



JET FLASH



Week of December 3, 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:

November's Students of the Month (SOM):

We recognized our November SOM recipients on Thursday, November 29th. Students were announced over the PA system in the afternoon, and were presented with a certificate following announcements. Students had their pictures taken, and will soon have them displayed on a bulletin board in the hallway outside of the gymnasium. At the end of the day on Friday, all of this month's students enjoyed Pizza (thanks Joe's Pizza and Kitchen for the donation) with Mr. Straka, Mrs. Hower, and Mrs. Wasserman. Lastly, students were given a special t-shirt to wear proudly on designated days throughout the year. **We are requesting that ALL of our Students' of the Month wear**

their shirt the first Friday of each month. Throughout the year, more students will be recognized and able to participate. November's SOM are listed below. Congratulations!

Kindergarten

Mrs. Fisher-	Blake Bienyk
Mrs. Kidd-	Selene Mahr
Mrs. Shanks-	Gunner Swanson

1st Grade

Mrs. Jaquillard-	Andrew Naugle
Ms. Singlar-	Makayla Wolfe
Ms. Wineland-	Gavin Zuver

2nd Grade

Mrs. Adam-	Paige Schlikey
Mrs. Ostrander-	Haylen Spafford
Mrs. Wojciechowski-	Easton Schnabel

3rd Grade

Mrs. Hart-	Cooper Schreiber
Mrs. Knierim-	Kenna King
Ms. Linville-	Claire Martin

4th Grade

Mrs. Bleau-	Thomas McLear
Ms. Caris-	Alivia Macrae
Mrs. Overman-	Morgan Bird
Mrs. Sneed-	Augie Lohmeyer
Mrs. Swangstu-	Brecken Hower

Outdoor Recess:

Be sure to send your student(s) to school with appropriate outdoor gear. Winter coats, hats, and gloves should be worn to school every day. Make sure to put the student's name on all items in case they are lost. Students will go outside for recess weather permitting.

Old Newsboys:

We are fortunate again to benefit from the Old Newsboys generosity. Each year they donate coats and shoes to families in need. If your student(s), or families you know of, is in need, please contact Mr. Straka at jstraka@oregoncs.org or Mrs. Hower at shower@oregoncs.org
All information will be kept confidential.

Food Drive:

This holiday season, we are excited to grow our heart three sizes bigger, just like the Grinch! To make this happen, Jerusalem elementary staff, students, and families have the opportunity to give back to our community by helping with the food drive. The food drive will take place December 3rd- December 7th. This year, we challenge each grade level to bring in as many items as possible. The grade level with the highest number of items will earn a reward activity and special treat!

Items may include, but not limited to:

Canned: soup, fruits, veggies, other

Household: cereal, bar soap, dish soap

Personal: toothpaste, shampoo, baby wipes

Thank you, Jets!

Toy Collection:

The Oregon Health & Welfare are collecting toys for infants to 12 years old. New and unwrapped gifts can be dropped off in the lobby until December 14th. Thanks for your generosity!

Holiday Help:

If you are needing assistance for food, clothes, winter wear, and/or Christmas gifts, please contact Mrs. Hower ASAP! Her contact information is shower@oregoncs.org, 419-836-6111 ext 2202, or send her a Dojo message. All information will be kept confidential.

3rd and 4th Grade Christmas Program:

The 3rd and 4th grade students will be performing their annual Christmas program on Monday December 10th at 6:30. The program will be held at Clay High School in the auditorium. Please have your students there by 6:15.

The 3rd graders are being asked to wear things in Christmas colors. (red, green, white, gold, silver, black) I have told the kids to think of it as a special occasion and to try and wear something nice.

The 4th graders are performing a play and I will have their costumes. They just need to wear dark colored pants and a light-colored t-shirt. They will have a shirt to wear over it. Please be sure to return the permission slip so the students can ride the bus to rehearse at Clay the morning of our program.

Thank you for all your support.

If you have any questions, please email or dojo Mrs. Gibson.

CHS Volunteer Focus 7th Annual Cookie Walk:

Clay High School is hosting the 7th annual cookie walk. For more information, see the flyer below.

JPG News:

Thanks to all of those that attended the last JPG Meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, **December 6th** at 6:30. Child care is provided!

FREE Reading Books:

Be sure to grab some FREE books for your child(ren) next time you are in the building. We want to get these books in the hands of the kids! See Mrs. Freimark in the office or contact your teacher for more details.

Dine to Donate:

Thanks to everyone that participated in our Dine to Donate at Marco's Pizza. The next Dine to Donate is at Marco's Pizza on **December 10th**. Please support your school!

Jet Fitness Club:

Winter session for the Jet Fitness Club runs from Tuesday, January 15th through Thursday, March 7th. The club meets every Tuesday and Thursday from 8:00 am – 8:45 am. Fitness Club is cancelled if there is a 2-hour delay. Contact Mr. Allen with questions at gallen@oregoncs.org

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.

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>

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:

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Please call the school with questions/concerns.

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 will learned how to code and we will be using Hour of Code to help improve our skills.

Kindergarten-

This week's letter is Kk. All classes have had their 1st trip to the Toledo Museum of Art and had wonderful experiences! We are looking forward to our 2nd visit to the TMA in 2019.

1st Grade-

This week's spelling will be ending blends. In reading we will read Christmas stories and engage in activities that relate to these stories. We will continue to work on Character, Setting, Problem and Solution strategies. In math we are working on story problems to 20, counting to 120, and our math facts.

2nd Grade-

The 2nd graders are looking forward to celebrating Christmas with some theme related days the week of December 17th. Second grade students have the option to dress up each day, but it is not required.

