



JET FLASH



Week of August 13, 2018

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Greetings Jerusalem Families,

Welcome back to a new school year! I hope you have enjoyed your summer, and your student(s) are ready to return to school. We are looking forward to getting the new year started. Our custodial/maintenance/secretarial staff has been busy over the summer preparing the building for the 1st day of school. 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>

See you soon!

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:

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>

Jerusalem's Kindergarten Orientation and Bus Safety:

Kindergarten orientation will be held on Monday, August 13th from 4-6pm. Parents/Students will be learning about Bus Safety with Officer Shaw, and going on a short bus ride. Parents will have a brief informational meeting with their student(s) teacher, and have the opportunity to ask questions. Kindergarten parents are also encouraged to attend the Jet Launch (Open House) on Tuesday, August 14th to get additional information.

Jet Launch (Open House):

This year's Jet Launch will be held on Tuesday, August 14th from 5-6:30pm. Students may bring their school supplies to the open house to drop off in their classroom. The school supply lists are available at the following link:

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

First Day for K-4 Students:

All K-4 students report on Thursday, August 16th. The school day is from 9:05-3:35 pm. Morning supervision begins at 8:45 am. If your student(s) is planning on buying breakfast, he/she may be dropped off at 8:45 am. All other students can enter the building at 8:50 am. The tardy bell rings at 9:05 am, and students entering the building after this time will need to be signed in at the office by their parent/guardian.

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 Pictures:

Fall pictures will be taken on Tuesday, August 28th during the school day. More information will be sent home regarding ordering pictures, as we get closer to the date.

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!

Summer Book Club:

We hope you and your student(s) have enjoyed reading *Summer According to Humphrey*. If you have pictures reading with Humphrey or your completed BINGO board, these can be turned in at the front office by August 31st.

Dine to Donate:

The first Dine to Donate will be held at Marco's Pizza. 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 25th, and end on November 15th. Look for more information to come home soon!

JPG News:**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

○ Friday, August 17th

Looking Ahead...

August

13 Kindergarten Bus Safety/Orientation 4:00
14 Jet Launch (Open House) 5:00-6:30 p.m.
15 JPG Teacher Luncheon
16 Classes Begin, Grades K-4
TBD **Dine to Donate: Marco's Pizza**
28 Fall Pictures
29 JPG Monthly Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

September

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

Have a great week!