



# JET FLASH



Week of August 20, 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:**

### **Safety Drills:**

With student safety being one of OCS's top priorities, we feel it is important to have students practice our safety drills throughout the school year. Our first opportunity to practice these drills will be on Wednesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> in the afternoon. We will be conducting a lockdown drill, fire drill, and a tornado drill. These drills will be announced and discussed in the classrooms before they are held. Please discuss these at home as well.

### **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 Pictures:**

Fall pictures will be taken on Tuesday, August 28<sup>th</sup> 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 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:**

Our first JPG Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. Hope to see you there. Child care will be provided!

**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.

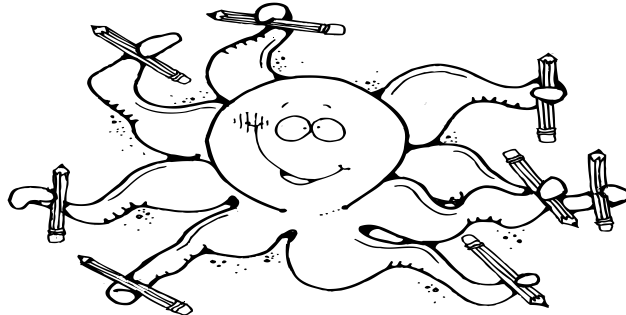
### **OCS FLYER Distribution Center:**

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-  
Celebrating Colors with Kindergarten



Hey Jerusalem,

It is time to celebrate colors in Kindergarten and we would like you to join us. Let's see how many students, teachers, staff members, and bus drivers we can get to join in on the fun!

#### Color Schedule:

Thursday, August 16<sup>th</sup> = First Day of School!

Friday, August 17<sup>th</sup> = Wear Jerusalem or Oregon Colors

Monday, August 20<sup>th</sup> = Yellow

Tuesday, August 21<sup>st</sup> = Green

Wednesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> = Purple

Thursday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> = Orange

Friday, August 24<sup>th</sup> = Blue

Monday, August 27<sup>th</sup> = Red

Tuesday, August 28<sup>th</sup> = Picture Day \*Dress Your Best!

Wednesday, August 29<sup>th</sup> = Brown

Thursday, August 30<sup>th</sup> = Black

Friday, August 31<sup>st</sup> = Wear Your Favorite Color😊

See you in COLOR soon...

1<sup>st</sup> Grade-

The first 2 days back have been very exciting for first graders. Next week we will read story books and follow with reading and writing activities. We will begin adding and subtracting numbers to 10. It will be our first spelling dictation test with short o words, and homework will begin next week. Have a great weekend.

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade-

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade-

The third-grade team would like to welcome everyone back! Next week we will begin a unit on Bullying in ELA, Place Value and Rounding in Math, and Recycling in Science. It was so great to meet all of our new students this week!

4<sup>th</sup> Grade-

This year we are using ClassDojo to encourage important skills, like being respectful, responsible, and ready. We will use it to communicate with you: we can instantly share messages, updates and photos from the class. It's the easiest way for you to see how your child is doing at school and get in touch with us. We would like all families to sign up for ClassDojo! You can use it on any device: it is a simple, free mobile app for iOS and Android, and can be used from a computer at: [www.classdojo.com](http://www.classdojo.com).

STEAM STATION-

We had a great time kicking off the MakerSpace experience with a challenge called the String Lifter. The kids had to work together to lift objects into the air. I look forward to officially seeing everyone next week!

**Upcoming Events:**

**Week of August 20<sup>th</sup>...**

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- Wednesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>                      Wear Purple!  
Safety Drills in the afternoon
- Thursday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>                      Wear Orange!
- Friday, August 24<sup>th</sup>                      Wear Blue!

### **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
- 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
- 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!



