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:**

**3rd Grade OST:**
On April 10th & 11th, all third-grade students will take the Ohio State Test in English/Language Arts. Please do not schedule any appointments until after 1PM on those days. Students should arrive on time and come to school well rested. Please make sure your child gets plenty of sleep on the nights leading up to the tests and has the opportunity to eat a healthy breakfast each morning.

**Oregon Recreation Info:**
Reminder: The deadline for registering for t-ball, coach pitch, and baseball/softball is this Sunday, April 7th. Call the Oregon Rec for more information.

Career Café:
The Career Cafe’s at Jerusalem are going strong! Our 4th grade students are really enjoying the opportunity to hear speakers from our community sharing what they do for a living. A special thanks goes out to Ellyn Fritz (WTOL Meteorologist), Brent Shimman (S&D Capitol), and Michael Suffel (IT Security) for their visits with the students.

If you are interested in sharing about your career, please contact Sally Hower: shower@oregoncs.org

Pennies for Patients Fundraiser:
April 8th-April 18th
Jerusalem Elementary Student Council members are leading the “Pennies for Patients” campaign to raise money for research to help the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society fight blood cancers in children.

Please consider donating to this worthy cause! Each grade level has a collection container that will be counted at the end of each week. The collection containers will be located in the hallway outside the cafeteria/gymnasium. Although the campaign is called Pennies for Patients, please feel free to bring in any coins or bills. The grade level which collects the most money at the end of the campaign will get an extra recess!

Special Events
- **Family Game Night** - On Thursday, April 4th, students can come to our Student Council led game night from 5pm-7pm. This is also the night of the Book Fair. Student council representatives have created games which students can purchase tickets to play and win prizes. Pizza and drinks will also be sold at this event. All proceeds from Family Game Night will go to the Pennies for Patients campaign.
- **Stuck for a Buck** - On Tuesday, April 16th, every $1 you bring in = 1 piece of duct tape to stick Mr. Straka to the wall!

CHS Career Day:
On Monday, April 8th, students from Clay High School's Career Tech programs will be visiting our 4th graders at Jerusalem. Students will get a hands-on opportunity to be introduced to all of the amazing programs that Clay has to offer! Stations will include: Environmental & Agriculture, Auto Tech, Cosmetology, Culinary Arts, Engineering Design & Development, Marketing, Integrated Machining, Medical Technologies, Programming & Software Development and Visual Communications.

**Volunteer Luncheon:**
On Thursday, April 11th, we will be hosting our Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon. This will take place during the lunch hours, and it is our way of saying thank you to our wonderful volunteers. Please contact the office or your child’s teacher for more information.

**4th Grade Field Trip to 180th:**
4th Grade Students will be visiting the Ohio Air National Guard facility on Friday, April 12th. All students are asked to bring a sack lunch, including a drink. A permission slip is attached, and must be completed/returned by Tuesday, April 9th.

**Teacher Request Process for 19-20 school year:**
Attached is the information regarding Teacher Requests for next year. Please contact Mr. Straka with questions/concerns at jstraka@oregoncs.org

**School Supply Kits:**
As we did last year, we will be working with a company to offer School Supply Kits for each grade level. See the attachment below for more information. Specifics will be coming soon!

**Tea Party Event:**
The Girl Scout Troop 10184 is sponsoring a Tea Party on Sunday, April 14th from 2-4 pm. More information is attached below.

**Kroger Community Rewards:**
Update: From November 1st through January 31st, this program raised $578.43 for Jerusalem Elementary! Currently, we have 79 households participating. Thank you!!! See below for more information on how you can sign up for this great opportunity.
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!!

**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.

**JPG News:**
Thanks to all of those that attended the last JPG Meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, **April 11**th at 6:30. Child care is provided! Also, the JPG is always looking for people to serve on various committees. If interested, please contact Sarah Monto at monto.sarah@gmail

Thanks!

**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 on Wednesday, March 6th. Mrs. Adam’s class earned the most money, and will be receiving a Pizza Party compliments of Marco’s. Our next Dine to Donate is scheduled for **April 9**th at Marco’s Pizza. Thanks for supporting your school!

**Jet Fitness Club:**
Spring session for the Jet Fitness Club runs from Tuesday, **April 9**th through Thursday, **May 9**th. 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)
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: [http://www.oregoncityschools.org/Downloads/2018-19JerusalemHandbook.pdf](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](http://www.oregoncityschools.org/PublicationsFlyerDistributionCenter.aspx)
**Grade Level Updates:**

STEAM:
In STEAM this week kindergarten painted dough creations. First grade used an app to make themselves wild and will turn their creation into a green screen video. Second grade is busy working hard on preparing for the wax museum. Third grade is learning how cool Makey Makey can be. Fourth graders did a science experiment to see if adding drink mix to water changes the weight. What a busy week!

Kindergarten:
Next week’s letter is Zz. Our field trips are coming up! Please make sure to turn in your permission slips, and money if needed. Also, spread the word about the Kindergarten Parent Night on April 10th at 6pm at CHS. This is an informative meeting for incoming kindergarten parents for the 2019-2020 school year. The Jerusalem K teachers will be there, as well as Mr. Straka!

