



# JET FLASH



Week of September 3, 2018

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**Greetings Jerusalem Families,**

**Below you will find some important information to help you and your student(s) have a successful start of the year. Also, be sure to review Jerusalem's Student/Parent Handbook for additional information at the following link:**

**<http://www.oregoncityschools.org/Downloads/2018-19JerusalemHandbook.pdf>**

Communication is critical to making this school year a success for everyone. If you have any questions, comments, and/or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 419.836.6111 or at [jstraka@oregoncs.org](mailto:jstraka@oregoncs.org) **Please join ClassDojo for reminders/updates sent directly to your phone. For more information, contact your child's teacher.** We always look to continuously improve, so your feedback and involvement is always welcome. Follow us on Twitter @JerusalemJets

## **Important Information and Updates:**

### **Jog-A-Thon Kickoff:**

On Tuesday, **September 4<sup>th</sup>**, we will be holding an assembly to Kick off our annual Jog-A-Thon fundraiser. All money raised from this *one and only* fundraiser will go directly back to the **students/school**. Please encourage your son/daughter to participate in this fundraiser!

### **Dental Sealants:**

Dental Sealants will be starting next week on **September 4<sup>th</sup>** for those individuals enrolled in the program. Call the office if you have any questions.

**From our Counselor:**

Mrs. Hower is starting lunch groups, beginning with the New Student Meet and Greet Groups: welcoming our new students into the building. If you feel that your child would benefit from being in a lunch group with Mrs. Hower (social, anxiety, divorce, grief, etc.), please contact her @ [shower@oregoncs.org](mailto:shower@oregoncs.org)

**From our Nurse:**

Attention Kindergarten Parents/Guardians:

Hello! This is just a friendly reminder that we need your students UPDATED IMMUNIZATIONS, HEALTH HISTORY and DENTAL forms turned in as soon as possible! If you have already turned these forms in...AWESOME! If you have any questions about these forms and if we have received them or not, please do not hesitate to call me at 419-836-6111. Thank you!

Nurse Erika

**Dine to Donate:**

The first Dine to Donate will be held at Marco's Pizza on **September 10<sup>th</sup>**. More information will be coming soon!

**Jet Fitness Club:**

Jet Fitness Club is open to all 2-4 grade students, and is a great way for your son/daughter start their day. Fitness Club is held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8-8:45 am. The fall session will start on **September 25<sup>th</sup>**, and **end on November 15<sup>th</sup>**. Look for more information to come home soon!

**JPG News:**

Thanks to all of those that attended the last JPG Meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, **September 24<sup>th</sup>**, at 6:30. Child care is provided!

**Re-Registration of Students:**

Just a reminder to re-register you student(s) in the Oregon City Schools Parent Portal. This must be done each year. If there are any questions, please contact the office at 419-836-6111. This needs to be completed to ensure we have the correct contact information, and give permission for field trips, computer

usage, student handbooks, and photographs. More information can be found at the following website:

<http://www.oregoncityschools.org/protected/ArticleView.aspx?iid=5YIBGB&dasi=3IAB>

### **Morning Drop-Off Routine:**

Please see the following important information involving morning drop-off routine for students.

- **Please drive slowly.**
- **Please drop off your student(s) at or close to the entrance.**
- **Please stay in the car drop-off line, until your child(ren) exits the vehicle. Do not drive around other vehicles, to move ahead in line, or to exit the lot.**
- **Please have any and all children in your vehicle exit on the building/driver side of the vehicle.**
- **Do not park in the parking line. It is preferred that students are dropped off at the entrance rather than walked into the building. If you need to enter the building for an appointment, you must park your vehicle in a parking space.**

Thank you for following these procedures, as we all work together to make the arrival process safe for students, parents, and staff.

### **Parent Pick-up Expectations:**

For your student's safety: Please remember to have the adult that is picking up your child(ren) have one of your assigned "pick-up cards". If they do not have a card, they will be asked to check your child(ren) out through the main office. Parents using the parent pick-up system will be issued cards through the office. Thank you for your help in keeping our students safe!

### **New Policy- Deliveries for Students:**

Jerusalem Elementary has implemented a new system for items to be delivered to students once the day begins. Please leave items on the table outside the office door, complete the delivery log, and notify the secretary of your delivery. Thanks for your cooperation!

### **School Fees:**

School fees are \$45.00 and can be paid in the building with cash or check. Also, fees can be paid through EZ PAY, or with credit cards at CHS. If your

family qualifies for free/reduced lunches, your school fees could be reduced or waived. See below for the link to apply for free/reduced lunches.

### **Student Nutrition and Free/Reduced Lunch Application:**

Take note that the school breakfast/lunch prices are as follows: Breakfast is \$1.25 (reduced price is \$0.30), and lunch is \$2.75 (reduced price is \$0.40).

For more information on Student Nutrition, **Menus**, Pre-payment options, and Free/Reduced Lunch Applications click on the following link:

<http://www.oregoncityschools.org/FoodService-StudentNutrition.aspx>

### **Jerusalem's Facebook Page:**

Jerusalem is excited to introduce our new Facebook page! Check us out at

<https://www.facebook.com/JerusalemElementarySchool>

### **Jerusalem Elementary is on Twitter:**

Jerusalem's Twitter account is now active. Please follow us @JerusalemJets to see some of the great things happening at Jerusalem Elementary!

### **Attendance Policy Update:**

Due to a new state law, we have made some changes to our Attendance Policy. The current policy can be found in the School Handbook located at the following link:

<http://www.oregoncityschools.org/Downloads/2018-19JerusalemHandbook.pdf>

Please call the school with questions/concerns.

