



JET FLASH

Week of March 15, 2021

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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:

From Mr. Straka:

We had a busy week at Jerusalem Elementary! Spring pictures are on Tuesday, March 16th. These are only for parents that want another photo of their child. Only those students with money will have their picture taken that day.

From Nurse Libbi: Vision and Hearing screenings for 1st and 3rd graders are complete. Letters and referrals have been sent home. Thank you to all the students for an awesome job staying still and quiet during testing.

From Officer Jeff: I am excited to announce our gun safety presentations are now underway. A special thanks to my two feathered friends, "Eddie and Edna Eagle," for making our gun safety presentations so enjoyable. We started our gun safety presentation on Tuesday, March 9th and we will be finishing up on Wednesday, March 24th.

Teacher Request Process for 2021-2022:

See the attached letter from Mr. Gregory regarding the Teacher Request Process for the 2021-2022 school year. Please contact Mr. Straka via email with questions.

Pack an Extra Mask:

Packing an Extra Face Mask for your child(ren) might be a good idea. They can keep their extra mask in their book bag to use if needed. Often students need a replacement throughout the day for a variety of reasons. Masks break, get dirty, and are often wet from condensation when students come in from recess. We have some extras in the office, but they are not always the correct size/style. Thanks!

Kindergarten Registration for 2021-2022:

Kindergarten Registration is coming soon...mark your calendars! A parent information meeting will be held virtually on **Wednesday, April 21 at 6:00 pm**. Please plan to attend this Zoom video webinar if you have a 2021-2022 kindergarten student. The link to the Zoom video webinar will be available on the Oregon City Schools website as the date gets closer. A flyer is attached.

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) **between** the Safety Markers (plastic figures with flags). Do not drop off outside of this zone.
- 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 drop off line.** We need to keep the traffic moving. It is preferred that students are dropped off in the identified zone, 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, and carefully walk your child(ren) into the building.

Thank you for following these procedures, as we all work together to make the arrival process safe for students, parents, and staff.

POP TABS:

As we have done in the past, we are collecting POP tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. These get cashed in for money for their food program. It may not seem like anything to us as we throw them in the recycling bin, but it does have weight and value to them. Just have your child turn them into the office and we will deliver them to the Ronald McDonald House.



Health/Safety Reminders/Update:

As vaccines are starting to come into our area, below are a few reminders:

- If you have gotten the vaccine you are still asked to wear a mask. This is to protect those that have not been vaccinated. Face Masks are for the other person's protection.
- Pre-register to get the vaccine using the link below. You will be notified when/where it is available.

https://toledolucascountyhealthdepartment.formstack.com/forms/covid19_vaccine_preregistration

Proper wearing of a Face Mask

- Wash your hands before putting on your mask
- Place it on your nose and mouth and secure under your chin
- Try to fit it to the side of your face
- Loop around your ears. If a little too big, twist the ends and then over the ears.

Important things to remember

- Nose needs to be covered
- Wash your mask after a day of wearing. Ideal to have more than one to be able to switch.
- Do not touch the inside where all the moisture is. Fold insides together and move to laundry.
- Disposable (paper) masks are intended only for a single use.

Cool/Cold Weather and Outside Recess:

This is a reminder that we GO OUTSIDE for recess daily. ALL students need to have coats, hats and gloves. Please make sure all items are labeled with the students' names on them. Coats need to be zipped when they are outside, since Jerusalem Elementary is always extra cold and windy. We need to keep

the students WARM and HEALTHY. Please stress to them to zip up, stay warm and have FUN.

Grade Level and Team Updates:

Kindergarten- The students are enjoying learning addition and showing off their knowledge of the skill. We are completing third quarter assessments and will be entering them into power school. It is hard to believe we are nearly done with three quarters of the year. We still have one to go so please stay on top of things as we are still learning new things each and every day.

Remember to practice your take home books, word rings, math facts and other important skills you see come home on papers in their folders. Thanks for your continued support throughout this crazy year.

