Greetings Jerusalem Families,

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:**

**R.A.K. Week at Jerusalem:**

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- **Monday:** Team Kindness: We are ALL a team- Wear Jerusalem gear!
- **Tuesday:** Powered by Kindness: Wear your favorite Superhero gear!
- **Wednesday:** Kindness=LOVE: Happy Valentine’s Day- Wear Red or Pink!
- **Thursday:** Words can’t be taken back: Wear your shirts backwards!
- **Friday:** Emoji Spirit Day: Wear your favorite Emoji!

On Friday, have your child(ren) bring in their checklist with your signature to receive a RAK button to wear on this special day!!

**4th Grade Career Café on February 14th:**

We are extremely excited to hold our 2nd Career Café for Jerusalem’s 4th grade students! Bianca Freck from Freck Funeral Home is coming to speak with the 4th grade students about being the owner/operator of a funeral home. This will take place on February 14th during 4th grade lunch/recess.
Career Café Speakers Needed:
Attention Parents and/or Guardians (K-4), Career Café is coming to the 4th grade and we need YOUR experiences! Do you have an exciting career that you would like to share with us? Whether you are a nurse, mechanic, astronaut, custodian, or business owner- we need YOU! Please see the attachment for more information!

Author Visit February 28th:
Mary Kay Carson, an award-winning children's nonfiction author who has written more than forty books for kids about wildlife, space, weather, nature, and history will be visiting Jerusalem Elementary School on Wednesday, February 28. Use the attached form to pre-order books that will be personalized for students the day of the visit. You and your student can also see all of the books associated with her discussions in person at Gathering Volumes Bookstore at 196 E. South Boundary in Perrysburg.

Dine to Donate:
The next Dine to Donate is February 20th at Marco’s Pizza. The classroom that earns the most money, will receive a Pizza Party compliments of Marco’s Pizza!!

Labels for Education:
As we have come to a close on our Campbell’s Label for Education collection, we would like to thank everyone that helped collect/send in the labels. This program has gone on for many years, and has provided many great benefits to our students. In the last four years, we have collected over 30,000 labels! Our school programs that have benefited include: Homework STAR winners, Physical Education classes, Playground equipment, and items for the Jet Shop. Thank you again for your participation.

**We are still collecting Box Tops, pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House, and Spirit (Aunt Millie’s and Sunbeam bread).**

Yearbook Orders:
Don’t forget to order your 2017-18 yearbooks. Yearbooks ordered after January 31st cost $23.00. Order forms were sent home with students earlier this month. If you need a new form, they are available in the office.

Hoops for Hearts:
Thanks to all of those that are participating in the Hoops for Hearts fundraiser! Remember, 100% of all money raised goes towards Healthy Heart Awareness. Turn in money to office.

Jet Fitness Club:
Winter session of fitness club will begin Tuesday, January 16th and run through Thursday, March 8th. The club runs from 8:00 am-8:45 am, and is available for students grades 2nd-4th. For more information, contact Gary Allen at gallen@oregoncs.org
**JPG News:**
The Valentine’s Day Dance is scheduled for Friday, February 16th. We hope to see you there! Attached is February’s JPG News, along with other important information on these upcoming events.

**S.T.E.A.M Day:**

(Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Math)

When: Thursday, May 10th

Students K-4 will participate in all day events inspired by the fields of science, technology, engineering, arts, and math.

We are looking for about 60 parent volunteers to help run the events (they will be explained to you in advance). If you are interested in volunteering, please complete the form attached and return it to your child’s teacher by April 13th.

**Jerusalem Parent Group (JPG) Meeting:**
The next JPG Meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 5th at 6:30. Child care is provided. We hope to see you there!

**Outdoor Recess:**
Be sure to send your student(s) to school with appropriate outdoor gear. Students will go outside for recess weather permitting.

**Lost and Found:**
We have MANY sweatshirts/hoodies on the hallway pegs. Please check that your student brings home what they wear to school. Also, please put the student’s name on all outerwear as we are approaching jacket/coat season. Thanks!

**Attendance Policy Update:**
Due to a new state law, we have made some changes to our Attendance Policy. The new policy is attached. Please call the school with questions/concerns.