### **Lunchroom Procedures Update:**

The Cafeteria Staff at Jerusalem are implementing a change regarding how to handle student behavior during lunch time. We realized that there has been an important piece missing, and that is communication between the cafeteria and home.

There are now communication cards that will be passed out to a student when he/she is misbehaving. The card checks off what a student has done to violate a rule; and on the back, it has a quick note to parents explaining why the card is going home and what action was taken during lunch (warning, moved seat, missed recess, referral, etc.).

The card will not be sent home for every minor thing; however, if there is a student that is causing major or frequent problems they will be receiving cards. These cards can also be used as a positive reinforcement for good behavior if there is a student identified as needing extra help.

The goal is to empower everyone working in the cafeteria to handle discipline situations in a structured, and timely manner vs. waiting for the problem to be handled after recess by the student's homeroom teacher. It helps students to see an immediate response to problem situations, and it will be an easy way to communicate home to parents when there is a problem.

The cards will be shown and explained to the student before being given to the student's teacher to be sent home. There is a spot on the back of the card for parents to sign and return. This will help us to know that the card has made it into the right hands 😊

Thank you for your support in helping to make lunch time great!

### **PBIS Update:**

Jerusalem Elementary has adopted a school wide discipline system called PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports). "PBIS is a way for schools to encourage good behavior. With PBIS, kids learn about behavior, just as they learn other subjects like math or science. The key to PBIS is prevention, not punishment." PBIS is a proactive approach when dealing with student discipline. It focuses on building a positive climate through consistency and communication. The goal of PBIS is to limit classroom disruptions, and increase classroom instruction.

**MATRIX (Jerusalem Elementary Flight Plan):** The PBIS "Matrix" is a set of school wide guidelines detailing expected behaviors in all common areas of the building. The "Matrix" outlines the behaviors and expectations needed for all students to be RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE, and READY. The "Matrix" also includes the Voice Level expected in all of the common areas of the building. A "Voice Meter" which is located throughout the building details the Voice Level expected by all of the students.

### **ClassDojo:**

**ClassDojo** is a communication app for the classroom. It connects teachers, parents, and students who use it to share photos, videos, and messages through the school day. They use **ClassDojo** to work together as a team, share

in the classroom experience, and bring big ideas to life in their classrooms and homes. Jerusalem teachers may be using ClassDojo in a variety of ways within their classroom throughout the school year. Not all teachers are currently using this tool within their classroom at this time, as it is their choice. Some teachers will continue to communicate with parents through email, phone, newsletters, etc. **However, we encourage you to sign up for ClassDojo to receive important building updates/messages from Mr. Straka.** Information on signing up for ClassDojo will be sent home from your child's teacher.

### **OCS FLYER Distribution Center:**

Oregon City Schools has a Flyer Distribution Center with the purpose of communicating school and community information in a centralized location. Many of the flyers for district-wide and non-OCS events and activities you might normally find in this newsletter, will now be posted on this centralized site. Please visit the site here:

<http://www.oregoncityschools.org/PublicationsFlyerDistributionCenter.aspx>

### **Grade Level Updates:**

#### Kindergarten-

We hope everyone enjoyed the extended holiday. We had a busy week of testing this past week, but our momentum isn't slowing in kindergarten! This week's letter is Aa. We are also working hard in math learning all things 0-10.

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Grade-

For our spelling lessons, next week, we will practice short a. The words will be an and ad words. In reading we are reading stories about our community rules, school rules, schools long ago, and making smart choices. In math, this quarter we will demonstrate fluency for addition and subtraction within 10, and use addition and subtraction within 20 to solve word problems. We wish everyone a relaxing holiday weekend.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade-

The 2nd graders will be starting our Accelerated Reader program. Students can read an Accelerated Reader book and take a quiz that checks for comprehension of their book. The students will be able to take a quiz on their

Chromebook at school. Once 3 quizzes are passed a student will earn a necklace and a charm, then continue to earn charms for every 4 passed quizzes. Please encourage your child to take part in our Accelerated Reader program!

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade-

The Third Grade will begin reading the chapter book, Jake Drake, Bully Buster next week. We will continue with Rounding in Math, and will also be learning the Properties of Addition. In Science, we will begin our unit on Renewable/Non-Renewable Resources. Don't forget to have your child turn in their application for Student Council by Wednesday, Sept. 5th, if they are interested. Have a fun, safe Labor Day Weekend!

### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade-

Ms. Caris and Mrs. Sneed are teaming up with the Toledo Zoo by raising monarch caterpillars in their classrooms for the Monarch Joint Venture. The Monarch Joint Venture is a partnership of federal and state agencies, nongovernmental organizations and academic programs that are working together to protect the dwindling monarch population. The students have been observing the voracious eating habits of the caterpillars, who require milkweed leaves daily to grow and develop. The caterpillars will make a chrysalis, and after approximately 2 weeks, will emerge as a butterfly. They will then be tagged and released.

### STEAM STATION-

In STEAM this week the boys and girls learned a little about the Engineering Design Process. Ask, Imagine, Design, Test, Redesign, Share.

## Upcoming Events:

### Week of September 3<sup>rd</sup>...

- Monday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>                      Labor Day- No School!!
- Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>                      Dental Sealants  
Jog-A-Thon Kick off
- Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>                      Dental Sealants

- Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup>                      Dental Sealants
- Friday, September 7<sup>th</sup>                      Dental Sealants

**Looking Ahead...**

**September**

- 3        Labor Day, No School
- 4        Jog-A-Thon JPG Fundraiser Kickoff
- TBD     JPG Social Night
- 10      Dine to Donate: Marco's Pizza
- 17      Staff Training Day, No School
- 24      JPG Monthly Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 28      Jog-A-Thon
- TBD     **Dine to Donate: Buffalo Wild Wings**

Have a great week!