



JET FLASH



Week of December 13, 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@oregonncs.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, Officer Jeff and the Main Office:

Hard to believe there is only 1 more week of school before Christmas Break. Break starts at the end of the day Friday, December 17th. Students return to school on Tuesday, January 4th, to begin the 3rd Quarter.

Reminder: No vehicles, other than school buses, should enter the back parking lot during the school day!

Christmas Spirit Week:

Help our 2nd Grade students celebrate the upcoming Holidays by participating in Christmas Spirit Week next week. Below is the schedule:

Monday: Candy Cane Day- Wear Red and White

Tuesday and Wednesday: Grinch Days- Wear Grinch clothing or colors

Thursday: Elf Day- Wear red, green, and white or dress like an elf

Friday: Polar Express Day- Wear your winter pajamas and/or robe

CHS Theatre Performance:

Our staff/students enjoyed the CHS Theatre Class's Holiday Performance on December 8th. Thank you Mr. Sneed and CHS for arranging this event!! We hope to do this again next year.

Toy/Food Drive (with Santa):

Thank you to everyone that attended our Toy/Food Drive on December 8th. Your generous donations are appreciated!

Recess:

As the weather is changing please make sure that your student is dressed to be outside. We go out most every day. The student needs to have a COAT, HAT AND GLOVES. Please have them dressed appropriately.

Christmas Program Update:

Our Christmas program will look different this year. We will **not** be doing an in-person program on December 8th. Instead, Mrs. Reinhart will be recording our students performing. This will be shared with parents and students when it is complete. Stay tuned for more details!

JPG Movie Night:

Change in date. The new date for the Family Movie Night will be January 13th. Please mark your calendars.

Masks on the Bus:

All students riding a bus to or from school MUST have a mask. Remind students to take them off when they get home (to school) and place them in their bookbags for the next time on the bus. Please be sure to pack an extra mask in your child(ren)'s book bag for the bus ride.

From the Office:

Parent pickup at the end of the day. All calls should be made by 3:00 and no later. This will give the teacher time to check messages and drastically reduce the possibility of the student being in the wrong line. Thank you for your understanding.

Lunch Selections:

Recently, we have had some of our students request to change their lunch choice once they received their lunch in the cafe. Please remind them that what they select during lunch count in the morning, is what they will receive

at lunch. We cannot allow students to change their mind after making their morning selection. When this happens, we end up wasting food and potentially running out of meals. We offer 3 meal options everyday (hot lunch, light lunch, PB&J lunch). I have attached the lunch menu for your convenience. Thank you for your help with this!

Lunch Menu:

Click [here](#) for the lunch menu.

Lost and found

We understand that sometimes students leave items behind. To help us get the item back to them, please write their name on/in the item. i.e. lunch boxes, jackets. Thank you for helping us.

JPG News:

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

January 5, 2021 (virtual)

February 7, 2021 (virtual)

March 9, 2021 (virtual)

April 4, 2021

May 2, 2021

Jerusalem Spirit Wear:

The Jerusalem Parents Group has partnered with 1st Place Spiritwear to offer online shopping year round.

<https://1stplacespiritwear.com/schools/OH/Curtice/Jerusalem+Elementary+School>

Deliveries for Students:

Jerusalem Elementary has implemented a 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!

2021-2022 School Calendar:

Click [here](#) for the 2021-2022 District Calendar.

Student/Parent Handbooks:

Click [here](#) for the current Student/Parent Handbook.

School Supplies:

For a list of school supplies for each grade level, click [here](#).

Morning Drop-Off Routine:

Please see the following important information involving the morning drop-off routine for students. Students will not be permitted to enter the building until **8:45 am**. Please do not let your child(ren) exit the vehicle until the main entrance doors are opened. Thanks for your cooperation!

- 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.

Student Dismissal:

To help with the flow of traffic, parent pick-up students will be dismissed to the main entrance beginning at 3:30 pm. Please be sure to have your pick-up card out, and your child(ren)'s card attached to their book bag in a visible location. Parents should wait inside the foyer, or just outside the doors

while waiting for their child(ren). Please be patient with this process. If you don't have a parent pick-up card, you will be asked to enter the office and provide your ID.

