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:


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:**

**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!! More information will be going home with students on Monday, October 15th!!

**4th Grade OCS STEM Academy:**
Online registrations are now being accepted for any 4th grade student interested in learning basic programming using Lego kits. The first 7-week after school session begins the week of October 22. Class size is limited to 24 students, so register your child today. Detailed information was sent home Friday, October 5 and can be found below. Register here by Wednesday, October 17.

**Great Escape:**
Families practice their escape at home on Saturday, **Oct. 13th**. Students need to return their Plan and Quiz by Wednesday, Oct. 17th to their teacher.

**1st Quarter Jet Shop:**
The First Quarter Jet Shop is scheduled for Tuesday, **October 16th**. Student will be able to redeem their Fuel Points /Dojo Points at this time. Thanks, JPC for your help with this event!

**3rd Grade State Test:**
All 3rd grade students will be taking the Fall ELA State Test on **October 23rd and 24th**. A letter regarding the importance of this test, and some tips to help your child(ren) be more successful will be sent home in the near future.

**Halloween Parade/Costume Requirements:**
The Halloween parade is scheduled for **October 31st** beginning approximately at 2:00. Information will be sent home in the near future with the students detailing information on parent attendance, parking, and costume guidelines.

**Halloween Hayride:**
Jerusalem is planning a Hayride for the students on **October 31st during the day**. A permission slip will be sent home in the near future with the students detailing this event.

**Jog-A-Thon Results:**
Attached to this newsletter are the results from the 2018 Jog-A-Thon. Every class will receive a Sundae Party on **October 15th** for raising over $600!! Great job everyone!!

**From our Counselor:**
During the month of October, Mrs. Hower will be going into all of the 1st and 3rd grade classrooms to discuss personal safety through the Child Abuse
Prevention Program (CAPP). CAPP teaches children to recognize dangerous situations and communicate their concerns to adults. Children will practice identifying the many adults in their families and in their lives that they can talk to if they have a problem. There are two lessons that will last about 45 minutes each. Once both lessons have been taught to a class, parents will receive a letter recapping what has been talked about and how to continue the conversation at home. Non-permission slips were sent home the first week in October for parents to sign if they DID NOT want their child participating in this program. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Hower (419) 836-6111 ext. 2102.

**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!

**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, galen@oregoncs.org.

Dine to Donate:
Thanks to everyone that participated in our Dine to Donate at Bob Evans! Thanks for your support. Our next Dine to Donate is scheduled for Tuesday, October 23rd, at Marco’s Pizza 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.*

Teaching staff 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/](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

**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=31AB](http://www.oregoncityschools.org/protected/ArticleView.aspx?iid=5YIBGB&dasi=31AB)

**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:
STEAM Class-
This week in STEAM the students used the engineer design process to begin our cardboard creations. The cardboard challenge is something that is done globally throughout the month of October. We have our design, we can't wait to begin to build!

Kindergarten-
This week’s letter is Hh. The end of the 1st quarter will be arriving in a few short weeks. Testing for grade cards will be happening in the classrooms. Also, be on the lookout for your reminder slip for your November parent-teacher conference with your child’s teacher. You signed up for an appointment during Jet Launch/Open House. If you did not and need to make an appointment, please contact your child’s teacher directly.

1st Grade-
Our spelling sound will be short u for the week. (ug, ut). We are working on our reading and writing skills by learning facts about spiders and bats. In math, we are continuing to practice adding and subtracting problems and story problems to 10. Remember Family Night is October 23rd.

2nd Grade-
This week the 2nd graders will work on problem solving in Math and in Language Arts we will continue to learn about different types of nouns. Please encourage your child to work on completing their reading goal for Book-It Program. The 2nd grade goal is to read for 15 minutes, 20 days of the month. Once the calendar has been completed, please sign and return the calendar by the end of the month. Your child will receive a certificate for a free Personal Pan Pizza from Pizza Hut!
3rd Grade-
Third grade is wrapping up Assessments for the quarter. We will spend some time next week doing practice tests for the State ELA Test. The students are also looking forward to our first Jet Shop of the year on Tuesday, 10/16.

4th Grade-
Our students have been busy this week! They presented landform projects, researched historic Native Americans and started the design process for the Cardboard Challenge. Many of our activities involve cooperative learning. They are learning to work together to achieve a goal.

