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:**

**Safety Update:**
Halloween Safety talks for grades K-2 with Officer Wells will be starting this week. Please ask your child(ren) what they learned, and how they can keep safe on Halloween.

**3rd Grade State Test:**
All 3rd grade students will be taking the Fall ELA State Test on October 23rd and 24th. A letter regarding the importance of this test, and some tips to help your child(ren) be more successful was sent home this week.

**Jet Shop:**
The 1st Quarter Jet Shop will be held on October 24th. Students will have the opportunity to redeem their Fuel Points for a Fabulous Prize!! Thanks, JPG for sponsoring this program!!

**Halloween Parade/Costume Requirements:**
Reminder about Halloween Parade. **ONLY** parents that have confirmed with the teacher ahead of time will be permitted in the classroom. All others that want to watch the parade need to
line up on the out-skirts of the blacktop (in the event of rain, visitors will be allowed in the gym)

The Halloween parade is scheduled for **October 31st** beginning **approximately at 2:00**. Information will be sent home next week with the students detailing information on parent attendance, parking, and costume guidelines.

**Halloween Hayride:**
Jerusalem is planning a Hayride for the students on **October 31st during the day**. A permission will be sent home next week with the students detailing this event.

**Staff Work Day: No School for Students!**
Students will not have school on **Monday, November 4th**, due to a Staff Work Day!

**Parent/Teacher Conferences:**
Parent/Teacher conferences are scheduled for **Tuesday, November 5th (8:00 am to 8:00 pm)**, and **Wednesday, November 6th (5:00 pm to 8:00 pm)**. Please be prompt, and arrive at your scheduled time. Thanks!

**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](https://www.spsezpay.com/OregonCity/ezpay/Login.aspx)

**CHS Haunted Hallways:**
This year’s Haunted Hallways event is scheduled for **October 23rd**. See the flyer below for more information!
Jerusalem Township Fire Department Blood Drive:
On Saturday, October 26th, from 9:00am-2:00pm Jerusalem Township Fire Department will be hosting a blood drive at 9501 Jerusalem Rd. Visit www.RedCrossBlood.org and enter sponsor code: JERUSALEM TOWNSHIP to schedule an appointment.

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:
Thanks to everyone that participated in the last Dine to Donate at Marco’s Pizza on October 16th. $111.28 was earned from this event, and the class that earned the Pizza Party (compliments of Marco’s) was Mrs. Hart. Our next Dine to Donate will be at Marco’s on November 11th.

From our Nurse:
It is cold and flu season...here are some tips to help you stay healthy!

1. Wash your hands frequently: Flu viruses are spread by droplets from infected people when they sneeze, blow their nose, or wipe secretions from their nose or eyes. Everyone should be encouraged to keep their hands out of their mouths, avoid rubbing their eyes, and wash their hands thoroughly several times a day, especially before meals.
2. Eat a healthy diet
3. Get a good night's sleep: Lack of sleep may profoundly inhibit your immune system. Get a good night's sleep to keep your body's natural defenses at optimum efficiency!

4. Stay hydrated: Increasing your water intake will help you stay healthy! When you are feeling under the weather, drinking extra fluids prevents dehydration caused by fever, loosens mucus, and keeps your throat moist!

5. Listen to your body: If you do come down with a cold or flu, take it easy. If you believe you're coming down with the flu, the best thing you can do for friends and family is to not expose them unnecessarily to the virus!

Stay Healthy and Happy!
Nurse Erika

**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](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!

**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**, 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 22nd. 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.
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-
We had such a great time visiting the Toledo Museum of Art, and are looking forward to our visits in the spring! This week’s letters of focus are Ff and Nn and we are incorporating the sight words THE, OF, AND. The 1st quarter of school has ended, and grades are being completed in PowerSchool. Be ready to see your child’s progress soon! Conference slips have been sent home. Please be sure to contact your child’s teacher if you have questions regarding the parent/teacher conference process. Thank you!

1st Grade-
Our spelling words this week will be l blend words. This quarter we will read fiction stories and find the characters, setting, problem and solution in these stories. Remember to read for Oct. book-it. Officer Wells will be presenting Halloween Safety to our first-grade students this week and next week.

2nd Grade-
It’s hard to believe the 1st quarter of school is already over! The quarter ended on October 16 and final grades will be ready to view via PowerSchool on October 28th. Grade cards will be sent home on October 28th also. Please look for parent/teacher conference reminders to come home soon! If you haven’t scheduled a conference yet, please contact your child’s teacher.

3rd Grade-
As you know, the third graders are preparing for the ELA OST which will be administered Wednesday, 10/23 and Thursday, 10/24. Please make sure your child gets plenty of rest, a healthy breakfast, and arrives at school on time. Please remind them not to stress, but to just relax and “Show what they know”. We appreciate your support.

