



# JET FLASH



Week of December 10, 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](mailto: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:**

### **Summer with Humphrey Reward:**

The students that turned in their Summer with Humphrey BINGO boards from our Summer Reading Program received an Ice Cream treat on Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. Great job! Sorry for the delay.

### **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. Parents, please encourage your student(s) to get in the habit of putting their hats/gloves in their sleeves of their coats when they are not in use. We want

to make sure students are not losing them as they enter/exit the building. Also, 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](mailto:jstraka@oregoncs.org) or Mrs. Hower at [shower@oregoncs.org](mailto:shower@oregoncs.org). All information will be kept confidential.

### **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](mailto:shower@oregoncs.org), 419-836-6111 ext 2202, or send her a Dojo message. All information will be kept confidential.

### **JPG News:**

Thanks to all of those that attended the last JPG Meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, **January 7<sup>th</sup>** 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 10<sup>th</sup>**. Please support your school!

### **Jet Fitness Club:**

Winter session for the Jet Fitness Club runs from Tuesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:gallen@oregoncs.org)

#### **4<sup>th</sup> 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:

<http://www.oregoncityschools.org/Downloads/2018-19JerusalemHandbook.pdf>

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 the students learned how to code using Hour of Code. They learned all about block coding. Ask them about sequence and what code is.

Kindergarten-

This week's letter is Pp. We are looking forward to participating in Santa's Shop on Thursday! The countdown has begun to our holiday break, but we are still filling our days with fun and learning. Testing for grade cards will be taking place, so make sure to review those papers that are coming home in your child's folder!

1<sup>st</sup> Grade-

The spelling list is sh and ch words. We will continue reading Christmas stories and working on different strategies with the stories. Remember to bring in your wooden spoon for our Christmas project.

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade-

The 2nd graders are looking forward to their upcoming field trip to the Toledo Museum of Art. We are also excited about our theme related days during the week of December 17th.

Dec. 17-Candy Cane Day-Wear red and white

Dec. 18 & 19-Grinch Day-Wear green, Grinch Shirt and a Santa hat

Dec. 20-Elf Day-Wear red, white, and green

Dec. 21-Polar Express Day-Wear pajamas or a robe and slippers

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade-

The Third Graders are ready for the Christmas Concert which will be held on Monday, December 10th, at 6:30, at Clay High School. Please arrive at 6:15. We will meet in the choir room, which is located in the hallway on the west side of the auditorium. Our classes will be visiting the "Santa Shop" on Thursday, December 13th. Please send money at your discretion. In the classroom, the students are excited to begin learning Division.

4<sup>th</sup> Grade-

'Tis the season to have a merry little Christmas with new friends! Fourth graders from Ms. Caris's and Mrs. Swangstu's classes paired with Mrs. Fisher's and Mrs. Shanks's Kindergarten students this week for a special event. Together, pairs of students created a holiday craft, decorated Christmas cookies, read poetry, and used Chromebooks to virtually build a snowman. The students enjoyed connecting with friends in another grade and designing a product collaboratively.

### Upcoming Events:

#### **Week of December 10<sup>th</sup>...**

- Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup>                      Dine to Donate at Marco's Pizza  
6:30 Winter Concert at CHS
- Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>                      9:20 Student Council to Food Pantry  
3:30 4<sup>th</sup> Grade STEM
- Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>                      9:20 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade to Art Museum (Ostrander  
and Wojo)

- Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup>                      Santa Shop for Students  
5:00 Santa Shop for Families
  
- Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup>

**Looking Ahead...**

**December**

- 10     Dine to Donate: Marco's Pizza
- 10     3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Grade Christmas Program, 6:30 p.m.
- 13     Santa Shop, All Day & 4-7 p.m.
- 19     JPG Staff Luncheon
- 21     End of 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

