any required state or federal participation rate." Prince William County Public Schools regulations state that, if a parent or guardian decides to not have a student take a state or

local assessment, then the person making the request should be informed about the academic consequences that decision could have on the student.

If you would like to receive more information about this topic, please contact the principal.



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.

This information below is not updated yet, so please DO NOT CLICK ON THE LINKS BELOW. It still contains old information.

Kindergarten

1st Grade

2nd Grade

3rd Grade

4th Grade

5th Grade

Gifted

The En"CORNER"

EL Department

Special Education Department

No School on September 2 and 5--SCHOOL
IS CLOSED

When

Friday, Sep. 2nd, 8am to Monday, Sep. 5th,
4:30pm

Where

This is an online event.

CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER FOR OCCOQUAN ELEMENTARY PTO

When

Wednesday, Sep. 7th, 5-9pm

Where

2457 Prince William Parkway Woodbridge, VA

More information

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2457 PRINCE WILLIAM PKWY, WOODBRIDGE, VA, 22192

ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE BLHTR9R

VGA Testing for 3rd-5th Grades

When

Tuesday, Sep. 13th, 9:30am-1 pm

Where

This is an online event.

VGA Testing for 3rd-5th Grades

When

Thursday, Sep. 15th, 9:30am-1 pm

Where

This is an online event.

National Hispanic Heritage Month

When

Thursday, Sep. 15th, 8am to Saturday, Oct. 15th,
4:30pm

Where

This is an online event.

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

When

Thursday, Sep. 15th, 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>

Meeting ID: 868 3504 3754

Passcode: 250979

One tap mobile

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Dial by your location

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+1 646 931 3860 US

+1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)

+1 564 217 2000 US

+1 669 444 9171 US

+1 669 900 9128 US (San Jose)

+1 719 359 4580 US

+1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)

+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

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Meeting ID: 868 3504 3754

Passcode: 250979

Find your local number: <https://pwcs-zm-edu.zoom.us/u/kdSRJ3xmXh>

PTO Fun Run

When

Friday, Sep. 30th, 2-3:30pm

Where

This is an online event.

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.

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

When

Monday, Oct. 3rd, 5:30-7:30pm

Where


12915 Occoquan Road Woodbridge, VA




Occoquan Elementary School


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