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.



Grade Level and Team Updates:

Kindergarten- One more week to go. Keeping kindergarten students on task this time of year is not an easy thing to do. The quarter ends on Dec. 17th so we have been busy with our end of the quarter assessments. Keep practicing your word rings kids and especially over the Christmas break. We really enjoyed the performance last Thursday that the Clay students put on. Thank you so much for sharing your talents with us. Our hope is that each and everyone of you have a joyful and relaxing holiday. Thanks for everything you do!

1st Grade- Thank you to all of the wonderful people who made our Santa Shop a success. Next week ends the 2nd quarter, so please make sure all missing assignments are turned in by Friday, December 17. In ELA, we will read the story *The Animals' Santa* by Jan Brett, along with other stories from our Wonders Reading Series that includes stories with suffix -ed. The students will work on analyzing illustrations; how to make conclusions; character emotions; compare and contrast types of animals that camouflage in the snow; plural nouns; and read facts about animals that camouflage in the winter. In Spelling, the students will focus on making and writing words with -ed at the end of a root word. In Writing, the students will write about different types of trees and retell *The Great Spruce*. In Math, we will conclude Chapter 5 on Subtracting Numbers Within 20. Have a fabulous weekend!

2nd Grade- The 2nd graders are looking forward to our Christmas Spirit Week next week, December 13-17. Monday is Candy Cane day, and students may

wear red and white. Tuesday and Wednesday will be “Grinch Day”, and students may wear green/Grinch shirts and Santa hats. Thursday is Elf Day and students can wear red, white, and green. Friday is “Polar Express Day”, and students may wear pajamas and BRING their robe and slippers to wear AFTER they arrive at school. Please keep in mind these special themed days are optional. Next week we will complete Christmas related activities in Language Arts, as well as finish the end of the quarter assessments. Have a wonderful weekend!

3rd Grade- Our 3rd graders enjoyed listening to the performance by the Clay High School music students and shopping at the Santa Shop this week. Thank you to Mr. Sneed, JPG, and everyone who was involved in these activities! We are looking forward to completing a Christmas craft next week so if you have any or can donate an incandescent lightbulb for our project, please send it in with your child no later than Monday, Dec. 13th. In ELA, we will finish our informational writing on reindeer/caribou and work on Christmas themed activities. We will have an assessment on rocks and minerals on Wednesday. Please have your child study the notes in his/her binder. We will finish division with an assessment on Tuesday and then work on multi-step addition and subtraction problems. Have a great weekend!

4th Grade- Next week, we’ll work on area and perimeter in Math. In ELA, we’ll finish Christmas around the world and figurative language. In Science, we’ll test on Erosion, Weathering, and Deposition on Monday. We’ll also read a part of our *Super Science* issue. We are finished with new Social Studies material until the new year! Have a wonderful weekend!

Physical Education with Mr. Allen- We are going to finish out 2021 with some basketball skills/games. Have a safe and enjoyable holiday break.

Music with Mrs. Reinhart - The holidays are a great time in music class to move and sing to lots of holiday songs. The 3rd and 4th grade recorded programs just need some finishing and the links to view them will be sent out soon!

STEAM with Mrs. Minnick- This week in STEAM the 4th graders are working on creating, editing, and producing in WeVideo. Our first, second, and third graders completed STEAM challenges to improve their problem solving skills

and collaboration. The kindergarten students worked on creating trees made with cut paper.

Character Lessons with Mrs. Hower- Once a month, I go into each classroom to discuss various topics with students. The elementary school counselors throughout the district have monthly themes that we try to follow to stay consistent. This is done in the hopes that when our Eagles come together in 5th, they will have had similar foundations in Character Education.