**Upcoming Events:**

**Week of October 15th...**

- Monday, October 15th
  - Ice Cream Sundaes for Jog-A-Thon award

- Tuesday, October 16th
  - 1st Quarter Jet Shop
  - 8:00- Fitness Club for 2-4 grade
  - 3:30 3rd Grade Art Club

- Wednesday, October 17th

- Thursday, October 18th
  - End of 1st Quarter
  - 8:00- Fitness Club for 2-4 grade
  - 3:30 1st Grade Art Club
  - 6:30 JPG Meeting

- Friday, October 19th

**Looking Ahead...**

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30  1st Quarter Grades Final
31  Classroom Halloween Parties & Parade at 2:00

Have a great week!
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.
# 2018 Jog-a-thon Results

## Overall Leaders:
**Received Walleye Bundles**
1. Aaliyah Watts (4) $467
2. Caden Kaminski (3) $430
3. Thomas McLear (4) $420

## Kindergarten Leaders:
1. Logan Chisolm $400
2. Piper Crow $200
3. Olivia Cassoni $150

## First Grade Leaders:
1. Isabel Shimman $334
2. Morgan Monto $170
3. Quinn Young $160

## Second Grade Leaders:
1. Addison Vay $400
2. Cameron Lutz $200
3. Kaitlyn Amstutz $135

## Third Grade Leaders:
1. Caden Kaminski $430
2. Parker Chisolm $350
3. Warren Page $235

## Fourth Grade Leaders:
1. Aaliyah Watts $467
2. Thomas McLear $420
3. Elijah Shimman $349

## Class Leaders:
1. Mrs. Knierim $1600
2. Mrs. Overman $1334
3. Mrs. Fisher $1269

## Grade Rankings:
1. Fourth Grade $4556.00
2. Third Grade $3249.00
3. Kindergarten $3163.25
4. Second Grade $2747.00
5. First Grade $2325.00

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170 students earned lanyards for collecting at least $25 in donations
137 students earned water bottles for collecting at least $40 in donations
121 students earned shirts for collecting at least $50 in donations
67 students earned drawstring bags for collecting at least $100 in donations

**Sundae Party Winners (over $600 in total class donations):**
EVERY CLASS won a sundae party!!!!!

## Lap Winners (receive plaque):
- Kindergarten: Fisher
- First Grade: Singlar
- Second Grade: Wojo
- Third Grade: Linville
- Fourth Grade: Overman

## Overall Most Individual Laps:
- Kindergarten: Boy-Logan Chisholm (22) Girl-Adrianna Facer (18)
- First Grade: Boy-Braxton Lodzinski (20) Girl-Jaylee Schmidt (21)
- Second Grade: Boy-Kyle O’Neil (25) Girl-Addison Vay (21)
- Third Grade: Boy-Maddox Byers (23) Girl-Evionna Warnke (22)
- Fourth Grade: Boy-Brayden Toneff (27) Girl-Alexi Fisher (21)

Thank you students and families for all your hard work in making this year’s Jog-a-thon a huge success!
$16,225.25 Raised!!!
### 2018 Jerusalem Jog-a-thon Results

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Thank you to all the students who collected money and ran or walked!  
Special thanks to all the volunteers who help make our jog-a-thon a success!  
Congratulations to Fourth Grader: Brayden Toneff on running the most laps, 27 laps (1.3 miles)!
Oregon City Schools STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) Academy is offering an opportunity for fourth grade students to participate in after-school STEM activities. Lego Education WeDo 2.0 kits and activities will be used during this session, with students collaborating to complete various projects. Students will learn some basic programming in this session, going beyond just building with the Lego bricks.

We will be offering three 7-week sessions this school year (one in the fall, one in the winter, and one in the spring). Students can apply to participate in one, two, or all three sessions. Each session will be limited to 24 fourth grade students, and the fall session will begin on Tuesday, October 23. Each session will last 1½ hours immediately after school from 3:40 - 5:10 p.m. The specific dates for the fall session are:

Tuesday, October 23
Tuesday, October 30
**Wednesday**, November 7
Tuesday, November 13
Tuesday, November 20
Tuesday, November 27
Tuesday, December 4

If you feel your child is interested in programming and may benefit from this after-school program, please complete the online registration at [https://tinyurl.com/OCSSTEM4FALL](https://tinyurl.com/OCSSTEM4FALL) no later than Wednesday, October 17. You can also access the registration form by scanning the QR to the right.

**The OCS STEM Academy is an after-school activity; therefore, parents must provide students with reliable, ON-TIME transportation!**

Thank you,

Mrs. Heidi Straka
Jerusalem Advisor