**Book It Program:**
“Book It” is a program sponsored by Pizza Hut to promote reading at home. Each grade that participates sets a monthly goal for minutes/days of reading throughout the month. Students that reach their goal, are eligible to receive free pizza and other prizes. See the attached flier for more information.

**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!

**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!

**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. Thank you for your help in keeping our students safe!

**Important Reminder! 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.

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/209-district/1168-ocs-flyer-distribution-center

School Fees:
School fees can be paid in the building with cash or check. Also, fees can be paid through EZ PAY, or with credit cards at the HS or Admin building.
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.

Student Nutrition and Free/Reduced Lunch Application:
For more information on Student Nutrition, Pre-payment options, and Free/Reduced Lunch Applications click on the following link:
http://www.oregoncityschools.org/district/operations-facilities/food-service

Classroom Updates:

Kindergarten News:
Valentine’s Day is Wednesday, February 14th. You child's classroom will be enjoying some themed activities for the day. Don’t forget to send in valentine cards with your child, with only **your child’s name** signed on them. This makes the process of passing them out much easier. Don’t forget to practice your reading and word rings. Grade card testing will be coming right up again for 3rd quarter. Be sure to stay up-to-date on the rubric (that you can find online) and monitor your child’s progress. Stay Warm everyone!

1st Grade News:
None

2nd Grade News:
None

3rd Grade News:
None

4th Grade News:
None

Upcoming Events:

Week of February 12th ...

- Monday, February 12th
- Tuesday, February 13th 3:30 pm 1st Grade Art Club
- Tuesday, February 13th 3:30 pm Bowling Club
- Wednesday, February 14th Valentine's Day
- Thursday, February 15\textsuperscript{th}  
  3:30 pm 3\textsuperscript{rd} Grade Art Club

- Friday, February 16\textsuperscript{th}  
  1:30 pm Art Contest Reward  
  6:00 pm Valentine’s Dance

Looking Ahead...

**February**

- 14 Classroom Valentine Parties
- 16 Valentine Dance
- 19 Presidents’ Day, No School
- 20-23 4\textsuperscript{th} Grade Stanford Test
- 20 Dine to Donate: Marco’s Pizza

**March**

- 5 JPG Monthly Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 5 Dine to Donate: Buffalo Wild Wings
- 7 3\textsuperscript{rd} Grade OLSAT Testing
- 8 End of 3\textsuperscript{rd} Nine Week Period  
  Talent Show 1:45  
  JPG Movie Night, 6:30-9:00 p.m.
- 9 Staff Training Day, No School
- 12-16 Spring Break, No School
- 19 Classes Resume from Spring Break
- 19 Dine to Donate: Marco’s Pizza
- 21 3\textsuperscript{rd} Quarter Grade Cards Finalized
- 22 Jet Shop
- 28 Spring Pictures
- 29 Parent-Teacher Conferences, 8:00a-3:15p, No School
- 30-4/2 Easter Break, No School

Have a great week!
February is full of activity at Jerusalem.
To stay connected please watch our Facebook page:
https://www.facebook.com/groups/JerusalemParentsGroup/

Here are some of our upcoming events:

JPG Monthly Meeting
We would love to see new and also familiar faces at our monthly meetings. These meetings are your chance to find out what cool things are coming up for our students, ask questions, and get involved with planning our events. Our next meeting is Thursday, Feb. 8 at 6:30. Free babysitting is provided.

Art Contest
Students that placed in the top three for each grade in our “Let it Snow” art contest will be rewarded with a chance to paint with a local artist. On Friday, Feb. 9 Greg Justus will be at school to lead the winners through a painting workshop.

Valentine’s Day Dance
Mark your calendar for February 16, 6-8:00 for this fun event that you won’t want to miss! Students love to dance the night away with their friends and a special love one. We include refreshments, crafts, and a photo booth. Please bring a toiletry item as your admission fee.

Talent Show
Talent Show auditions were held the week of January 29. We will showcase our performers in our school day Talent Show on March 8. Talent Show all students will attend but only parents of the performers will be invited.

Movie Night
We will be hosting a movie night on Friday, March 8 at 6:30. Join us as we kick off Spring Break with a fun movie with our Jerusalem friends. Movie will be announced soon.