4th Grade-
Our students have been busy this week! They presented landform projects, learned a new method for multiplying by one-digit numbers and completed their structures for the Cardboard Challenge. Many of our activities involve cooperative learning. They are learning to work together to achieve a goal.

STEAM STATION-
This week in the MakerSpace, we continued improving our cardboard creation projects. We are excited to have a finished product next week!

**Upcoming Events:**

**Week of October 21st...**

- **Monday, October 21st** 8:10 am Mindfulness Club
- **Tuesday, October 22nd**
  - 8:00 am Fall Fitness Club
  - 3:30 4th Grade STEM Club
  - 3:30 1st Grade Art Club
- **Wednesday, October 23rd**
  - 3rd Grade ELA OST
  - 8:50 Bus Evacuation Drill
  - 3:30 1st Grade Art Club
- **Thursday, October 24th**
  - 3rd Grade ELA OST
  - Jet Shop
  - 8:00 am Fall Fitness Club
  - 3:30 1st Grade Art Club
- **Friday, October 25th**
  - 8:10 Mindfulness Club
  - 2:30 SOM Pizza Party

**Looking Ahead...**

**October**

- 23-24 3rd Grade ELA Ohio State Test
- 24  Jet Shop
- 28 1st Quarter Grades Final
- 31 Classroom Halloween Parties & Parade-2:00
November
4  Staff Work Day: No School
5  Parent/Teacher Conferences:
   8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. & 4:00-7:00 p.m.
6  Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00-7:00
7  JPG Monthly Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
11 Dine to Donate: Marco’s Pizza
11  Veterans Day Program; 2:00 pm
26  JPG Movie Night, 6:30-9:00 p.m.
27  Staff Work Day, No School
28-29 Thanksgiving Break

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.
OREGON CITY SCHOOLS
IS IN NEED OF EXCEPTIONAL SUBSTITUTE WORKERS!

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

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: ___________________________


HAUNTED HALLWAYS

$3 or 5 canned goods for entry
$2 or 2 extra canned goods for haunted theatre

October 23, 2019
6:30-7:15 PM less scary (children)
7:15-8:30 PM scarier (mature)

There will be a haunted theatre hosted by Smalighters in the auditorium.
Enter through door #39.
Magician University

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...
“POKEON 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?

Sign up for our quarterly newsletters at www.oregonohio.org/rec and sign up for our text alerts! Text “Oregon” to 84483.
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
Monday, October 21, 2019

Dear Jerusalem Parents/Guardians:

I hope this letter finds your family enjoying the changing of the season! As Halloween approaches, please reference the following for updates on Halloween-related school activities, as well as guidelines for costumes worn on Halloween.

**Halloween Parade:** On Thursday, October 31st we will hold our annual Halloween Parade. The parade will begin at approximately 2:00 p.m., and will last approximately 20 minutes. Students will line up by grade level, and will exit the Northeast doors, indicated on the parade route map (reverse side). Students will parade around the perimeter of the east/back parking lot, by grade-level (oldest to youngest). Parents may line up outside to take pictures and watch the parade, but for safety purposes and due to limited space, **CANNOT** enter the building. Visitors are asked to stay on the outside perimeter of the parade route. If you have already made arrangements with a classroom teacher to assist with the parade and/or parties, you **must** check in at the office and wear a visitor pass while at Jerusalem. In case of rain, the parade will be held inside, during which time we ask visitors to enter the main entrance only, and to gather in the gymnasium. **To avoid congestion with busses, parent/visitors will need to park along the north end of the parking lot or in the Jerusalem Parks and Recreation parking lot (entrance off Sacks Rd.) and to ensure vehicles are allowing for normal passage of our busses by 3:00 p.m.**

**Halloween Costumes:** Please support the following guidelines to ensure our Halloween activities are both fun and safe for all students. **No costumes by adult visitors**

- DO use sound judgment when selecting our costumes.
- DO NOT wear costumes to school. Student must bring costumes to school.
- DO NOT wear/apply face paint/make-up, gel, or hair spray prior to arriving to school.
- DO NOT bring any type of weaponry or anything that resembles weaponry.
- DO NOT wear clothing that could be considered inappropriate (poor taste) for school (Halter tops, showing of the midriff, overly short skirts or shorts).
- DO NOT wear “gory” costumes. Masks are not permitted during the school day or the parade.
- Unless specified by the teacher, assistance will not be needed with student costumes.

**Classroom Parties:** The decision whether to hold a classroom party is at the discretion of each teacher, and may take place either before or after the parade. Classroom teachers will contact parents/guardians directly if assistance is needed with classroom parties, and will provide the office with the approved list of visitor/helpers.
Thank you in advance for your cooperation in helping demonstrate Jerusalem Pride with upcoming Halloween activities. We appreciate your continued support!

Warm Regards,

Mr. Straka and Jerusalem Staff