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:**

**School Fees:**
School Fees are necessary to supplement the education of our students. Fees cover a portion of the cost of workbooks and supplies that are consumed by individual students. Waivers are available those who qualify for free and reduced lunches. Families who qualify for reduced lunches will pay 50% of the fee. Checks are made payable to the individual school. Unless special arrangements for fee payments are made with the Principal, non-payment of school fees will prevent your student from participation in such activities such as spring field trips, all camps, Washington D.C Trip, school competitions, and career tech competitions. 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.spsezpay.com/OregonCity/ezpay/Login.aspx

**Right to Read Week:**
**Date:** October 7-10

**Theme:** Super Hero / Heroes Among Us
Guest Author: Julie Rubini- Heroes All Around Us

Guest Readers:
Monday- Super Hero Batman
Tuesday- Author Julie Rubini
Wednesday- Hero Nurse Erika Ager
Thursday- Hero Police Officer Scott Wells
Friday- Hero Fire Fighter Jim Wolfe

Spirit Week:
Monday- Crazy Socks Day
Tuesday- Dress to Impress Day
Wednesday- Read a Shirt Day
Thursday- Dress as a Superhero or wear Superhero shirt Day
Friday- Jerusalem wear or Jerusalem colors Day

Muffins and Me:
Our annual Muffins and Me event (sponsored and ran by JPG) was a fantastic event. Thanks to all of those that attended and helped coordinate this event!

Safety Update:
Last week, Officer Wells met with each class to reinforce the ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) safety concepts. Please have a follow-up discussion with your child(ren) regarding school safety. If you have any questions/concerns, please contact Officer Wells at 419-836-6111 ext 2067.

Parent Pick-up Expectations:
Please be sure to sign out your child(ren) if you are picking the up from school. 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”. Also, be sure to have the matching card on the back of your child(ren)’s book bag so it is visible. 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!

4th Grade STEM Club:
The 4th Grade STEM Club begins on Tuesday, October 22nd, and runs from 3:30-5:00. If you are interested in signing up your 4th Grader, please use the following link:  https://tinyurl.com/OCSSTEMFall2019
See the attached flyer for more information on meeting dates.

**Dine to Donate:**
The next Dine to Donate is scheduled for October 16th at Marco's Pizza.
Thanks for your continued support!

**Goodwill Challenge:**
The upcoming Goodwill Challenge vs. Whitmer High School runs from October 14-17. See the attached flyer for more information.

**From our Nurse:**
Let's Talk Lice-
Anyone can get lice.... mainly through direct head-to-head contact but also from sharing hats, brushes and other personal items. Head lice are a problem in many communities and do not reflect poor hygiene or social status. Please do your part to prevent the spread of this communicable condition by checking your child(ren) on a regular basis. Lice infestation is much easier to treat if caught early. If you should discover a case of head lice, please notify your child's school nurse. Notify the parents of your child's playmates. This is the best way to protect your family and community. If you have any questions or need assistance, please feel free to contact me. Thank you for your cooperation!

Erika Ager RN

**Dolly Parton's Imagination Library**
Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is now available to Oregon/Jerusalem Township families. This program mails a FREE, age appropriate book, every month to children from birth to five years of age. Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is supported through corporate sponsors, Toledo Refining Company and Mercy Health, as well as the Women's Initiative of United Way. Click here to register your child for the program.

**Oregon Recreation Information:**
For more information on Oregon Rec events and programs, please visit the following website:  http://www.oregonohio.org/rec
See the flyers below for some upcoming events.

**Clothes Bin Update:**
Did you know that JERUSALEM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL and Clothes Bin® have partnered to collect and recycle old clothing, shoes and textiles? So, please do not throw them away! Just place the items in the green recycling bin in our parking lot. Every pound of recycled items supports our school!

Since May of 2019, this partnership has earned Jerusalem Elementary School over $120.00, and has helped our Environment. See the flyer below for more information!

**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. Information was sent home with students, and is also attached below.

