



JET FLASH



Week of October 8, 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 Results:

Thank you to everyone that donated to our Jog-A-Thon. We had our awards assembly on October 5th to announce the results and awards. This year we met our goal of **\$16,225.25!!!** 100% of this money goes directly back to the school/students. We couldn't have reached our goal without the generous support of our Jerusalem community.

Jerusalem Family Night:

Mark your calendars for a fun-filled evening at Jerusalem on Tuesday, **October 23rd from 4-7pm.** We have numerous events planned for the entire family

including: STEAM activities, Imagination Station, Book Fair, Author autographs, Internet Safety talks, Kindergarten Literacy talks, Refreshments, and Much More!! A flier was sent home with the students on Friday, October 5th, 2018.

Student Teacher from Germany:

We are fortunate to have a visitor from Germany in our building this week and next. Ms. Boersch will be visiting different classrooms throughout the week to help the teachers/students. If you see her, please welcome her to our Family.

Oregon/Jerusalem Great Escape 2018:

Fire prevention week this year is the week of **October 7-13**. Jerusalem will be participating in the Great Escape once again. Information was sent home on Friday, October 5th. Be sure to practice your escape plan on Saturday, October 13th.

Box Tops for Education:

This is the month for turning in the BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION. There are many tops that are due to expire on 11/1/18 and have to be in the mail prior to earn the \$.10 per top. We continue to collect pop tabs and Aunt Millie bread UPC codes. Thank you for all your support to our students and building.

JPG News:

Thanks to all of those that attended the last JPG Meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, **October 18th** at 6:30. Child care is provided! Also, the Muffins and Me is scheduled for **October 11th and 12th**. Information was sent home with the students this week!

Winter Glove Drive:

Clay High School Volunteer Focus is partnering with Friends of Lucas County Children Services by hosting a winter glove drive at the home football games **October 5 & October 19**. For every new pair of winter gloves donated, you will receive a ticket for a free popcorn from the concession stand. These gloves will be given to foster children at their annual Trunk or Treat Event. Last year, 2500 foster children attended this event. 40% of these children are age 6 or younger. Friends of LCCS's goal is to provide each child with a new pair of winter gloves for the upcoming season. Volunteer Focus students will be accepting these donations near the home side concession stand.

Jet Fitness Club:

Jet Fitness Club is open to all 2nd-4th 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**. Please see the flyer that was sent home with your child on Friday September 21st. We look forward to seeing all 2nd-4th grade students who was to participate this upcoming Tuesday September 25th. If you have any questions, please email Mr. Allen, gallen@oregoncs.org.

Dine to Donate:

Our next Dine to Donate is scheduled for Wednesday, **October 10th**, at Bob Evans on Navarre!

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.

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!

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-

This week's letter is Ll. The Great Escape 2018 materials have been sent home. Please discuss your family's fire escape plans and complete the map, returning it to school when finished. October is National Fire Prevention month and activities have been planned surrounding this theme!

1st Grade-

Our spelling sound for next week is short u (um, un). In math, we are continuing to work on addition and subtraction story problems to 10. Do not forget about your day for muffins and me. This week we will work on fire safety activities.

2nd Grade-

3rd Grade-

Have a great week!

