

# The Parent "O"bserver

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## Back to School Night Power Point Information



Occoquan's Back 2 School PP 2022.pdf

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6.1 MB

## 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.

## Second-Grade Parent Information Session for the Swimming Lessons

Below are the dates that Occoquan Second-Grade students will be attending swim lessons at Colgan High School:

- Tuesday, 10/11, 10/18, 10/25, 11/1, 11/15
- Second-grade students: 110 – 3 groups of 36

There is a Parent information meeting on October 6 from 5:00PM-6:00PM. Please try to attend this if you have a child in second-grade. Below is the information for this meeting:

Microsoft Teams meeting

**Join on your computer, mobile app or room device**

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 297 444 870 476

Passcode: w8G287

[Download Teams](#) | [Join on the web](#)

**Or call in (audio only)**

+1 804-362-0540,,347460985# United States, Richmond

Phone Conference ID: 347 460 985#

[Find a local number](#) | [Reset PIN](#)

## 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](#)

## 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.

## 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.

BACK TO SCHOOL PACKET

Please go to this link to complete your Back to School Packets. I am still missing about 50% of the students' Back to School Packets, and we need 100% completion no later than September 15

<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>

## 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](http://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

## National Hispanic Heritage Month

When

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

Where

This is an online event.

## TRIBAL SPIRIT WEEK--DRESS WITH FLARE!!!

When

Friday, Sep. 16th, 8am

Where

This is an online event.

## Donuts and Coffee with the Principal

When

Thursday, Sep. 22nd, 8-9am

Where

12915 Occoquan Road Woodbridge, VA

## TRIBAL SPIRIT WEEK--DRESS WITH FLARE!!!

When

Friday, Sep. 30th, 8am

Where

This is an online event.

## 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. 1 st, 9am to Monday, Oct. 31 st, 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

National Earth Science Week; National School Lunch Week

When

Monday, Oct. 10th, 8am to Friday, Oct. 14th, 4:30pm

Where

This is an online event.

## TRIBAL SPIRIT WEEK--DRESS WITH FLARE!!!

When

Friday, Oct. 14th, 8am

Where

This is an online event.

America's Safe Schools Week; Custodial Services Employees Appreciation Week; Digital Citizens Week; National School Bus Safety Week;

When

Monday, Oct. 17th, 8am to Friday, Oct. 21 st, 4:30pm

Where

This is an online event.

### School Bus Transportation Employees Appreciation Day

When

Wednesday, Oct. 19th, 8am-4:15pm

Where

12915 Occoquan Road Woodbridge, VA

More information

Make your bus driver a nice card, give them a thoughtful gift, or anything else that would make them feel appreciated.



# Earthquake Drill ("The Great Southeast ShakeOut")

When

Thursday, Oct. 20th, 10am

Where

12915 Occoquan Road Woodbridge, VA

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

When

Thursday, Oct. 20th, 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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+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)

+1 386 347 5053 US

Meeting ID: 868 3504 3754

Passcode: 250979

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

## Red Ribbon Week

When

Monday, Oct. 24th, 8am to Friday, Oct. 28th,  
4:30pm

Where

This is an online event.

## TRIBAL SPIRIT WEEK--DRESS WITH FLARE!!!

When

Friday, Oct. 28th, 8am

Where

This is an online event.

## PTOs Trunk or Treat

When

Friday, Oct. 28th, 6-7pm

Where


12915 Occoquan Road Woodbridge, VA



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