**Jerusalem Mindfulness Club:**
Jerusalem is excited to offer a Mindfulness Club for interested students in grades K-4 starting Monday, September 16th. The club will meet Mondays and Fridays from 8:10-8:45 am, and go until Thanksgiving Break. Permission slips were sent home with students this week.

**OCS is in need of Exceptional Substitute Workers:**
See the attached flyer for employment opportunities!

**Eagle Basketball Travel Tryouts:**
If you have a 4th-6th grade boy or girl interested in Travel Basketball, see the flyer below for information on tryouts.

**The 2019 Mini-Majorette Clinic:**
See the attached flyer for more information on this opportunity for students in grades 2-8.

**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:

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!! From May 1st – July 31st, Jerusalem Elementary School earned $534.06 through this program!!

Box Tops for Education:
There is a new process for redeeming your Box Tops. See the flyer below for more information! The process is easy to set up.

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.
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!

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](https://www.oregoncityschools.org/FoodService-StudentNutrition.aspx), Pre-payment options, and Free/Reduced Lunch Applications click on the following link: [https://www.oregoncityschools.org/FoodService-StudentNutrition.aspx](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](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!

JPG News:
Thanks to everyone that attended our first JPG meeting on August 22\textsuperscript{nd}. 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.

**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:
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

As a service to our community, we are sharing the Oregon Recreation Fall Newsletter.

Oregon Rec Fall 2019 Newsletter.pdf

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.aspx

Grade Level Updates:
Kindergarten-
The Third Graders are excited for Right to Read Week next week! Please check your child’s folders for Information on the Superhero Themes for the week. Our individual classes will be visiting the Book Fair, check your classroom teacher’s newsletter for scheduled dates. Don’t forget Family Night on Thursday from 4-8, we hope to see you there!

1st Grade-
Our spelling words for the week will be compound words. We will continue to read stories and answer details about the stories. This week is Right to Read Week. Family night Thursday 6-8. We will shop at the book fair Tuesday or Wednesday. Remember to read each night for Book It and a Pizza Hut coupon.
2nd Grade-
The 2nd graders are looking forward to Right to Read week next week! Check out the information that was sent home about the daily themed activities your child may participate in. The Scholastic Book Fair is next Wednesday and Thursday. If your child would like to purchase books, please make sure you send money in an envelope with your child’s name on the appropriate day. Thank you!

3rd Grade-
The Third Graders are excited for Right to Read Week next week! Please check your child’s folders for Information on the Superhero Themes for the week. Our individual classes will be visiting the Book Fair, check your classroom teacher’s newsletter for scheduled dates. Don’t forget Family Night on Thursday from 4-8, we hope to see you there!

4th Grade-
4th - Students in our Science classes are finishing research on an assigned landform and creating a Google Slideshow to present. In Language Arts we will continue to work on paragraph and summary writing, polishing up topic sentences, and identifying the main idea. We continue to learn various ways to multiply by 1-digit numbers in Math. Our students are looking forward to Right to Read Week, which will be filled with special author visits, spirit days, and Family Night.

STEAM STATION-
This week in STEAM we began our planning stages of our annual cardboard creations. This is a student favorite of the year!

**Upcoming Events:**

**Week of October 7th...**

- Monday, October 7th
  - Right to Read Week
  - Crazy Socks Day
  - 8:10 am Mindfulness Club

- Tuesday, October 8th
  - Right to Read Week
Dress to Impress Day  
8:00 am Fall Fitness Club  
3:30 3rd Grade Art Club

- Wednesday, October 9th  
Read a Shirt Day  
Fall Book Fair  
3:30 3rd Grade Art Club

- Thursday, October 10th  
Dress as a Superhero Day  
Fall Book Fair  
8:00 am Fall Fitness Club  
3:30 3rd Grade Art Club  
4:00-8:00 Family Night

- Friday, October 11th  
Jerusalem Color Day  
8:10 Mindfulness Club

Looking Ahead...