Special Magic Show Assembly
Our students will be treated to a Laugh Factory Magic Show during the school day on Friday, March 23. This is assembly is part of the Jogathon rewards that students worked so hard to earn. All students will attend this fun event! Be sure to ask your student about it!

Dine to Donate
We have Dine to Donate at Marco’s Pizza on Tuesday, Feb. 20 and Monday, March 19. We will receive 10% of sales from phone orders and 15% for online orders. Be sure to indicate your student’s teacher when you order because the class with the most sales wins a pizza party. We will have a Buffalo Wild Wings Dine to Donate on Monday, March 5.
Attention Parents and/or Guardians (K-4),

Career Café is coming to the 4th grade and we need YOUR experiences! Do you have an exciting career that you would like to share with us? Whether you are a nurse, mechanic, astronaut, custodian, or business owner— we need YOU!

We are looking for a variety of people interested in spending a lunch hour talking with our 4th grade students about their career. Our students are young and mostly unaware of what careers are out there. The possibilities are endless for them! This is a fantastic way to provide them with firsthand knowledge of potential career paths. Speaking to these students is also a great way for you to get involved at Jerusalem Elementary School and make an impact on the students’ future. *If you are not interested but know someone who may be, please give them (or us) the necessary contact information. Career Café’s will be held a couple times per month through the end of the school year, this means you can choose which day would be right for you to come in and speak with the students.

Thank you in advance for your involvement!

(If you have any questions or would like to get further information please contact Sally Hower at (419) 836-6111 ext. 2102 or email at shower@oregoncs.org.)

Please return this portion to your child’s homeroom teacher as soon as possible. *Teachers please leave completed form in Mrs. Hower’s mailbox, thanks!

Student Name: ___________________________ Grade: ________________

_____ I am interested in participating in Career Café.

_____ I know someone who is interested in participating in Career Café.

Contact Name: ____________________________

Email address/Phone number: ____________________________

Please briefly describe the career and/or any special arrangements required.

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On Friday, February 16th, the whole school will be celebrating all of the kindness that has been spread around by having an emoji spirit day! What better way to celebrate making others feel good than to wear your favorite emoji(s) 😊 have your child bring in their checklist with your signature to receive their RAK button to wear on this special day!
Random Acts of Kindness Day

Is Saturday, February 17th!

Show others that you care by completing random acts of kindness.

- Smile at 25 People
- Write a nice note and give it to a friend
- Compliment 5 People
- Pick up trash and put it where it goes
- Make a new friend
- Tell a joke and make someone laugh
- Be kind to yourself and eat a healthy snack
- Learn something new about someone
- Draw a picture and give it to someone
- Help someone younger than you
- Give a KIND handshake to greet someone
- Recycle your trash
- Hug a family member because you love them
- Make a kind poster for the lunch staff
- Greet 10 people sincerely
- Design a "thank you" for the parent volunteers
- Include someone who looks lonely
- Read a book to a younger sibling
- Write a "thank you" note or draw a picture for your teacher
- Take over a chore for mom or dad (load the dishwasher, take out the trash)
- Thank your bus driver
- Hold the door open for someone
- Listen to your mom or dad the first time 😊
- Help someone if they fall
- Ask your brother or sister to play a game with you
- Bring a flower to the office staff
- Show appreciation to your principal creatively
- Say "thank you" to a volunteer
- Give out 10 high fives
- Create your own kind deed, write it on the back of this paper!

Bring this paper back by Friday, February 16th with your parent’s signature.

Check off as many things as you can or add your own ideas as well.

Be honest!

Parent/Guardian Signature __________________________ Date ____________
Dance the night away at our annual Jerusalem Valentine's Day Dance!

Friday, February 16th from 6pm -8pm

Event will take place in our gym, at Jerusalem Elementary
We invite your child and ONE ADULT guest to this event
*Popcorn and bottled water with DJ and photo booth*
*Create a valentine craft at the craft station*

Please bring a toiletry item to be distributed to a local homeless shelter, for entry fee.
Return the bottom half to the school by Friday February 9th

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Student name______________________________

Student’s guest______________________________

Are you interested in volunteering?
If, yes your name______________________________

Volunteer’s phone number and/or email____________________________________

____6:00pm-6:30pm     ____7:00pm-7:30pm
____6:30pm-7:00pm     ____7:30pm-8:00pm
____Clean up 8:00-8:30pm
DEAR PARENT/CAREGIVER,

Reading is at the heart of education, and the only way to get better at reading is to do it! To help encourage your child to “read their heart out” this year, our classroom is participating in the BOOK IT! Program. Here is how it works, along with a few ideas for how to get involved at home.

