

The Parent "O"bserver

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New Items Added to the Newsletter that are Important

Chocolate Milk is BACK!!!

The School Food and Nutrition Services Department will resume offering fat-free chocolate milk with elementary school lunches.

Chocolate milk was removed from the elementary school lunch menu this school year in anticipation of new regulations proposed by the USDA that limit added sugars in school lunches. We have received considerable feedback from students and families with requests to continue offering chocolate milk with school lunch and we are listening. Throughout the week of October 16, elementary school students can select chocolate milk with their school lunch. It will also be available for a la carte purchase.

Items that Will Always be Relevant for Parents to Review

Student Device Insurance

PWCS will offer a reduced price for device insurance for student laptops and iPads for the 2023-24 school year. It is preferred that insurance is purchased within 30 days of a student receiving their device. Exceptions can be made but the TSSPEC will need to inspect the device before entering details into the portal to ensure it is not damaged. Insurance will cover accidental damage and loss.

[This is the link to make purchases.](#)

SchoolQuality 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.

Parent Handbook for the 2023-24 SY



OES Parent Handbook 23-24.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.



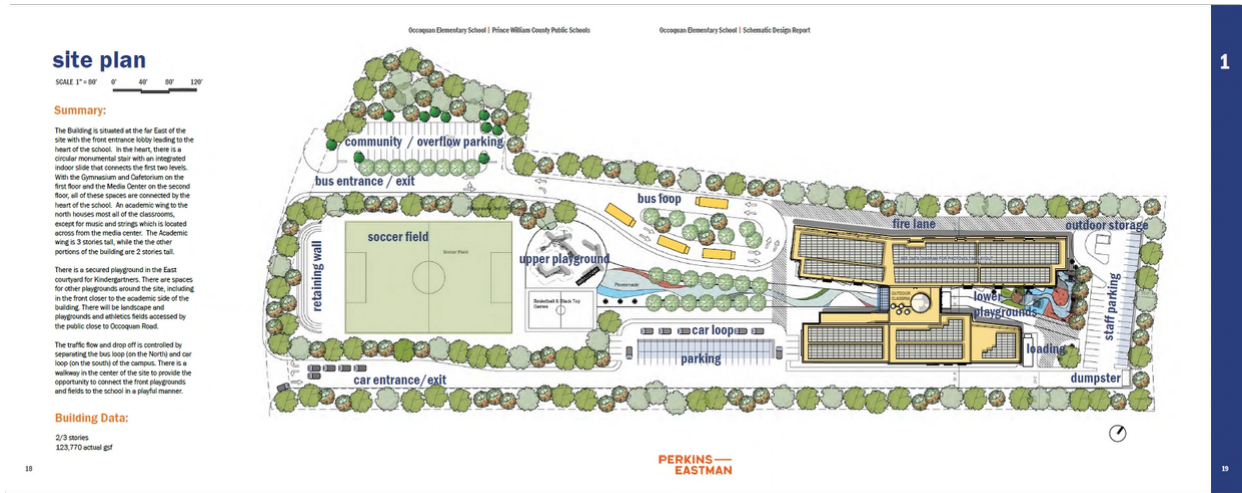
CIP Info for 2023-24-Final 7-25-23.pdf

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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.



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

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

ADHD Awareness Month; Breast Cancer Awareness Month; Dyslexia Awareness Month; Filipino American History Month; National Italian Am. Heritage Mo; National Bullying Prevention Mo; National Polish Am Heritage Mo; Learning Disabilities Awareness; Suicide Prevention Month

When

Sunday, Oct. 1 st, 8am to Tuesday, Oct. 31 st,
4:30pm

Where

This is an online event.

2nd Grade Swim Day at Colgan High School

When

Tuesday, Oct. 3rd, 9am to Tuesday, Oct. 31 st, 4pm

Where

13833 Dumfries Road Manassas, VA

More information

More information on this will come soon from your 2nd Grade teacher

PICTURE DAY!!!

When

Tuesday, Oct. 17th, 9:30am-3:30pm

Where

This is an online event.

Advisory/PTO

When

Thursday, Oct. 19th, 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

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Donuts and Coffee with the Principal

When

Thursday, Oct. 26th, 8-9pm

Where

12915 Occoquan Road Woodbridge, VA

Trunk or Treat

When

Friday, Oct. 27th, 6-7pm

Where

12915 Occoquan Road Woodbridge, VA

End of First Quarter

When

Friday, Nov. 3rd, 4:30pm

Where

This is an online event.

Teacher Work Days--No School for Students-- November 6 & 7

When

Monday, Nov. 6th, 9am to Tuesday, Nov. 7th,
4:30pm

Where

This is an online event.

Multicultural Night Starts at 6

When

Wednesday, Nov. 8th, 6-7:30pm

Where

12915 Occoquan Road Woodbridge, VA

Veterans Day--No School!!!

When

Friday, Nov. 10th, 8-10am

Where

This is an online event.

Classroom Spelling Bee Competition

When

Monday, Nov. 13th, 9am to Friday, Nov. 17th,
3:30pm

Where

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