**October**

- 7-11 Right to Read Week
- 9-10 Fall Book Fair
- 10 Family Night at the Book Fair, 4:00 pm
- 10 Family STEM Night 5-8
- 16 End of 1st Nine Week Period
- 16 Dine to Donate: Marco’s Pizza  
- 23-24 3rd Grade ELA Ohio State Test
- 24 Jet Shop
- 28 1st Quarter Grades Final
- 31 Classroom Halloween Parties & Parade-2:00

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 juice 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.
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IS IN NEED OF EXCEPTIONAL SUBSTITUTE WORKERS!

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ARE YOU LOOKING FOR...
★ A POSITIVE WORK ENVIRONMENT
★ FAMILY FRIENDLY HOURS
★ COMPETITIVE WAGES
★ STATE RETIREMENT CREDIT

*QUALIFIED SUBS GET FIRST INTERVIEW FOR FULL TIME EMPLOYMENT

WE NEED:
BUS DRIVERS
MONITORS
CUSTODIANS
CAFETERIA WORKERS
PARAPROFESSIONALS
MAINTENANCE
SECRETARIES

APPLY AT OREGONCITYSCHOOLS.ORG
OPEN INTERVIEWS FOR APPLICANTS WILL TAKE PLACE IN SEPTEMBER

*ALL APPLICANTS MUST PASS BCI/FBI BACKGROUND CHECK AND DRUG TEST
EARN CASH FOR OUR SCHOOL
NO MORE CLIPPING. ALL YOU NEED IS YOUR SMARTPHONE.

The NEW and improved Box Tops mobile app uses state-of-the-art technology to scan your store receipt, find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to our school's earnings online.

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:

BUY BOX TOPS PRODUCTS
You can find Box Tops on hundreds of products throughout the store.

SCAN YOUR RECEIPT
Use the app to snap a photo of your receipt within 14 days of purchase.

EARN CASH FOR OUR SCHOOL
Box Tops earnings are identified and automatically updated at BTFE.com.

You do not need to clip or send Box Tops labels to school.

BOX TOPS CLIPS ON PACKAGES
Traditional Box Tops clips are being phased out of production but may continue to be found on many products throughout the store as packages transition to the new Box Tops labels. You can still clip these and send them to school. Please make sure each clip has a valid expiration date.

BUY BOX TOPS PRODUCTS
CUT OUT THE BOX TOP FROM EACH PACKAGE
SEND YOUR BOX TOPS TO SCHOOL

SEE PRODUCTS & LEARN MORE ABOUT THE BOX TOPS APP AT BTFE.COM

THE ALL-NEW BOX TOPS IS HERE! DOWNLOAD THE APP.
Enroll your child & give them the gift of reading...FREE!
JERUSALEM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL and Clothes Bin® have partnered to collect and recycle old clothing, shoes and textiles!

So, please do not throw them away!
Just place the items in the green recycling bin in our parking lot.

Every pound of recycled items supports our school!

Below is a list of items that can be placed in our bin:

**Clothing**: pants, jeans, skirts, dresses, suits, shorts, shirts, tees, tanks
**Footwear**: shoes, boots, heels, sneakers, sandals, socks, tights
**Undergarments**: bras, underwear, slips, camisoles
**Accessories**: hats, belts, ties, scarves, headbands
**Handbags**: wallets, totes, luggage, backpacks, briefcases
**Linens**: towels, sheets, comforters, blankets, tablecloths

As you clean out the old and bring in the new, you can help the environment and Jerusalem Elementary School too!
2019-2020
FALL JET FITNESS CLUB

Students in grades 2nd, 3rd, and 4th who are interested in improving their fitness are invited to join the Jet Fitness Club. Jet Fitness Club will meet every Tuesday and Thursday during each session.

The purpose of Jet Fitness Club will be to focus on the basic fundamentals of fitness with a goal of improving cardio-respiratory fitness. Activities will vary from session to session. There is absolutely NO COST to join the Jet Fitness Club!!!

Dates: (Tuesdays and Thursdays) Fall Session: Tuesday September 17th – Thursday November 14th

The club will meet before school from 8:00am – 8:15am.