AT SCHOOL

Each month from October through March, I will set a reading goal for your child.

I will read aloud in class, show my love for reading and instill a love of reading in your child.

When the goal is met, I will celebrate the achievement by recognizing your child with a Reading Award Certificate in front of the whole class!

AT HOME

Review the goal with your child, and set aside time at home to read every day.

Be a role model by reading yourself and reading to or with your child to show that you, too, value books and love reading.

When your child achieves their monthly goal, make it a celebration! You can redeem your child’s Reading Award Certificate for a free, Personal Pan Pizza, Reading Journal and sticker at Pizza Hut. So, make it a date! That special one-on-one time can make your child’s reading achievement even sweeter!

Sincerely,

KICK OFF

THE BOOK IT! PROGRAM

with these free ebooks and audiobooks

To redeem your ebooks and audiobooks, visit amazon.com/bookit
Download your new books and start reading and listening!

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The Jerusalem Elementary School Student of the Month program is for those students who continuously do the right thing. The program is based on qualities such as character, leadership, and citizenship. This is not based solely on academics. The student of the month is a diligent student, completes his/her assignments on time, shows a strong effort to learn subjects to the best of their ability, is prepared for class, and has good classroom participation.

The student of the month demonstrates excellent behavior in and out of the classroom, is well mannered, and respectful to both peers and adults. The student of the month displays excellent citizenship by working together with classmates in a cooperative attitude. Lastly, the student of the month demonstrates character through his/her compassion, honesty, trustworthiness, responsibility, optimism, and loyalty by helping to create a positive school environment.

Each classroom will acknowledge one student per month to be the Student of the Month. Nominations will be done by the classroom teacher(s) and other staff members within the building. Teachers are encouraged to use the following guidelines:

**RESPECTFUL**
- Honest, trustworthy, and respectful
- Polite and respectful towards other students, staff, volunteers and all guests and visitors.
- Uses kind and positive words
- Listens to the speaker (teacher or peer)
- Be respectful to themselves, each other, their school and their community

**RESPONSIBLE**
- Follows directions and gives 100% of their best effort in class.
- Student is a positive role model by example.
- They are actively engaged in their learning.
- Student follows class and school rules.

**READY**
- Comes to school prepared and ready to learn.
- Uses class time wisely and completes class work in a timely manner.
- Student participates and puts forth good effort in all areas
- Student arrives to school daily and on time

Each nominated student will be acknowledged at the end of the month by enjoying pizza and pop with Mr. Straka, and a special prize will be given. Also, look for the names of these students to be displayed on our Student of the Month bulletin board! Acknowledgement days will take place on the last Friday of the month, unless otherwise specified.

*Do what is expected even when no one is looking!*
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Kindergarten: Tour the NEW Solar System
Kindergarteners will participate in the program "Tour the NEW Solar System" with author Mary Kay Carson. The books associated with this program are Life on Mars, How Many Planets Circle the Sun, and Magic School Bus 3-D: Journey Through the Solar System.

First Grade: Why Are These Animals So Weird?
First Graders will participate in the program "Why Are These Animals So Weird?" with author Mary Kay Carson. The books associated with this program are How Strong is an Ant? And Other Questions About Bugs and Insects, and Deadly and Dangerous.

Second & Third Grade: Helping Endangered Wildlife
Second and Third Graders will participate in the program "Helping Endangered Wildlife" with author Mary Kay Carson. The books associated with this program are Emi and the Rhino Scientist, The Bat Scientists, and Park Scientists: Gila Monsters, Geyser, and Grizzly Bears In America's Own Backyard.

Fourth Grade: Ride the Underground Railroad
Fourth Graders will participate in the program "Ride the Underground Railroad" with author Mary Kay Carson. The book associated with this program is Which Way to Freedom?: And Other Questions About the Underground Railroad.
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In order to ensure that your book arrives in time for Ms. Carson's visit, please place your order by Wednesday, February 21.

