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:**

**No School for Students!**
Students will not have school on **Monday, November 4\(^{th}\)**, due to a Staff Work Day or **Tuesday, November 5\(^{th}\)**, due to Parent Conferences!

**Parent/Teacher Conferences:**
Parent/Teacher conferences are scheduled for Tuesday, **November 5\(^{th}\)** (8:00 am to 7:00 pm), and Wednesday, **November 6\(^{th}\)** (4:00 pm to 7:00 pm). Please be prompt, and arrive at your scheduled time. Thanks!

**Child Abuse Prevention Program (CAPP):**
On Friday, November 1\(^{st}\), information was sent home to 1\(^{st}\) and 3\(^{rd}\) grade students regarding this program. Contact Mrs. Hower with questions/concerns at shower@oregoncs.org.

**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

**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!

**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
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 to 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.

**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!

**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

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!

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.

https://oregonrec.recdesk.com/Community/Page?pageld=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.asp](https://www.oregoncityschools.org/PublicationsFlyerDistributionCenter.asp)
**Grade Level Updates:**

**Kindergarten**
Kindergarten students had a fantastic week. They had a great time during the Halloween Parade and on the Hayride on Friday. We are looking forward to seeing their smiling faces again on Wednesday!! Enjoy your extended weekend.

**1st Grade**
This week we will review past spelling words and not have a dictation test. Reminder no school on Monday or Tuesday. Please remember to check your conference time. We will see you on Tuesday Nov. 5th or Wednesday Nov. 6th. Remember to continue to practice sight words at home. November book it began last Friday, keep reading.

**2nd Grade**
The 2nd graders are being asked to prepare a Thanksgiving report/presentation that the students will present to their class. Family members are encouraged to help with this project! Presentations will be due on Monday, November 25. Look for information about this project in your child’s folder, which was sent home November 1.

**3rd Grade**
The third graders had a great time at the Halloween Party! Thanks to everyone that came to help, or sent in treats, it is appreciated. Remember no school Monday or Tuesday. We are looking forward to seeing you at conferences Tuesday and also Wednesday evening.

**4th Grade**
Thank you to all of our parents and caregivers who sent in costumes, treats and food for our Halloween parties! The children had a fantastic time. The fourth-grade teachers are looking forward to meeting with parents next week at conferences. Please arrive on time, as we have very tight schedules. We are also looking forward to our Veteran’s Day program on Monday, Nov. 11th.

**STEAM STATION**
This week in STEAM, we explored with dry ice. The kids learned about sublimation and that dry ice is actually frozen carbon dioxide. We trapped the air inside of bubbles and observed how long we could hold onto them with a
bare and vs. a glove. We could even make our BOO bubbles bounce.

**Upcoming Events:**

**Week of November 4th...**

- Monday, November 4th  
  Staff Work-Day (No Students)

- Tuesday, November 5th  
  No Students  
  8:00-3:00 Parent Conferences  
  4:00-7:00 Parent Conferences

- Wednesday, November 6th  
  4:00-7:00 Parent Conferences

- Thursday, November 7th  
  8:00 am Fall Fitness Club  
  6:30 JPG Meeting

- Friday, November 8th  
  8:10 Mindfulness Club  
  12:45 Kindergarten Fire Safety

**Looking Ahead...**

**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  
   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.
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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!