1st Grade:
The spelling pattern for the week will be ow words. In math we will continue to practice time, defining shapes, and portioning shapes into halves, fourths, and quarters. Monday the 15th is the pizza party for those who read all 6 months for book-it. On Tuesday the 16th Colleen Barron will be passing out tree saplings to our first graders. They will be sent home with the students to plant in honor of Arbor Day. Thursday the 18th is our field trip to the Art Museum. All students will need to have returned their permission slips and must pack a lunch. We will return after our usual lunch time, so we will eat in the room. There is no school on April 19th or April 22nd.

2nd Grade:
Upcoming 2nd Grade Events:

April 17th Wax Museum-10-11:00 a.m. (Adam/Ostrander) 2-3:00 p.m. (Wojciechowski)
April 18th-Egg Drop
May 8-Spring Concert: 6:00 p.m. at Clay High School
May 13-Field trip to the Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge, permission slips due April 18!
3rd Grade:
The third graders will be taking the Ohio State ELA Test next Wednesday and Thursday, 4/10 & 4/11. Please make sure your child gets plenty of rest and a healthy breakfast each day of testing. Also, please remind them there is no need to be anxious or stressed, as they have worked hard all year, and they can just “Show what they know”. We will continue to review before testing, and they can practice/review at home on Study Island or IXL.

4th Grade:
We are encouraging our students to keep earning AR points! 4th graders with 100 or more AR points by the end of the year will be recognized at the awards assembly on May 22.

**Upcoming Events:**

**Week of April 8th...**

- **Monday, April 8**th
  - Pennies for Patients Fundraiser
  - 1:30 CHS Career Day (4th Grade)

- **Tuesday, April 9**th
  - Pennies for Patients Fundraiser
  - Dine to Donate- Marco’s Pizza
  - 8:00 Spring Fitness Club
  - 3:30 4th Grade STEM Club

- **Wednesday, April 10**th
  - Pennies for Patients Fundraiser
  - 9:30 3rd Grade ELA OST

- **Thursday, April 11**th
  - Pennies for Patients Fundraiser
  - 8:00 Spring Fitness Club
  - 9:30 3rd Grade ELA OST
  - 11:00 Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon
  - 6:30 JPG Meeting

- **Friday, April 12**th
  - Pennies for Patients Fundraiser
  - Field Trip to Air National Guard (4th Grade)
Looking Ahead...

April
9  Dine to Donate: Marco’s Pizza
10-11  3rd Grade OLSAT Testing
11  JPG Monthly Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
12  4th Grade Jet Picture at Air National Guard
19-22  Easter Break, No School
23  Classes Resume from Easter Break
24  Career Day (4th Grade)
24  Dine to Donate: Bob Evans
24-25  4th Grade Math Ohio State Test

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.
March, 2019

Throughout the next few months, we will begin the process of planning for next year. This includes assessing our master schedule, the effectiveness of our curricular programs, establishing our staffing needs, and, of course, creating class lists for 2019-2020 school year.

This process of creating class lists requires time and careful consideration. Initially, your child’s teacher will review his/her current class list. During this stage, your child’s teacher will indicate the academic and behavioral needs of individual students. This information along with the overall composition of the class is considered in order to make the best possible classroom assignment for each student.

If you feel that a particular learning situation may be more appropriate for your child, you are asked to provide a description of the suggested classroom setting to the building principal so that it can be taken into consideration. Specific teacher requests will not be honored. Parent letters with specific information that may help place a child in the most appropriate setting need to be submitted to the building principal by the end of April.

Class balance is extremely important for the success of all our students. Rosters are composed with consideration to each individual’s learning style, peer relationships, gender ratio, disciplinary concerns, and the academic needs of all our students. We appreciate you placing trust in the professionals who work with your children on a daily basis in the learning environment.

Sincerely,

Hal D. Gregory
Superintendent

The Oregon City School District adheres to Title VI, Title IX, ADA, and Section 504; thus, does not discriminate in educational programs and employment practices on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, sex or handicap.
School Name:  Starr, Coy and Jerusalem

Breakfast Times:  8:30 a.m.

Prices: $1.50, Reduced Price: .30 and Free Students .00

Location Served:  School Cafeteria

Other info:
We have a number of back issues of yearbooks and will sell them for $5.00 each. Please contact the office at 419-836-6111 to make arrangements.

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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. **Requirements for this program include the ability to work well with others, the desire to learn basic programming skills, and the availability to come to all or nearly all seven sessions.**

We are now registering students for our spring session. Students can apply to participate in this session even if they participated in the fall and/or winter session. First priority will be given to students who have not participated yet this year. The spring session will be limited to 24 fourth grade students and begins on Tuesday, March 26. The session will be held immediately after school from 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. The specific dates for this session are:

- Tuesday, March 26
- Tuesday, April 2
- Tuesday, April 9
- Tuesday, April 16
- Tuesday, April 23
- Tuesday, April 30
- Tuesday, May 7

Check out highlights from our fall session at [https://tinyurl.com/yd637s44](https://tinyurl.com/yd637s44)!

