



JET FLASH



Week of September 10, 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:

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:

The first Dine to Donate will be held at Marco's Pizza (Starr Ave. location) on **September 10th**. A portion of the sales will be donated to Jerusalem Elementary. Online sales will earn an additional 5%. The classroom with the most orders will win a FREE pizza party!! Be sure to indicate the name of the teacher when ordering.

Monarch Tag/Release:

On Thursday, **September 13th**, the Toledo Zoo will be working with our Kindergarten students to Tag/Release Monarch butterflies (weather permitting)!

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

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>



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

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!

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-

Some of the kindergarten classrooms will have new faces joining them this week: a student teacher from Bowling Green State University! We welcome Miss Young into Mrs. Fisher's class and Miss Juergens into Mrs. Shanks' class. Both young women will be in the classrooms for the school year. Kindergarten students will be working on the letter Dd this week. And weather permitting, we are excited to share that on Thursday we will be working with The Toledo Zoo to learn about the monarch butterfly migration and tagging them for the journey.

1st Grade-

Next week our spelling words will follow the pattern am, ap. We will continue to practice our reading strategies using our Wonders stories. Be sure to ask you child about our new playground equipment.

2nd Grade-

The 2nd graders are off to great start with the Accelerated Reader Program! Many students have already earned their first charm and a necklace. Wonderful job 2nd graders!!! Please continue to encourage your child to participate in our Accelerated Reader Program!!!

3rd Grade-

The students are doing a great job with the routines, procedures, and academics of third grade! Next week we will finish up our chapter book, Jake Drake, Bully Buster. We will be moving on to addition and subtraction with regrouping, and estimating sums and differences in Math. The students are enjoying our Science unit on Renewable/Nonrenewable Resources. Mrs. Minnick visited our class this week for a great Science lesson on why we should use Renewable Resources. Thank you, Mrs. Minnick!

4th Grade-

Did you know that agendas, mail, and the burgundy folder go home daily? Please help your child develop good study habits by checking these nightly. Even if there is no homework, the agenda should be filled out. Your signature shows us that the agenda was reviewed by an adult. Successful students have good organizational skills!

STEAM STATION-

Upcoming Events:

Week of September 10th...

- Monday, September 10th Dine to Donate at Marco's Pizza
- Tuesday, September 11th
- Wednesday, September 12th
- Thursday, September 13th 1:30 Monarch Tag and Release for K
- Friday, September 14th

Looking Ahead...

September

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!