1st Grade- It is hard to believe we are starting the last quarter of the school year. In ELA next week, we will begin reading *The Three Wolves and the Big Bad Pig* by Eugene Trivizas and learning about fairy tales, fractured fairy tales, comparing and contrasting, and all about wolves and their habitats. In Spelling, we will begin working with words that have the digraph /ck/. In Math, we will continue learning about two-dimensional shapes and fractions. Please continue to practice and review sight words and math facts with your child. Enjoy your weekend and don't forget to spring forward for Daylight Savings Time!

2nd Grade-It's hard to believe the 3rd quarter of school has ended and we are beginning our last quarter of the school year! On Friday the 2nd graders found out which important person they will portray for our Wax Museum. Over the next few weeks we will begin completing research at school, along with writing the biography report. You can help your child at home by looking for clothing/props needed to portray their famous person. More information will follow in the coming weeks! Have a great weekend and remember to spring forward for Daylight Savings Time!

3rd Grade- It was wonderful to see the sunshine this week! We will continue our animal unit in Science next week. In Math, the students are learning how to measure area and perimeter. We are focusing on author's purpose and perspective in our ELA studies. We will also be reviewing previously learned concepts over the next month to prepare the students for the April administration of the OST for Reading. Some students will be taking the alternate iReady Reading assessment starting Monday. Reminders were sent

home Friday with those students. Please remember to spring forward this weekend for Daylight Saving Time!

4th Grade- Everyone enjoyed having a taste of spring this week! In our studies, Officer Jeff and Mrs. Hower shared public speaking tips to help us get ready for our ecosystem presentations. The students did a great job sharing their projects! Our next topic in Science will be fossils. We'll also start learning about citizen's rights and responsibilities in Social Studies. In Math, we will begin our final unit on fractions - relating fractions to decimals. The students will be preparing for the ELA OST (March 23 & 24) in Language Arts. Please be present and don't schedule appointments these days. They will also be comparing themes across texts in class. Enjoy the weekend!

Physical Education with Mr. Allen- Next week in PE class, we will be focusing more on team activities and throwing skills both overhand and underhand. Have a great weekend.

Music with Mrs. Reinhart - This week in Music the Fourth graders are playing xylophone and working on different songs from their packet. Third graders are finishing rhythm and working on a Musical March Madness bracket. Second graders are starting drumming and Kindergarten and First graders are working on a short Irish dance and scarf routine to a St. Patrick's Day song.

STEAM with Mrs. Minnick- This week in STEAM K-2 took advantage of our warm days and went to the prairie for observation and are beginning to see signs of growth which means spring is coming! Third graders are working on mass and measurement using graduated cylinders and balance scales. Fourth graders are working on either Makey Makey circuits or building popsicle stick bridges to test the weight they might hold.

Box Tops for Education:

Please see the attached. Local stores that you can scan receipts and Jerusalem will get credit for any items that qualifies.... COSTCO, Kroger, WalMart and Meijer. Help us earn money while you are shopping. Thank you.

DINE TO DONATE:

The winning classroom for the **March 2nd** Marco's Pizza night was Ms. Singlar's room. \$109.51!!! Watch for the next D2D form to come home with your student. Thanks for supporting our school!

Connecting Kids to Meals:

September 8, Connecting Kids to Meals will provide free dinners Monday through Friday to anyone 18 years old and younger. Meals will be available between 4:00 and 5:00 at the Oregon Branch Library, while supplies last. No reservation required.

Oregon Recreation Department Info:

The following link will direct you to information from the Oregon Rec Dept.

<https://www.oregonhiorec.com/>

See below for the attached flyer from the Oregon Rec and upcoming activities.

JPG NEWS:

All parents of current students are welcome and encouraged to attend monthly JPG meetings. We discuss a variety of topics and plan a vast majority of exciting Jerusalem events. All meetings will be held virtually at 7:00 pm via Zoom until further notice. Visit the FB page for more information. Below is a list of dates for upcoming meetings:

April 14, 2021

May 10, 2021

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

Thanks, Jerusalem Parents Group

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/>

This period is from November to January. We earned **\$535.69** from 102 shoppers. Thanks for taking the time to do this!!

