

The Parent "O"bserver

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New Items Added to the Newsletter that are Important

Back to School Night

We will hold our Back to School Night for all parents to come into the school and meet their teachers and find out what their child's classroom is like.

This event will be held on September 24, 2024 at the following times:

- Grades K-2 will come to visit their teacher from 5:30-6:15
- Grades K-2 will come to visit their teacher from 6:45-7:30

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 5:15 PM and stop running at 8:45 PM

Under NO Circumstance will parents be permitted to park directly across the street due to safety concerns.

Parent Library Controls

Our library circulation system provides the option for parents to restrict access to specific titles in circulation in our school library, if you choose that option for your child. While the school shall make reasonable efforts to ensure that the student is not provided with access to such materials, it is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to ensure that the student understands the restriction and does not attempt to access the materials. If you are interested in restricting specific library titles for your student(s), please visit the "[Parent Library Controls](#)" webpage for more information.

Restriction of library materials using the "Additional User Type" is a parent's responsibility. Librarians and school administrators can provide access to the link but cannot provide support within the system.

News from the Clinic

Medication cannot be administered to any student without appropriate authorization forms completed and on file. Any medication must be provided in a new, sealed container with the completed authorization form. Students may not transport medication to and from school. Any medication not meeting the PWCS regulations will not be administered to your student.

It is highly recommended that students with chronic health conditions such as Asthma and/or food allergies have an emergency action plan and medication at school. Please head to the clinic website at https://occoquanes.pwcs.edu/about_us/nurse_clinic/forms to find forms applicable to your child's needs. Plans must be completed by your child's physician. Medication accompanying the forms must be brand new, not expired and match your child's name and prescriber information.

All kindergarten and 3rd grade students will have their hearing and vision screening completed starting the week of September 16th. Parents will be notified in writing for those students who do not pass their screening. If you do not want your child to be screened, please email our school nurse at termanl@pwcs.edu with the exclusion request.

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

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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 for Occoquan 2024-25.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 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:

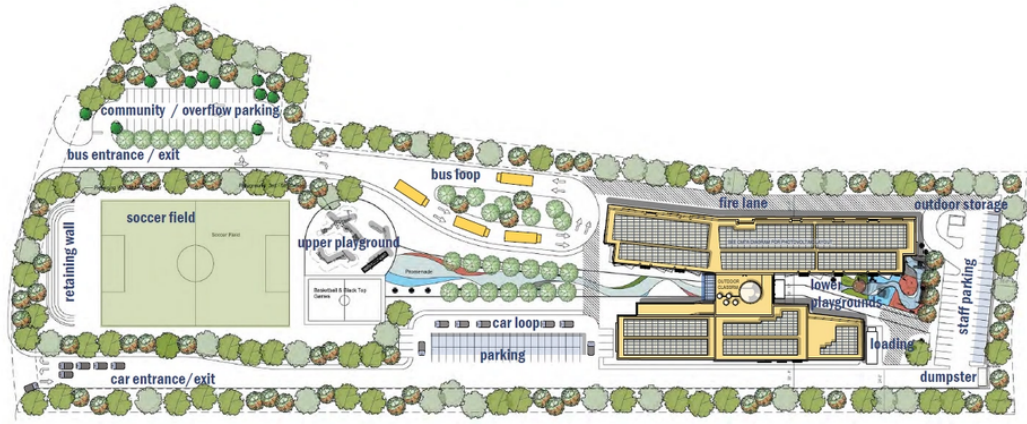
The Building is situated at the far East of the site with the front entrance lobby leading to the heart of the school. In the heart, there is a circular monumental stair with an integrated indoor side that connects the first two levels. With the Gymnasium and Cafeteria on the first floor and the Media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



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

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

Chipotle Night from 5-9

Occoquan ES will receive **25% of the sales!** Ordering online...enter code **3E8TZJN** to show them you're supporting Occoquan ES. Treat yourself, take a night off from cooking and help support your child's school!

September 10th

5-9 pm

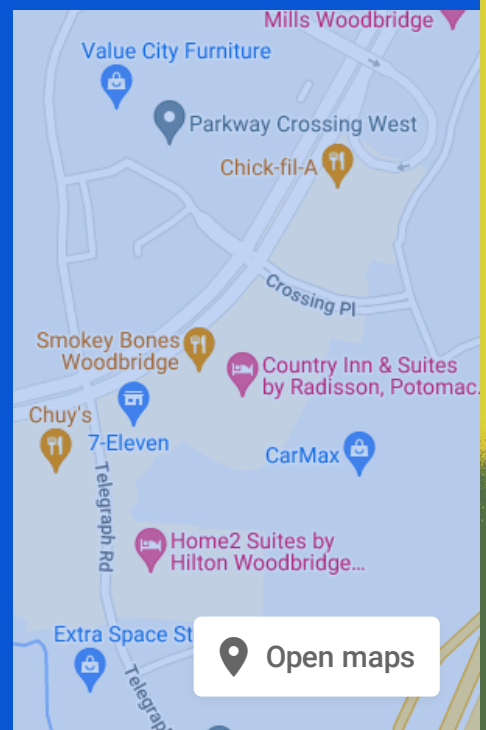
2547 Prince William Pkwy

When?

Tuesday, Sep 10, 2024, 05:00 PM

Where?

2547 Prince William Parkway, Woodbridge, VA, USA



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=UnRaWFJkc3Myd0d0ZHBTWit1MEZBQT09>

Meeting ID: 868 3504 3754

Passcode: 250979

One tap mobile +16465588656,,86835043754#,,,,*250979# US (New York)

+16469313860,,86835043754#,,,,*250979# US

Dial by your location

+1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)

When?

Thursday, Sep 19, 2024, 07:00 PM

Event Information

Boosterthon Fun Run

When?

Friday, Sep 27, 2024, 01:00 PM

Event Information

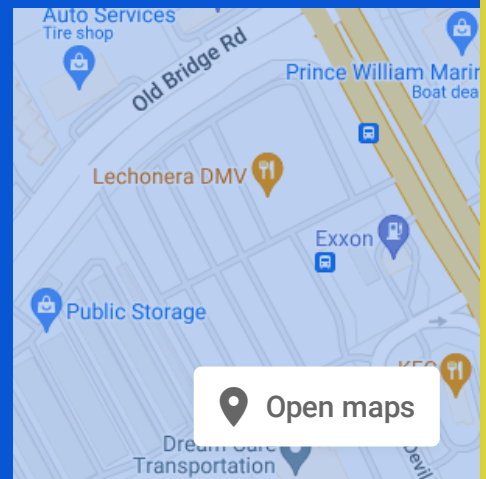
Back to School Night K-2 from 5:30 to 6:15 & 3-5 from 6:45 to 7:30

When?

Tuesday, Sep 24, 2024, 05:30 PM

Where?

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



Event Information

Donuts and Coffee with the Principal

When?

Thursday, Sep 26, 2024, 08:00 AM

Event Information

Boosterthon Fun Run Today

When?

Friday, Sep 27, 2024, 01:45 PM

Event Information

Rosh Hashanah (Schools Closed)

When?

Thursday, Oct 3, 2024, 08:00 AM

Event Information

No School Today

When?

Monday, Oct 14, 2024, 08:00 AM



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