

The Parent "O"bserver

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New Items Added to the Newsletter that are Important

Mr. Lint out for the next Two Weeks

Mr. Lint will be out of the building for the next two weeks for a family emergency. If you need anything, please reach out to Ms. Arboleda.

Before School Tutoring

We will be starting our Study Hall/STEAM in the morning very soon. However, the number of students who signed up were significantly low. Many of our struggling students have not signed up. I strongly urge you, if your child might be one that is in need of a lot of extra support, to reconsider and reach out to the front office to get your child signed up. We hope to go back to the After School Model in the Spring, but with the time change, it was not safe for us to send the children home in the dark like it is.

The Counselor Connection

Counseling with Ms. Banach & Ms. Johnson

We are committed to helping all students thrive at school. In order for all students to be successful at school, they must attend school on time, every day. We understand unavoidable illnesses and emergencies occur that require your child to remain at home. If you are unsure when to keep your child home from school due to illness, please click [here](#). It is important to communicate with the school anytime your child is absent from school. As partners in your child's education, we must work together to ensure your child grows academically and socially/emotionally to achieve educational success.

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 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.

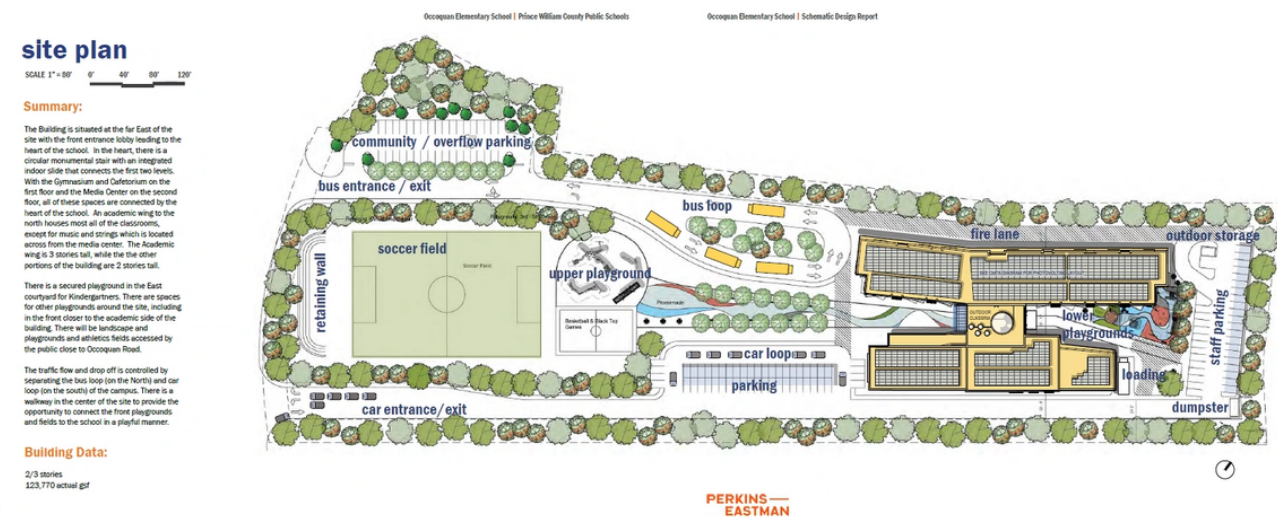
CIP Info for 2023-24--Final 7-25-23.pdf

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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

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

NO SCHOOL FOR THANKSGIVING BREAK!!!

When?

Wednesday, Nov 22, 2023, 08:00 AM

Event Information

Picture Re-Take Day

When?

Tuesday, Nov 28, 2023, 10:00 AM

Event Information

SPELLING BEE DAY for the Classroom Winners

When?

Thursday, Dec 14, 2023, 09:30 AM

Event Information

Winter Chorus & Strings Concert

When?

Wednesday, Dec 20, 2023, 06:00 PM

Where?

Occoquan Elementary School, Occoquan Road, Woodbridge, VA, USA

Event Information

NO SCHOOL FOR WINTER BREAK

When?

Thursday, Dec 21, 2023, 08:00 AM

Event Information

Students return to School Today!!!

When?

Tuesday, Jan 2, 2024, 09:15 AM

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=UnRaWFJkc3Myd0dOZHBTWit1MEZBQT09>

Meeting ID: 868 3504 3754

Passcode: 250979

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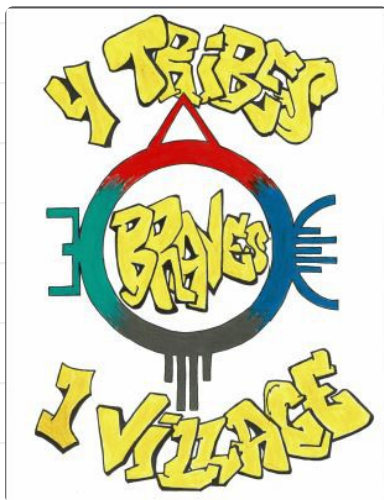
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Dial by your location

+1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)

When?

Thursday, Jan 18, 2024, 06:00 PM



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