Monday, December 17-Candy Cane Day: Wear red and white

Tuesday, December 18-Grinch Day: Wear a green or Grinch shirt and Santa

hat

Wednesday, December 19-Grinch Day: Wear a green or Grinch shirt and Santa hat

Thursday, December 20-Elf Day: Wear red, green and white

Friday, December 21-Polar Express Day: Wear a robe or pajamas and slippers (slippers can be brought to school and worn in the classroom)

3rd Grade-

The Third Graders are busy practicing their songs with Mrs. Gibson for the Christmas Concert which will be held on Monday, December 10th, at 6:30, at Clay High School. Our classes will be visiting the "Santa Shop" on Thursday, December 13th. The students are also working very hard in the classroom on Main Idea, Character Traits, and Multiplication.

4th Grade-

Our students are participating in mixed grouping during the month of December in both Math and ELA. We continue to study ecosystems in Science. In ELA, the children are working on finding the theme of various type of literature. The students are learning the distributive property, partial quotient and regrouping methods to solve one-digit division problems in Math.

Upcoming Events:

Week of December 3rd...

- Monday, December 3rd Jerusalem Food Drive
- Tuesday, December 4th Jerusalem Food Drive
3:30 STEM Club (4th Grade)
- Wednesday, December 5th Jerusalem Food Drive
- Thursday, December 6th Jerusalem Food Drive
6:30 JPG Meeting

○ Friday, December 7th

Jerusalem Food Drive

Looking Ahead...

December

- 6 JPG Monthly Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 10 Dine to Donate: Marco's Pizza
- 10 3rd/4th Grade Christmas Program, 6:30 p.m.
- 13 Santa Shop, All Day & 4-7 p.m.
- 19 JPG Staff Luncheon
- 21 End of 2nd Nine Week Period
- 21 Christmas Break Begins at Close of Day

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.

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

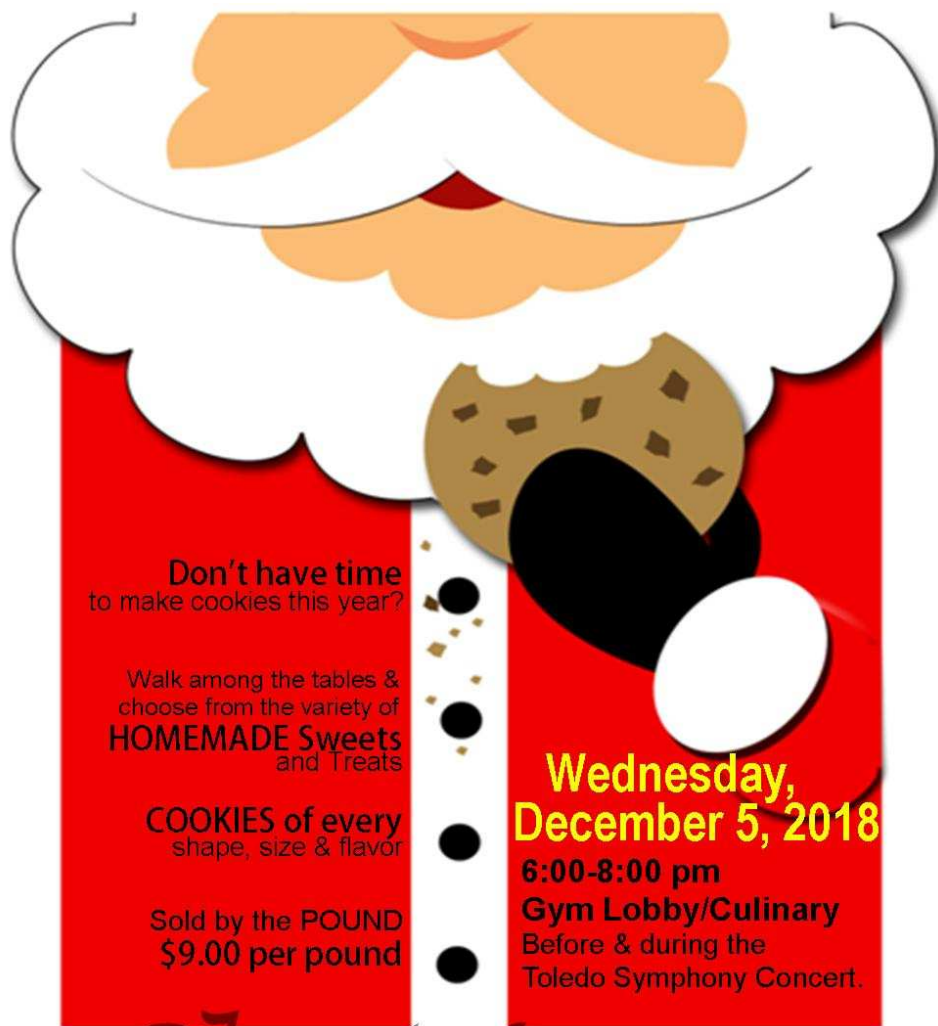
If you feel your child is interested in programming and may benefit from this after-school program, please complete the online registration at <https://tinyurl.com/OCSSTEM4FALL> no later than Wednesday, October 17. You can also access the registration form by scanning the QR to the right.



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



Don't have time
to make cookies this year?

Walk among the tables &
choose from the variety of
HOMEMADE Sweets
and Treats

COOKIES of every
shape, size & flavor

Sold by the POUND
\$9.00 per pound

**Wednesday,
December 5, 2018**

6:00-8:00 pm

Gym Lobby/Culinary

Before & during the
Toledo Symphony Concert.

Christmas Cookies

PRESENTED BY: CLAY HIGH SCHOOL
VOLUNTEER FOCUS