If you have questions you can contact Gathering Volumes Bookstore at (567)336-6188 or denise@gatheringvolumes.com.

Student Name: ________________________________
Teacher Name: ________________________________

- Life on Mars Paperback $3.99
- How Many Planets Circle the Sun Paperback $5.95
- Magic School Bus 3-D: Journey Through the Solar System Paperback $7.99
- How Strong is an Ant? Hardcover $12.95
- How Strong is an Ant? Paperback $5.95
- Emi and the Rhino Scientist Paperback $9.99
- The Bat Scientists Hardcover $18.99
- The Bat Scientists Paperback $9.99
- Park Scientists Hardcover $18.99
- Park Scientists Paperback $9.99
- Which Way to Freedom? Hardcover $12.95
- Which Way to Freedom? Paperback $5.95

Total Number of Books: _________

Total Included: ________________
☐ Cash ☐ Check

If you would prefer to pay via credit card, please go to: https://gatheringvolumes.com/?q=p.mary_kay_carson
Looking for volunteers...

**S.T.E.A.M. Day**

(Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Math)

When: Thursday, May 10\textsuperscript{th}

Students K-4 will participate in all day events inspired by the fields of science, technology, engineering, arts, and math.

I am looking for about 60 parent volunteers to help run the events (they will be explained to you in advance). If you are interested in volunteering, please complete the form below and return it to your child’s teacher by April 13\textsuperscript{th}. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Mrs. Lisa Kellar
lkellar@oregoncs.org
419.836.6111 ext. 2215

Volunteer Name: ____________________________________________

Child’s Name: _______________________________________________

Teacher: ____________________________________________________

Contact email: ______________________________________________

Cell: ________________________________________________________
I. ATTENDANCE

OREGON SCHOOLS ATTENDANCE POLICY

"The parent or other person having the care of a child of compulsory school age [ages six to eighteen - ORC 3321.01] is responsible for that child's school attendance. That responsibility is satisfied by attendance at either a school or special education program, which meets the minimum standards prescribed by the State Board of Education. The responsibility of parents for the attendance of school age children ends when (1) the child receives a high school diploma, (2) successfully completes the high school curriculum or, if a handicapped student, his/her individualized education program, (3) the child is excused from school attendance under an age and schooling certificate, or (4) the child is excused from school or special education program attendance under rules prescribed by the State Board of Education." (ORC 3321.04)

Truancy Policy

Regular school attendance is an important ingredient in students' academic success. Excessive absences interfere with students' progress in mastering knowledge and skills necessary to graduate from high school prepared for higher education and the workforce. To support academic success for all students, the district will partner with students and their families to identify and reduce barriers to regular school attendance.

A "habitual truant" student is any child of compulsory age who is absent without a legitimate excuse for:
1) 30 or more consecutive hours (4.5 days) without a legitimate excuse*
2) 42 or more hours (6.25 days) in one month without a legitimate excuse*
3) 72 or more hours (10.5 days) in one year without a legitimate excuse*

*Legitimate/excused reasons to be absent from school are:
1) Personal illness with doctor's note stating that the child is unable to attend school on given day(s)
2) Medical Excuse
3) Death in the family
4) Religious Observations
5) Quarantine
6) Court Subpoena
7) Family Vacation (as approved per policy below)

*Unacceptable reasons for being absent/tardy from school may include but are not limited to: over sleeping, car trouble, missing the bus, ride did not show up, shopping, haircut, beauty shop appointments, babysitting, out-of-school suspension, truancy, family errands, hunting, non-school sponsored activities or sporting events, non-treatment of head lice or other absences not listed as excused. A doctor appointment does not constitute an automatic excused absence.

When a student is habitually truant, the following will occur:
1) Within seven (7) days of the triggering absence, the district will:
   • select members (2 representatives from the school, parents/guardians, and student) for the Absence Intervention Team (AIT)
   • make three attempts to secure the student's parent or guardian's participation on the AIT
2) Within ten (10) days of the triggering absence, the student will be assigned to the selected AIT
3) Within fourteen (14) days after the assignment of the team, the district will develop the student's Absence Intervention Plan