Jerusalem Elementary School

JET FLASH

Week of December 12, 2022

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Spirit Wear orders are open year round! Click Here for link.

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

Upcoming Events:

December
13 4th Grade Music Program
22 End of 2nd Nine Week Period
22 Christmas Break Begins at the Close of Day

January
5 Staff Work Day, No School
6 Classes Resume from Christmas Break
9 JPG Monthly Meeting, 7:00 p.m. (Zoom)
9 JPG Art Contest Due Date
12 2nd Quarter Jet Shop
13 Staff Training Day, No School
16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day, No School
17-20 JPG Art Contest Voting
TBD Kids Heart Challenge Kick off Assembly

20 Focus 3 Friday (9:20-10:20)

Important Information and Updates:

From Mr. Straka and the Office:

Hard to believe there are only 2 weeks remaining in the second quarter! The year is nearly half over, and it has been a great 1st half!

Thanks to everyone that donated to our Toy/Food Drive on Wednesday. All of the items collected will go to families in need.

Next week is our 4th Grade Christmas Concert at Jerusalem. This is our 4th Grade students first in-person concert, and we hope our 4th grade families can join us on Tuesday, December 13th. The concert begins at 6:30 pm, and doors open at 6:00 pm.

2022-2023 Calendars

Jerusalem Events Calendar 2022-2023
District Calendar 2022-2023

Staff Spotlight!

Each week we will be highlighting 2 of our Awesome Jerusalem Staff Members throughout the building. These staff members will be recognized on the morning announcements, have their door decorated, and be able to park in a VIP spot in the front of the building. This week's Staff Spotlight recipients are below:

Mrs. Fisher: Kindergarten Teacher

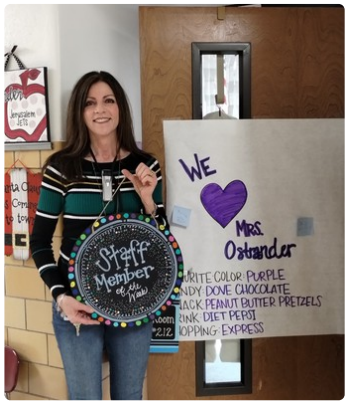
Mrs. Fisher has been teaching for over 25 years! She also teaches yoga and fitness classes. Here are some of Mrs. Fisher's favorites: the color purple, milk chocolate, iced coffee, and pretty much any food under the sun :-). Her hobbies are reading and fitness. Her favorite movie is Pride and Prejudice. Mrs. Fisher enjoys her camper and loves spending time with her family!

Mrs. Ostrander: 2nd Grade Teacher

This is Mrs. Ostrander's 27th year of teaching, 22 of which she has been a 2nd grade teacher! Mrs. Ostrander is married with two boys and two dogs: Bella and Riley :-). Here are some of Mrs. Ostrander's favorites: the color purple, Dove chocolate, peanut butter pretzels, and Diet Pepsi. Mrs. Ostrander is was into sports, she loves watching football, baseball, and basketball. Her favorite movie is The Blind Side. She enjoys traveling, camping, and watching her boys play sports.