If your child is interested in programming Lego models, please complete the online registration at [https://tinyurl.com/STEM4S2](https://tinyurl.com/STEM4S2) no later than **Wednesday, March 20**. 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!** We will not be needing any parent volunteers for this session.

Thank you,

Mrs. Heidi Straka
Jerusalem Advisor
Clay Class for Adults!

What is Clay art? It is a two-part evening event, dedicated to the “big kids” ages 18 and up only! Come solo, bring a group of friends and share this creative experience with laughter and enjoyable small talk. Complimentary light appetizers or tasty treats served.

This ceramics class is the perfect way to introduce yourself to pottery. You will spend the evening learning proper ceramics techniques from a local ceramic artist and will create 2-3 pieces all your own. Bring your favorite non-alcoholic drinks and munchies to enjoy in the studio, get a little muddy, and enjoy the relaxed atmosphere with a friend, significant other, or just treat yourself! All clay, glazing and firings are included in the class fee, and you can pick up your pieces two weeks after the workshop. Cost: $45 each artist.

Classes are held at:
Oregon Community Room
5330 Seaman Road
Oregon, Ohio 43616

Clay Art Class 2: Slab Vessels
2-part class, 6:00-8:00 pm
Create: Thursday, January 10
Decorate: Thursday, January 24

Clay Art Class 3: Luminaries
2-part class, 6:00-8:00 pm
Create: Thursday, March 7
Decorate: Thursday, March 21

Clay Art Class 4: Spring Vessels
2-part class, 6:00-8:00 pm
Create: Thursday, April 11
Decorate: Thursday, April 25

Please register at www.oregonrec.recdesk.com
ATTENTION… ATTENTION
(THAT MEANS YOU!)

This is NOT a garbage container!!

Boy Scout Troop 131 is asking for your help to help the environment. They are collecting your old, unusable printer/toner cartridges. This service is FREE. Simply bring the old cartridge and deposit it in this blue labeled basket.

Help to solve the problem of cartridges in the landfills and RECYCLE!!
Dear Parents,

Skip the stores and save a summer day! Why battle back-to-school shopping when you can easily purchase your child's school supplies in a custom, pre-packaged kit.

Need a few reasons why supply kits are the way to go?

✓ Kits contain everything your teacher requested
✓ A convenient one-stop, one-click shopping experience
✓ Save time by not driving from store to store to find specialty items
✓ Affordably priced! Plus, save money by avoiding in-store extras
✓ Quality brands which are designed to last the school year
✓ Kits will be delivered before school starts

If you have any questions please contact:

Mrs. Freimark at Jerusalem. 419-836-6111
Join us for a girls day!
Come for tea and something sweet to eat!

**Date:** Sunday, April 14th  2–4pm
Cost is $14/couple.  $6 per extra girl
OR reserve a table for 8 for $55
Or a table for 10 for $65
to share with all your favorite people!

**Location:** Great Lakes Events
540 S St. Clair St  Toledo, Ohio 43604

Sponsored by 5th grade Girl Scout Troop 10184
All proceeds to the Lucas County Canine Control

Enjoy sweet treats, tea, coffee, punch, and BINGO!

Questions: Andrea Coughlin 419-304-9015
Registrations: pay to Troop 10184
25 N Decant Rd  Curtice, Ohio 43412
Registration on back: Registration due by April 9th
$14/couple     $6/extra person
$55/table (seats 8)
$65/table (seats 10)

Names: ____________________________________________
________________________________________________

Number girls attending:_______      Number Adults:_______

Purchasing a table  Yes     No (please circle)

Amount enclosed _____________        Check____  Cash____

Phone: ________________________________

Email: ________________________________

You may mail the registration directly to Andrea Coughlin.
Or send to the office at Jerusalem in an envelope marked Girl Scout
Tea Party.  Thank You!
March 28, 2019

Dear 4th Grade Parents,

Our Fourth grade students will be taking a field trip to the Ohio Air National Guard facility on Friday, April 12th. The base is located on Eber Road, adjacent to the Toledo Express Airport. Students will take a tour of the facility and meet with former F-16 pilot retired Colonel Chris Bell of the 125th Fighter Squadron in Toledo. Your child will be given a close up look at an F-16 Fighter jet during the tour. A final Jerusalem class picture will be taken with the F-16 in the background! Our school photography company, Innovations, will take students’ class portrait. An envelope will be provided from Innovations and returned to the school office.

*** Due to scheduling changes this year, ALL STUDENTS will be asked to bring a sack lunch including a drink. We will be eating before returning to the school building.

Although there is no cost, permission is needed for your child to travel to the base.

Please complete and return the slip below by Tuesday, April 9th.

Thank you!

__________________________________
Cut and return to your teacher

My child, ________________________________, has permission to attend the 4th grade field trip to the Air National Guard facility on April 12, 2018
Parent signature ________________________________