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!**

There must have been a lot of cleaning out in **February**. We received a check for **\$53.90!** This helps our Environment and makes you feel good cleaning out. See the flyer below for more information!

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!

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>

Upcoming Events:

March

- 16 Spring Pictures
- 19 3rd Quarter Grades Final
- 23-24 4th Grade ELA Ohio State Test
- 29-31 Spring Break, No School

April

- 1-5 Spring Break, No School
- 6 Dine to Donate: Marco's Pizza
- 6 Classes Resume from Spring Break
- 13-14 3rd Grade ELA Ohio State Test
- 14 JPG Monthly Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 20-21 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

- o Honest, trustworthy, and respectful
- o Polite and respectful towards other students, staff, volunteers and all guests and visitors.
- o Uses kind and positive words
- o Listens to the speaker (teacher or peer)
- o Be respectful to themselves, each other, their school and their community

RESPONSIBLE

- o Follows directions and gives 100% of their best effort in class.
- o Student is a positive role model by example.
- o They are actively engaged in their learning.
- o Student follows class and school rules.

READY

- o Comes to school prepared and ready to learn.
- o Uses class time wisely and completes class work in a timely manner.
- o Student participates and puts forth good effort in all areas
- o 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.



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!



September 3, 2020

SUBJECT: ALL CHILDREN AGES 1-18 NOW EAT FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This week the USDA announced they were allowing families nationwide to pick up free school meals from any school building that is providing Grab & Go school meals under the SSO program. ALL children under the age of 18 are now eligible for FREE meals until December 30, 2020 when the extension expires or when the funding for the USDA program is exhausted.

This extension ensures that “meals are reaching all children-whether they are learning in the classroom or virtually.” Oregon City Schools will start participating in the ALL FREE school meal program immediately and will continue with the GRAB & GO pick-ups already outlined in the enclosed flyer. There will be NO CHARGE for students or children 18 and under who participate from today forward. Our sites are located at Clay High School, Eisenhower Intermediate School and Starr Elementary School. Due to the Labor Day Holiday our new all Free program will begin Wednesday, September 9, 2020.

In order to prepare and have enough meals on hand during our Pick Up days on Monday and Wednesdays we are requesting that you follow the registration process outlined in our attached flyer. DO NOT REGISTER IF YOU HAVE ALREADY DONE SO UNLESS YOU NEED TO ADD ADDITIONAL CHILDREN. Please click on this [here to go to the Meal Reservation Site](#). Please submit ASAP so you get your first choice of delivery locations since we will have limits at each site and we can have the correct number of meals available.

If you need additional assistance, please call and leave a message at 419-698-6030 or email emergency@oregonc.org. Please allow up to 24 hours for a reply. Remember, to receive a full week of meals, you must pick up 2 meals on Monday and 3 meals on Wednesday. As always, we look forward to serving you and your family.

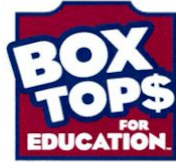
Stop the Spread of Germs

Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19.



cdc.gov/coronavirus

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Dear Families,

During this challenging time, our teachers and students need more help than ever. No matter what school looks like, Box Tops for Education is a fast and easy way for you to help out from home.

The Box Tops program has been around for over 20 years, and it really works. In fact, Box Tops for Education has helped give almost a billion dollars to schools since 1996. In 2019, the program evolved to become digital so that you can earn for your school with just the touch of a button.

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS: Buy participating products and use the Box Tops mobile app to scan your store receipt. The app identifies eligible products and automatically adds Box Tops to your school's earnings online. Even if you're shopping online or doing grocery pickup, you can still submit your e-receipts and earn Box Tops. Twice a year, our school gets a check!

Your earnings may seem small, but they really do add up. The more people that participate, the bigger the impact we can make. So let's give our teachers the support they need and help give more kids the opportunity to dream. **Little by little, we can help make a big difference.**

**DON'T HAVE THE APP YET?
DOWNLOAD IT TODAY!**



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March, 2021

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 2021-2022 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

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION INFORMATION

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