

The Parent "O"bserver

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Multicultural Night IS BACK!!!!

We are excited to announce that Multicultural Night will be on November 9th this year! We are very excited about this year's event and hope that you can be involved! This is your chance to get involved and share your culture with the school! We will have a Parade of Nations featuring the students wearing traditional clothing from their country of origin and a Food Festival where parents can share cultural food from their native country!

If you would like to participate in the Parade or the Food Festival, please fill out the forms below. Please complete the forms by **October 21st** if you wish to participate. You can participate in one or both of the events or you can also just come and enjoy the fun! The event will start promptly at 6:00 pm here at Occoquan Elementary.

[Parade of Nations form](#)

[Parade of Nations form \(Español\)](#)

[Food Festival form](#)

[Food Festival form \(Español\)](#)

Multicultural Night Parking

This year, because this has been such a huge event in the past, we will have a shuttle service from the Kiss and Ride Parking Lot at the corner of Gordon Blvd and Old Bridge Rd. So, you will be able to park your car there, and ride the bus to and from school and not worry about the crazy parking here in the actual facilities.

So, unless you are bringing food to the festivities (because we do not want you to bring your food on the bus, you will be asked to park in the Kiss and Ride Lot. We think this may be a little more convenient and safer for everyone. Plus, the Fire Marshall will not be mad at us.

So, thank you for your understanding, and we hope to see you there.

Dismissal Times

Students are no longer allowed to be dismissed from the office between the times of 3:15 and 3:50 due to major traffic disruptions to the flow of traffic. If you need to pick your child up early, you will need to do so before 3:15. Otherwise, you will need to wait until 3:50 to come into the office to pick them up.

We are continuing to get a lot of complaints from community members about the amount of traffic that we have flooding out into the main roads, so we are trying to combat this as much as we possibly can.

I know this can be an inconvenience, but I promise you, we are trying to do the best we can.

Traffic Flow out of the Parking Lot

As many of you know, there is a sign right under the stop sign that says you are only allowed to make a right-hand turn out of the parking lot. This is not a school rule, this is how VDOT has set up the traffic flow for safety reasons. However, every day, I continue to see folks continue to make a left-hand turn out of our parking lot.

I have to beg of you to please follow the law and only make a right-hand turn out of the parking lot. I have had many community members call and complain about our cars sitting in the middle of the road trying to make a left-hand turn, which is blocking the flow of traffic, and it is against the law.

Thank you for your help with this.

Trunk or Treat

Thank you to those who were able to attend the 2nd Annual Storybook Character Trunk or Treat. The night was a huge success thanks to the volunteers and those who donated treats. The kids enjoyed seeing their friends, guessing the costumes and most of all collecting the candy!

You may have noticed that we had two contests for the night: Guess the Pumpkin Weight and Best Trunk.

We had 29 pumpkin weight guesses ranging from 4.5 to 100 pounds. Two contestants guessed 12 pounds which was the closest to the actual weight of 11.72 pounds.

All the trunks were AWESOME with Coco getting the most votes from the crowd and the Dinosaur coming in a close second.

Prizes will be delivered to our 4 winners this week.

Family Tech Talk

Texting, gramming, Roblox, Minecraft, TikTok, YouTube. Technology is changing fast, and many of us are struggling to stay one step ahead of our kids and learn everything we can about being online. (Not

an easy task when most of them know more about it than we do!)

Join us for a virtual Family Tech Talk presentation with an Internet safety expert from Trend Micro, who will share the latest trends, give advice on how to help your child use the Internet responsibly, and answer parent questions in a Q&A session. The Zoom event will be on **Wed Nov 16 at 7pm**.

We'll discuss what our children are doing online—and how to teach them to be smart, safe, and respectful digital citizens. We'll also cover privacy and security issues, how to encourage responsible Internet use, and even more.

In addition to learning some helpful tips, you could win a Trend Micro Internet security product! Five copies of Trend Micro Maximum Security will be raffled off to families attending the event.

We hope you join us on **Wed Nov 16 at 7pm** to learn more about this important topic.

RSVP Here: <https://bit.ly/3NIGTha>

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](#)

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



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

Study Hall/STEAM Starts on Tuesdays and
Thursdays

When

Friday, Oct. 14th, 3:45pm to Thursday, Dec. 8th,
5:30pm

Where

12915 Occoquan Road Woodbridge, VA

End of the First Quarter

When

Friday, Oct. 28th, 3:45pm

Where

This is an online event.

No School for Students--Teacher Work Day

When

Monday, Oct. 31 st, 8am-4:30pm

Where

This is an online event.

Family Engagement in Schools Month; National Native American Heritage Month

When

Tuesday, Nov. 1st, 9am to Wednesday, Nov. 30th, 4:30pm

Where

This is an online event.

Gifted Parent Meeting in Trailer 4

When

Tuesday, Nov. 1st, 5:30-6:30pm

Where

12915 Occoquan Road Woodbridge, VA

End of Quarter 1 Tribal Assembly--DRESS FOR THE DAY

When

Friday, Nov. 4th, 2:45-3:30pm

Where

This is an online event.

School Psychologists Week

When

Monday, Nov. 7th, 8am

Where

This is an online event.

No School for Students--Teacher Work Day

When

Tuesday, Nov. 8th, 2:30-4:30am

Where

This is an online event.

MULTICULTURAL NIGHT--Huge Community Event

When

Wednesday, Nov. 9th, 6-7:30pm

Where

12915 Occoquan Road Woodbridge, VA

More information

We will have a bus going to and from the commuter lot at the corner of Route 123 and Old Bridge Rd. This will help with the major traffic and parking problems we have encountered in years past.

Multicultural Day Activities for the Students in Encore

When

Thursday, Nov. 10th, 9:45am-2:30pm

Where

This is an online event.

NO SCHOOL FOR ALL

When

Friday, Nov. 11th, 8am-4:30pm

Where

This is an online event.

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

When

Monday, Nov. 14th, 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

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Find your local number: <https://pwcs-zm-edu.zoom.us/j/86835043754?pwd=UnRaWFJkc3Myd0dOZHBTWit1MEZBQT09>

No School for Thanksgiving

When

Wednesday, Nov. 23rd, 8am to Friday, Nov. 25th,
4:30pm

Where

This is an online event.

Picture Retake Day

When

Wednesday, Dec. 14th, 9-11 am

Where

12915 Occoquan Road Woodbridge, VA

Winter Strings and Chorus Concert

When

Thursday, Dec. 15th, 6-7:30pm

Where

12915 Occoquan Road Woodbridge, VA

NO SCHOOL FOR WINTER BREAK-- December 19 through January 2

When

Monday, Dec. 19th, 8am to Monday, Jan. 2nd
2023 at 4:30pm

Where

This is an online event.

First Day Back to School

When

Tuesday, Jan. 3rd 2023 at 9am

Where

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