



JET FLASH



Week of September 17, 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 **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 Info:

- Promotes health and wellness with our students
- All money raised goes directly to the school
- This is the ONLY fundraiser for the year
- Sponsor sheets and Money due to school on **September 26th**
- Jog-A-Thon is on **September 28th**
- Jog-A-Thon rain date is October 5th
- Online donation link: http://jpg.3dcartstores.com/jog-a-thon-2018_p_12.html

- Make checks out to Jerusalem Parents Group
- See attachment on email for more information

Picture Retakes and Group photos:

Picture retake and group photos will be taken on **October 2nd**.

Electronic Devices (Smart Watches):

The discussion has come up about students wearing smart watches to school that allow talking, texting and internet access. According to our OCS Elementary District Handbook, "cell phones and other electronic devices **MUST NOT** be in the possession of students during the school day." The complete policy is outlined below. Smart watches fall under the guideline of an electronic device. Please make sure that your child does not wear a smart watch to school. Should your child wear a device as such, he/she will be asked to remove it and place it turned off in their book bag. Note that the school/district assumes no liability for electronic devices that are brought to school if they are broken, lost or stolen. Thank you for your cooperation in abiding by our district policy.

Elementary District Handbook Electronic Device Policy

ELECTRONICS

*Cellular phones and other electronic devices (including, but not limited to: iPods and handheld video games, etc.) can be disruptive to the educational process in many ways including, but not limited to: communicating during instruction via text or call, cheating, sexting, eliciting panic, making plans in conflict with established school rules, taking or disseminating or sharing obscene or inappropriate images, etc. For these reasons cell phones and other electronic devices **MUST NOT** be in the possession of students during the school day. When students enter the building, all electronic devices must be placed in the off position and kept in the student's bookbag for the entire school day through the dismissal bell. Students are to go to the office to make phone calls home. Parents are encouraged to call the school office when needed. The school office staff is excellent at relaying messages from parents to students. Emergency phone calls can always be made in the main office during school hours; therefore cellular phones are not needed during school hours. The principal reserves the right to confiscate any items that are being used or are making noise that are determined to interfere with the learning process.*

First Offense

** The student will be given a warning and asked to put the electronic device in their book bag.*

Second Offense

** The electronic device will be confiscated and the parent will be called by the principal or designee. It will be required that the parent pick-up the electronic device in the office.*

Third Offense

** Consequences will be issued according to the school's discipline policy.*

Teachers may use electronic devices (iPods, iPads, e-readers, cell phones) for educational purposes with-in their classrooms. The students will be told when it is acceptable to use such devices in the classroom. If a student is found to misuse this policy, they will no longer be permitted to use the device for educational purposes.

Please note that the District assumes no liability for electronic devices that are brought to school if they are broken, lost or stolen. Administrative time will not be used to search for or investigate events surrounding lost or stolen items.

Dine to Donate:

Mrs. Kidd's class was the winner of our last Marco's Pizza Dine to Donate. Her class raised the most money, and will be enjoying a pizza party (compliments of Marco's Pizza). Our next Dine to Donate is scheduled for Wednesday, **September 26th**, at Buffalo Wild Wings on Navarre!

Kroger Community Rewards:

Did you know that you can earn money for Jerusalem Elementary School by shopping at Kroger?? All you need to do is sign up at the website below, and present your Kroger Plus Card when checking out! All money that we raise is used for the students in the form of assemblies, rewards, and much more.

<https://www.kroger.com/account/enrollCommunityRewardsNow/>

Thanks for taking the time to do this!!

Jet Reads Program:

Our Jet Reads program will be starting later this month. Thank you to everyone that volunteered to help our students. If you have any questions, please contact Allison Row at arowjets@yahoo.com

From our Counselor:

Each classroom participates in a monthly character lesson with the school counselor. This month at Jerusalem our theme is RESPECT. Students will work with Mrs. Hower on different activities, and have discussions about what it is to show respect. Try and have some discussions at home about ways to show respect anywhere!

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

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 25th**, and **end on November 15th**. 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 24th**, at 6:30. Child care is provided!

Starr Elementary Color Run:

Starr Elementary 1st Annual

3K Color Run/Walk

Saturday, Sept. 29th

10:00 am-11:00 am

***Check in and Registration @9:15am**

**See our official Color Run site
for more information and to register. Registering early
will be get you a t-shirt and many other incentives!**

<http://shop.schoolathon.org/EventIndex.asp?EID=190170>



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:

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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-

This week's letter is Gg. Kindergarten has received their classroom Chromebooks and have begun learning how to use them. We are very excited to start incorporating this technology into our learning!

1st Grade-

Our spelling words are the short a sound. (ag, at). In math, we are working on subtraction problems. In reading we are continuing to introduce the students to new strategies that will help them with reading comprehension.

2nd Grade-

The 2nd graders will continue to learn about numbers to 1,000 in Math. In Language Arts we are working on Daily 5 procedures and CAFE strategies. The students are doing a wonderful job building up their "stamina" during Read to Self-time and learning how to choose good fit books.

3rd Grade-

The third-grade teachers have begun discussing with the students what to expect on the Ohio State ELA Test, which will take place on Oct. 23rd & 24th. The OST is administered on computer, so students will be taking their test using their Chromebooks. Contact your child's teacher if you have concerns. Teachers would like to remind all parents that we are happy to have birthday treats, however, please make sure they are individually wrapped, and/or are individual drink boxes that do not have to be poured.

4th Grade-

Students participated in their first S.O.L.E (Self Organized Learning Environment) during S.T.E.A.M this week. The children work in groups of 3 or 4 to answer a thought provoking question. They used online resources to help in the discovery process. The groups then shared their findings through a presentation. The question this week was, "How do weathering and erosion impact the surface of the earth? Ask your child about their discovery !

Upcoming Events:

Week of September 17th...

- Monday, September 17th No Students- Teacher training
- Tuesday, September 18th 3:30 4th Grade Art Club
- Wednesday, September 19th
- Thursday, September 20th 3:30 2nd Grade Art Club
- Friday, September 21st

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.

- 26 Dine to Donate: Buffalo Wild Wings
- 28 Jog-A-Thon

Have a great week!

