



JET FLASH



Week of August 12, 2019

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Greetings Jerusalem Families,

Welcome back to a new school year! I hope you have enjoyed your summer, and your student(s) are ready to return to school. We are looking forward to getting the new year started. Our custodial/maintenance/secretarial staff has been busy over the summer preparing the building for the 1st day of school. 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:

<https://www.oregoncityschools.org/Downloads/2019-20JerusalemHandbook.pdf>

See you soon!

Mr. Straka

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:

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:

<https://www.oregoncityschools.org/Downloads/2019-2020%20Re-Registration%20Instructions.pdf>

Jerusalem's Kindergarten Orientation and Bus Safety:

Kindergarten orientation will be held on **Wednesday, August 14th at either 9:30 am or 1:00 pm**. You may choose **either** session that best you're your schedule (no appointment is necessary). Each session will last approximately 90 minutes. This will include a bus safety presentation from the Transportation Dept. and Officer Wells. Immediately following, you will have a classroom orientation with your child's teacher. Your child is expected to attend with you so they can tour the building during the parent meeting. Kindergarten parents are also encouraged to attend the Jet Launch (Open House) on Monday, August 12th, to get additional information.

Jet Launch (Open House):

This year's Jet Launch will be held on **Monday, August 12th from 5-7 pm**. Students may bring their school supplies to the open house to drop off in their classroom. The school supply lists are available at the following link:

<https://filecabinet9.eschoolview.com/57CCB98D-EDD4-410B-8848-DAA25250B273/JerusalemSupplyLists.pdf>

First Day for Students:

All 1-4 students report on **Wednesday, August 14th**. The first day for **Kindergarten** students is **Thursday, August 15th**. The school day is from 9:05-3:35 pm. Morning supervision begins at 8:45 am. If your student(s) is planning on buying breakfast, he/she may be dropped off at 8:45 am. All other students can enter the building at 8:50 am. The tardy bell rings at 9:05 am, and students entering the building after this time will need to be signed in at the office by their parent/guardian.

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 sign out cards through the office. Thank you for your help in keeping our students safe!

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 Pictures:

Fall pictures will be taken on **Tuesday, August 27th** during the school day. More information will be sent home regarding ordering pictures, as we get closer to the date.

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. **All EZ PAY user fees have been waived for the 2019-2020 School Year!!** Below is the link for EZ PAY <https://www.spsezipay.com/OregonCity/ezpay/Login.aspx>

Student Nutrition and Free/Reduced Lunch Application:

Take note that the school breakfast/lunch prices are as follows: Breakfast is \$1.50 (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:

<https://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!

Jet Fitness Club:

Jet Fitness Club is open to all 2-4 grade students, and is a great way for your son/daughter start their day. Fall and Spring Fitness Club is held on Tuesday and Thursday MORNINGS from 8-8:45 am. The fall session will start on September 17th, and end on November 14th. Winter Fitness Club will be held on Tuesday and Thursday AFTERNOONS until 4:30 pm. Look for more information to come home soon!

JPG News:

Below is a list of the JPG (Jerusalem Parents Group) Meetings. Any and all parents of current students are welcome and encouraged to attend. We discuss a variety of topics and plan a vast majority of exciting Jerusalem events. No R.S.V.P. is required to attend, and we offer free babysitting for school age and younger kids too while the meeting is in session.

August 22, 2019

September 9, 2019

October 2, 2019

November 7, 2019

December 2, 2019

January 9, 2020

February 3, 2020

March 5, 2020

April 1, 2020

May 7, 2020

We hope to see some new faces and meet some great parents in this upcoming school year.

Thanks, Jerusalem Parents Group

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:

<https://www.oregoncityschools.org/Downloads/2019-20JerusalemHandbook.pdf>

Please call the school with questions/concerns.

Oregon Recreation Information:

Below is the website for the Oregon Rec. Please visit it for upcoming events and other information.

<https://oregonrec.recdesk.com/Community/Page?pageId=609>

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:

<https://www.oregoncityschools.org/PublicationsFlyerDistributionCenter.asp>
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Upcoming Events:

Week of August 12th...

- Monday, August 12th 5:00-7:00 pm Jet Launch (Open House)
- Tuesday, August 13th Staff workday
- Wednesday, August 14th Classes Begin for grades 1-4
Kindergarten Orientation 9:30 OR 1:00

- Thursday, August 15th Classes Begin for Kindergarten

- Friday, August 16th

Looking Ahead...

August

- 12 Jet Launch (Open House) 5-7 pm
- 13 JPG Teacher Brunch
- 14 Kindergarten Bus Safety/Orientation
- 14 Classes Begin, Grades 1-4
- 15 1st Day for Kindergarten
 Dine to Donate
- 22 JPG Monthly Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 27 Fall Pictures
- 30 Jog-A-Thon JPG Fundraiser Kickoff

September

- 2 Labor Day, No School
- 9 JPG Monthly Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
 Dine to Donate
- 20 Jog-A-Thon
- 23 Staff Training Day, No School
- 27 Jog-A-Thon Awards Assembly
 Dine to Donate

Have a great week!