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:**

**Halloween Safety Talks:**
Officer Shaw will be talking to our Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grade students about being safe on Halloween. This will take place on Monday, **October 29th**.

**1st Quarter Grades:**
1st Quarter Grades are being finalized, and a copy of the grade cards will be sent home with students on Tuesday, **October 30th**. Please sign and return the envelope to the teacher at parent-teacher conferences or no later than Friday, **November 2nd**.
Halloween Parade/Costume Requirements:
Reminder about Halloween Parade.
ONLY parents that have confirmed with the teacher ahead of time will be permitted in the classroom. All others that want to watch the parade need to line up on the out-skirts of the blacktop (in the event of rain, visitors will be allowed in the gym)

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.

PB & J Drive:
Are you an Ohio State fan or a Michigan fan? Your chance to vote is right around the corner! Our annual PB & J drive will run from November 1st - November 16th. If you are an Ohio State fan, bring in peanut butter. If you are a Michigan fan, bring in jelly. Aside from the border battle, our school goal for this year will be 300 total jars of peanut butter and jelly. If we meet this goal, students will have a chance to wear PJ’s (Peanut butter and Jelly) on Monday, November 19th. Look for more information next week!

No School for Students November 5th and 6th:
Reminder: Student do not have school on Monday, November 5th, due to a teacher work day. Also, students do not have school on Tuesday, November 6th, due to parent/teacher conferences.

Parent/Teacher Conferences:
Parent/Teacher conferences are scheduled for Tuesday, November 6th (8:00 am to 8:00 pm), and Wednesday, November 7th (5:00 pm to 8:00 pm). Please be prompt, and arrive at your scheduled time. Thanks!

Oregon Eagle Basketball Club:
See the attached flyer for more information regarding the Oregon Eagle Basketball Club. Information is also available in the office. The registration info can be found at the following link: http://www.oregoncityschools.org/Downloads/Oregon%20Sports%20Academy%20Flyer.pdf

Winter Wonderland Dance:
Girls...you are invited to a Magical Winter Wonderland Dance! This is being held on Sunday, December 2nd from 4-7 pm at Great Lakes Events. See the attached flyer for more information.

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!

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.

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:

Thanks to everyone that participated in our Dine to Donate at Marco’s Pizza. Congratulations to Mrs. Jaquillard’s class for earning the most money. Her class will receive a Pizza Party compliments of Marco’s in the near future! The next Dine to Donate is at Marco’s Pizza on November 15th. Please support your school!

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:
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-
Thank you to everyone who can and participated in our first Family STEAM Night. We had a great time.

Kindergarten-
No letter of the week scheduled for this week, as it is a review week in kindergarten. Look for the envelope that contains your child’s grade card that will be coming home. Make sure to look over all the contents inside, and sign and return the envelope. Our class and school-wide Halloween Celebration is taking place on Wednesday. Please make sure to review the rules and expectations of costumes included in the newsletter! It’s going to be another exciting + busy week!
1st Grade-
Our spelling sound will be short e words (en, eg). In math, we are continuing to work on our adding and subtracting skills. We will talk about fact families as a way to add and subtract same numbers. For our reading stories, this quarter we will work on Characters, Setting, Problem and Solution, and other strategies to improve our reading skills. Report cards will be coming home on Tuesday October 30th, please keep report card and send back envelop signed.

2nd Grade-
The 2nd graders have been busy getting ready for Halloween by completing several Halloween related projects, including learning about bats. We are excited for our hayride, school parade, and Halloween celebration on October 31st! In Math, we will start Chapter 4, 2-Digit Addition. Look for information regarding a special Thanksgiving project to be coming home soon!!!

3rd Grade-
Third grade would like to thank everyone that came to Family Night, it was a lot of fun! We are looking forward to our hayride, Halloween parade, and Halloween classroom parties next Wednesday. We will be reading some fun Halloween stories/articles next week, and doing some “Monster Multiplication”.

4th Grade-
Our students paired with Coca Cola Bottling Company Consolidated to send messages to service men and women in the “#MiniBottleMessage” project. This campaign was launched to inspire and honor those inspire and serve us every day. The children wrote positive messages, which will be rolled, tied, and put in mini bottles. The bottled messages will be sent to military service members, veterans and their families.
**Upcoming Events:**

**Week of October 29th...**

- **Monday, October 29th**
  Halloween Safety Talks (K, 1, 2) with Officer Shaw

- **Tuesday, October 30th**
  8:00 Fitness Club

- **Wednesday, October 31st**
  Halloween Hayride for students
  2:00 Halloween Parade/Parties

- **Thursday, November 1st**
  PB & J drive begins
  8:00 Fitness Club
  9:30 Art Museum Field Trip (Bleau, Sneed, Overman)
  3:30 Art Club for Kindergarten

- **Friday, November 2nd**
  9:30 Art Museum Field Trip (Caris, Swangstu)
  2:30 SOM Pizza Party

**Looking Ahead...**

**October**

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.
Waiver

By enrolling in Oregon Sports Academy, participate and responsible party understand that all participation is done so at he/she own risk. Oregon Sports Academy and its owner, volunteers, and/or agents shall not be liable for any damage arising from personal injury or property loss sustained by participant while involved in the program. Participants and responsible parties assume full responsibility for all injuries, and damages which may occur. He/she does hereby fully and forever release discharged hold harmless Oregon Sports Academy, all associated facilities & owners including Oregon City Schools, employees, volunteers, and agents from any and all claims, demands, damages, or rights of action, present or future, resulting from any person’s participation in any of the facilities or activities. In addition the undersigned agrees that all involved will follow the rules and regulations set forth by Oregon Sports Academy. By signing I verify that the participate under my guardianship is in good physical health and able to participate in activity. I waive all responsibility to Oregon Sports Academy for any injuries.

Parent/Guardian Signature   Date

Parent/Guardian Name (print)

I authorize emergency medical treatment for my child in the event he/she would require such treatment and I am not available for consent.

Parent/Guardian Signature   Date

Parent/Guardian Name (print)

"I can accept FAILURE, everyone fails at something, but what I can't accept is NOT TRYING!"

--Michael Jordan

“There’s winning and there’s losing and in life both will happen. What is never acceptable to me is quitting.”

--Earvin “Magic” Johnson

Oregon Sports Academy
Eagle Basketball Club

Youth sports program aimed at impacting youth through hands on sports education, training, and support in Oregon and the surrounding areas.

Mission – To help kids embrace the game, master fundamental skills, & develop teamwork and sportsmanship they will use throughout their lives.
OCS STEM Academy – Jerusalem Grade 4

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
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,

[Signature]

Mr. Straka and Jerusalem Staff
October 22, 2018

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

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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 ________________________________________
Girls...you are invited to a Magical Winter Wonderland Dance

Invite that special someone and come join us for a wintery wonderland filled with dancing, treats and fun!!

**Sunday, December 2nd**
**4-7pm**
**At Great Lakes Events**
**540 South St Clair St Toledo, Ohio 43604**

Cost is $20/couple and $8/extra girl
Photo booth, desserts, dancing and raffles
(1 free ticket with entry)

Corsages available for purchase
Registration due due by Nov 20th.

Name(s)______________________________________
Number attending_____________________________
Phone & email_________________________________

Mail to Andrea Coughlin 25 N Decant Rd, Curtice, Ohio 43412
or turn in to office at Jerusalem Elementary
Checks payable to Girl Scout Troop 10813
Child must attend with adult 18 and older
Questions call Andrea 419-304-9015