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, and is attached below.

**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.

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 was sent home this week and is attached below.

Halloween Parade/Costume Requirements: The Halloween parade is scheduled for October 31st beginning approximately at 2:00. Information was sent home this week with the students detailing information on parent attendance, parking, and costume guidelines. This information is also attached below.

Halloween Hayride: Jerusalem is planning a Hayride for the students on October 31st during the day. A permission was sent home this week with the students detailing this event. This information is also attached below.

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, **November 12th** at 6:30. Child care is provided!

**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](mailto:gallen@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.

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!!

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](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](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:
Please call the school with questions/concerns.

**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 kids began working on their design plan for cardboard creations. Don't forget to join us for family night on Oct 23 4-7!

Kindergarten-
This week’s letter is Tt. Get ready for Right to Read Week! We have so many fun, school-wide activities that will revolve around this theme! Don't forget about the STEAM evening on Tuesday too! We hope you can make it out for this fun event for the whole family! Stop by room 109 for a special K focused, literacy learning time that evening! We have also been busy assessing +
testing our students for grade cards, which will be sent home at the end of the month.

1st Grade-
Our spelling sound is short e and the words are ed and et words. In reading we are continuing to work on bat activities and writing facts about bats. We are looking forward to seeing our first graders and their parents at Family Night on October 23rd. Our shopping day for Book Fair is October 24th.

2nd Grade-
In Language Arts, the 2nd graders have been learning about bats in preparation for the author visit on October 23rd. In Math, we will continue to learn about addition and subtraction strategies and problem solving. The 2nd graders are excited about our upcoming Halloween festivities on October 31st. Please look for more information to be coming home soon!

3rd Grade-
Third grade is excited for Right to Read Week. Please see the information sheet that is being sent home Friday about the activities for Right to Read Week. We are looking forward to seeing everyone at Family STEAM Night on Tuesday. Also, please make sure your child gets plenty of rest, a healthy breakfast, and please send a healthy snack on the days of the ELA OST, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week.

4th Grade-
We continue our Science study of forces that change the Earth’s surface, focusing on erosion, weathering, and deposition. In Social Studies, we are learning about historic Indians and early people in Ohio. Interactions with both groups resulted in cooperation and conflict.
Upcoming Events:

Week of October 22nd (Right to Read Week)...
Theme: “Batty for Books”

- **Monday, October 22nd**  
  Wear clothes with Bats/Batman on them

- **Tuesday, October 23rd**  
  3rd Grade ELA OST  
  Author visit  
  Wear Spirit Wear  
  8:00- Fitness Club for 2-4 grade  
  3:30 3rd Grade Art Club  
  4-7 Family Night!

- **Wednesday, October 24th**  
  3rd Grade ELA OST  
  Book Fair during the day

- **Thursday, October 25th**  
  Wear Shirt with Words on it!  
  8:00- Fitness Club for 2-4 grade  
  3:30 1st Grade Art Club

- **Friday, October 26th**

Looking Ahead...

**October**
22-26  Right to Read Week  
23  Dine to Donate: Marco’s Pizza  
23  Family Night at the Book Fair, 4:00 pm  
23-24  3rd Grade ELA Ohio State Test  
24-25  Fall Book Fair  
30  1st Quarter Grades Final  
31  Classroom Halloween Parties & Parade at 2:00

**November**
5  Staff Work Day: No School  
6  Parent/Teacher Conferences:  
  8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. & 5:00-8:00 p.m.  
7  Parent/Teacher Conferences 5:00-8:00  
9  Veterans Day Program, 2:00 p.m.  
12  JPG Monthly Meeting, 6:30 p.m.  
15  Dine to Donate: Marco’s Pizza  
20  JPG Movie Night, 6:30-9:00 p.m.
21          Staff Work Day, No School
22-23        Thanksgiving Break

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.
Right to Read Week
OCTOBER 22-26
“Batty for Books”

M 10/22  We’re Batty for Books!
         Wear clothes with a Bat or Batman Logo on it

T 10/23  Author Visit and Family Night
         Welcome Mary Kay Carson by wearing Jerusalem Spirit Wear

W 10/24  Batty Facts
         Let’s share a batty fact from Ms. Carson’s “Batty Science”

Th 10/25 Read my T-shirt Day
       Wear a Shirt with Words on it

F 10/26  Going Batty with Laughter
         We’ll be telling really batty jokes today!
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 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
October, 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The third grade is an important milestone in a child’s education. A student must possess good, basic reading skills by the end of grade 3 as a basis for learning in higher grades. In 2012, the Ohio General Assembly passed legislation known as The Third Grade Reading Guarantee. The state law requires schools to assess the reading skills of K-3 students at the beginning of each school year and provide extra help to those who are behind.

The law also requires third grade students to score a 677 or better on the English Language Arts Ohio State Test or a 45 or higher on the reading subscore. During the school year the students will have 2 opportunities to take the English Language Arts State Test. The first assessment will be given on Tuesday, October 23 and Wednesday, October 24. The same assessment will be given on Wednesday, April 10 and Thursday, April 11. Please note that a score of 677 or above on the English Language Arts Ohio State Test or a 45 or higher on the reading subscore will be needed either in the fall or next spring for your child to be promoted to grade 4 in the fall of 2019.