August: Meet the Counselor/ Word of the Month: Integrity

September: Respect or Diversity/ Word of the Month: Respect

October: Bully Awareness/ Word of the Month: Encouragement

November: Friendship (For 1st and 3rd Grade: CAPP)/Word of the Month: Compassion

December: Kindness/ Word of the Month: Empathy

January: Growth Mindset/ Word of the Month: Preparation

February: Stress Management/ Word of the Month: Optimism

March: Conflict Resolution/ Word of the Month: Self-Control

April: HOPE Curriculum/ Perseverance

May: Career Focus/ Word of the Month: Courage

Parents who have students in 1st and 3rd grade were asked to read through the Parent Permission Letter regarding CAPP. This was sent through private message on Class Dojo. If you DO NOT want your child to participate in this lesson, please contact me no later than Thursday, November 4th.

October 2021

CAPP Notification Letter

Dear Parents and/or Guardians of 1st/3rd Grade Students:

The Child Abuse Prevention Program is a discussion program that will be presented in your child's classroom. It is designed to increase children's problem solving skills regarding personal safety. The Child Abuse Prevention Program teaches children to recognize dangerous situations and communicate their concerns to adults. It has been in the Lucas County schools for 35 years and meets state requirements for a personal safety lesson in all health curriculums in Ohio.

The Child Abuse Prevention Program's purpose is to reinforce safety lessons parents began with their children when they were very young. Through discussions, children learn to identify problem situations that hurt or make them feel scared, worried, or uncomfortable. Children learn that the best way to take care of any problem is to tell an adult they trust. Children then learn to identify the many adults in their families and in their lives that they can talk to if they have a problem.

More than 8,000 participated in The Child Abuse Prevention Program, last year in Lucas County. This took place in Lucas County school districts and several private and parochial schools. The program was developed by the Family and Child Abuse Prevention Center and is presented in the classrooms by professionally trained and experienced staff.

If you have any questions about the program, please call the Family and Child Abuse Prevention Center 419-244-3053 ext. 233. Your child will bring home a letter when the program is completed. This letter will have suggestions to help you continue to reinforce the safety lessons with your child.

****If you DO NOT want your child to participate in this program, please reply to this Dojo Message or email Mrs. Hower: shower@oregoncs.org as soon as possible, but no later than Thursday, November 4th.**

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. In the month of **OCTOBER we earned \$4.90.** (\$34.50 for this year) Thank you.

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.

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! This quarter (Aug thru Oct) we had 116 families participate earning \$602.17!! 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/>

RITE AID REWARDS:

We have started a new rewards system with Rite Aid. It works the same as Kroger. We earn \$\$ when you shop and fill prescriptions. Follow this link to sign up. Currently we have 12 families signed up.

<https://rxfundraising.com/s/?id=JerusalemElementarySchool>

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!**

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.asp>

Upcoming Events:

December

- 17 End of 2nd Nine Week Period
- 17 Christmas Break Begins at the Close of Day

January

- 3 Staff Work Day, No School
- 4 Classes Resume from Christmas Break
- 20 2nd Quarter Jet Shop
- 5 JPG Monthly Meeting, 7:00 p.m. (Zoom)
- 7 JPG Art Contest Due Date
- 7 2nd Quarter Grades Final
- 10-13 JPG Art Contest Voting
- 11 Dine to Donate: Marco's Pizza

- 13 JPG Movie Night
- 14 Staff Training Day, No School
- 17 Martin Luther King Jr. Day, No School
- 28 Kids Heart Challenge Kick off Assembly

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!



Stop the Spread of Germs

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



Stay at least 6 feet (about 2 arms' length) from other people.



Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash and wash your hands.



When in public, wear a mask over your nose and mouth.



Do not touch your eyes, nose, and mouth.



Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.



Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.



Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.



[cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.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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You Can Help Us Earn Funds

Our new fundraiser is off to a great start. Please remember to transfer your prescriptions and use **Rite Aid Pharmacy** for your prescription needs and shopping to help us raise funds.

Please take a moment to support Jerusalem Elementary School.

Even if you only fill one prescription it will help us raise funds. Please click on our link to support us.

support.rxfundraising.com/JerusalemElementarySchool

Copy and paste school link and QR code into any school material you prefer.

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