Prepared students should:
- Please drop the students off at the BACK DOORS near the playground.
- Be dressed for the weather (we will be going outside if weather permits)
- Have comfortable running shoes
- Bring a water bottle
  - Fall – Arrive at 8:00am

Fitness Club Permission Slip

Student Name: ____________________________

Grade: ____________________________ Teacher: ____________________________

Phone # during fitness club hours: ______________________________________

Parent Name(s): ____________________________

Parent Signature: ____________________________
Join us October 12, 11-3:30pm at Clay High School for the Eagle Basketball Travel Team Tryouts!
4th Boys & 5th Girls 11-12:30pm
5th Boys & 6th Girls 12:30-2pm
6th Boys 2-3:30pm
(Make up day: 10/10 6-7:30pm all ages @ Clay)

PRE K - 6 GIRLS & BOYS LEAGUE PLAY WILL BEGIN 10-3-19 THROUGH THE OREGON REC
& CLAY HIGH SCHOOL EAGLE BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION.
REGISTER @ WWW.OREGONOHIO.ORG/REC

QUESTIONS CONTACT KEITH KENNEDY
419-913-8272
Magic Classes Every Monday in November

**Lesson 1**
**The Magic Wand**
The Magic Wand is one of the most important pieces in the magician’s toolbox. In this first lesson you will receive your wand and learn 5 magic tricks using a wand.

**Lesson 2**
**Money Magic**
Who doesn’t like money? Everybody has it and it’s something you can carry with you. In this lesson you will learn magic tricks with both coins and paper money.

**Lesson 3**
**Pick A Card**
Pick a card any card... Card tricks are synonymous with magic. In this lesson you will learn card tricks with special deck of cards and tricks with a regular deck of cards.

**Lesson 4**
**Magic Classics**
Some tricks are called classics. The cups and balls is one of the most famous. In this lesson you will learn this classic and some sleight-of-hand that you can use with any object.

For More Information Call 419-698-7169

Register Online at oregonohio.org/rec

Classes are suitable for ages 7-18
OCTOBER 19
OREC
FALL FEST
5 – 9 P.M.

Free Family Fun Movie Event
Featuring...
“POKEMON Detective Pikachu”

Join your ORec family for the LAST movie night of the year! Activities consist of a pie eating contest, caramel apple bar, monster mural, pumpkin games, sack races, ax throwing, inflatable speed arena, square dancing, balloon making, & MORE!

You don’t want to miss this event!

Invite your family & friends!

Want to know what’s happening at the ORec?

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OREGON REC
5351 Starr Ext.
Oregon, Ohio
43616

Check out all our events on our FACEBOOK page!
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 seven-week session, with students collaborating to complete various projects. Students will learn basic block programming, going beyond just building things with 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 fall session (we will also offer winter and spring sessions). This session will be limited to 24 fourth grade students and begins on Tuesday, October 22. The session will be held immediately after school from 3:30 - 5:00 p.m., and a snack and drink will be provided. The specific dates for this session are:

- Tuesday, October 22
- Tuesday, October 29
- **NO STEM Meeting November 5**
- Tuesday, November 12
- Tuesday, November 19
- Tuesday, November 26
- Tuesday, December 3
- Tuesday, December 10

If your child is interested in programming Lego models, please complete the online registration at [https://tinyurl.com/OCSSTEMFall2019](https://tinyurl.com/OCSSTEMFall2019) no later than Tuesday, October 15. 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
Clay vs. Whitmer
Goodwill Challenge

October 14 - October 17, 2019
Drop off hours at CHS
11am - 6pm

A Goodwill donation trailer will be parked at Clay High School in the west lot near the football stadium. They will be accepting donations of clothing, household items, books and furniture (no TVs, computers or items with Freon).

On Friday, October 18, the trailers will be weighed. The school that has collected the most weight will be announced as the winner and will receive a $500 scholarship from Goodwill and 13abc!

$500 scholarship from Goodwill and 13abc!

#CHSEaglePride
VS
#OCSsuccess