Your child will be able to take an “alternative” reading achievement test if he or she does not score a 677 or above on the English Language Arts Ohio State Test or a 45 or higher on the reading subscore. This is in addition to the fall and spring state reading achievement tests. If a child gets a high enough score on the “alternative” test, he or she will progress to fourth grade.

The morning of your child’s test, follow the recommendations below to get your child’s day off to a great start and promote testing success.

- Encourage your child to take the test seriously and do his or her best.
- Encourage your child to be relaxed, think positive, and be confident that he or she will do well.
- Remind your child to carefully read the test questions and to not rush through the test.
- Remind your child to check his or her answers if there is extra time.
- Make sure your child is well rested, has a good breakfast which includes protein, and leaves home with a positive attitude.
- Dress your child comfortably and avoid any unnecessary distractions.
- Get your child to school on time, give him or her a hug and wish your child good luck!

It is our hope that every student can demonstrate proficiency in the area of reading and be able to move to Grade 4 on schedule. If you have questions or concerns, feel free to contact me at (419) 693-0661 or email me at jconkle@oregoncs.org. For additional information regarding the Third Grade Reading Guarantee, visit education.ohio.gov and type Parent Roadmaps in the search box.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Conkle
Director of Teaching and Learning
You’re Invited to Family S.T.E.A.M Night

Science • Technology • Engineering • Arts • Mathematics

Tuesday, October 23rd 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Makerspace and other hands-on activities!
Imagination Station • Book Fair • Concessions

Author: Mary Kay Carson • Internet Safety Talks
Kindergarten Literacy Talk

To help give us a better idea of how many people to prep for,
Please RSVP with this slip by:
Friday, October 19th
• Not required, but a courtesy •

☐ Yes, ___ people plan on attending
☐ No, we will not be able to attend
Monday, October 22, 2018

Dear Jerusalem Parents/Guardians:

I hope this letter finds your family enjoying the changing of the season! As Halloween approaches, please reference the following for updates on Halloween-related school activities, as well as guidelines for costumes worn on Halloween.

**Halloween Parade:** On Wednesday, October 31st we will hold our annual Halloween Parade. The parade will begin at approximately 2:00 p.m., and will last approximately 20 minutes. Students will line up by grade level, and will exit the Northeast doors, indicated on the parade route map (reverse side). Students will parade around the perimeter of the east/back parking lot, by grade-level (oldest to youngest). Parents may line up outside to take pictures and watch the parade, but for safety purposes and due to limited space, **CANNOT** enter the building. Visitors are asked to stay on the outside perimeter of the parade route. If you have already made arrangements with a classroom teacher to assist with the parade and/or parties, you **must** check in at the office and wear a visitor pass while at Jerusalem. In case of rain, the parade will be held inside, during which time we ask visitors to enter the main entrance only, and to gather in the gymnasium. **To avoid congestion with busses, parent/visitors will need to park along the north end of the parking lot or in the Jerusalem Parks and Recreation parking lot (entrance off Sacks Rd.) and to ensure vehicles are allowing for normal passage of our busses by 3:00 p.m.**

**Halloween Costumes:** Please support the following guidelines to ensure our Halloween activities are both fun and safe for all students. **No costumes by adult visitors**

- DO use sound judgment when selecting our costumes.
- DO NOT wear costumes to school. Student must bring costumes to school.
- DO NOT wear/apply face paint/make-up, gel, or hair spray prior to arriving to school.
- DO NOT bring any type of weaponry or anything that resembles weaponry.
- DO NOT wear clothing that could be considered inappropriate (poor taste) for school (Halter tops, showing of the midriff, overly short skirts or shorts).
- DO NOT wear “gory” costumes. Masks are not permitted during the school day or the parade.
- Unless specified by the teacher, assistance will not be needed with student costumes.

**Classroom Parties:** The decision whether to hold a classroom party is at the discretion of each teacher, and may take place either before or after the parade. Classroom teachers will contact parents/guardians directly if assistance is needed with classroom parties, and will provide the office with the approved list of visitor/helpers.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in helping demonstrate **Jerusalem Pride** with upcoming Halloween activities. We appreciate your continued support!

Warm Regards,

Mr. Straka and Jerusalem Staff
How would Halloween be complete without a Hay Ride!

We have contacted a former student and local farmer that is willing to give us all a Hay Ride on Halloween, October 31st. Each classroom has been assigned a time and will be supervised by their teacher. There will NOT be any other riders on this Hay Ride. The ride will last approximately 20 minutes right here at Jerusalem/Jerusalem Recreation.

We don't want anyone to miss out on this experience. Please sign and return the bottom of this form giving permission or denying your student the ride. If for some reason that your student has allergies you may want to take the needed precautions.

All forms MUST be returned by Monday, Oct. 29th

________________________________________________________
Detach and return by October 29th, 2018

My student ___________________________ Teacher ________

Has permission _______ Does not have permission _______

To go on the HayRide on October 31st, 2018

Parent signature ______________________________________