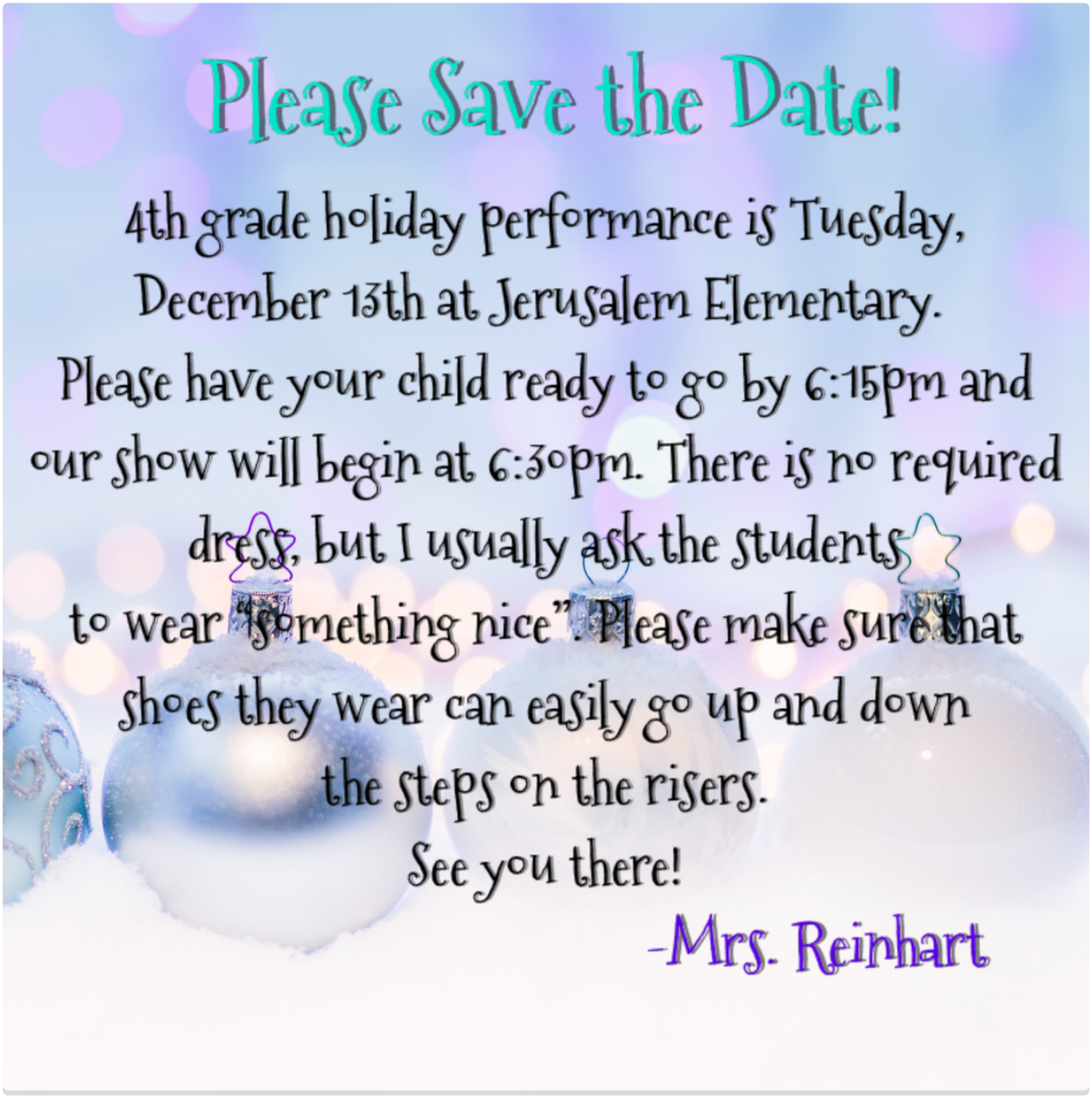
Thank you to both Mrs. Fisher and Mrs. Ostrander for all they do! Please encourage your child to say "thank you" to these ladies if they seek them around the building this coming week!

Mrs. Fisher, Kindergarten



Mrs. Ostrander, 2nd Grade

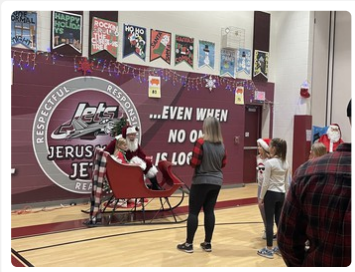
4th Grade Christmas Program!



Toy/Food Drive!

Thanks to all of those that supported our Toy/Food Drive on December 7th. We appreciate your generosity!!

Student Council will be taking a field trip on December 20th to the Oregon Health and Welfare packing facility to help sort and prepare gift baskets including many of the items donated from Jerusalem!



Oregon Health and Welfare Christmas Basket Program!

November 2022

Dear Parents,

The holiday season is fast approaching.

Oregon Health and Welfare is a not-for-profit organization that started the Christmas Basket program 60 years ago and serves the communities of Oregon, Harbor View, Curtice and Jerusalem Township. The organization is made up of volunteers and operates on donations from businesses, individuals, community organizations and help from Oregon schools. Every year students are asked to help with fundraising for the program or to participate in food drives of non-perishable food items or toys. Donated items are greatly appreciated by the recipients.

Last year canned goods, fresh fruits, vegetables, dairy products, meat, baking supplies, bread, cleaning products and personal hygiene items were distributed to 283 households. The program provided toys to 59 children under the age of 12 in our community. The success of the 2022 Christmas Basket program depends on your generosity and willingness to help your neighbors.

If you or someone you know is in need of assistance this holiday season please share the following information:

The 2022 Holiday Food Basket program is available to residents of the City of Oregon, Curtice (Must live in Lucas County), Harbor View and Jerusalem Township.

Families and individuals in need of food assistance may request a food basket by completing an application each Monday in November beginning November 7th from 11:00am-1:00pm at the City of Oregon Municipal Complex in the Community Room located at 5330 Seaman Road Oregon.

A touchless application process will also be in place the month of November near the city Tax and Water drop box.

Apply in person with a valid drivers license or photo ID and proof of income (W2, Social Security, welfare or paystub). Applications will be cross referenced with the Toledo Area Christmas Clearing Bureau.

If you have questions about the program, would like to make a donation or inquire about eligibility requirements please contact oregonhealthandwelfare@gmail.com or call (419)836-0559

Sincerely,

Hal Gregory
Superintendent
Oregon City Schools

Yvonne Thoma Patton
Chairperson
Oregon Health and Welfare

UnBirthday Prom Event!

Girl Scout troop 10345 invited you to a Very UnBirthday Prom! What does that mean? Dress in your very best and bring a birthday gift to be donated to the Toledo Children's Hospital and dance the night away with DJ Ryan. Treats and snacks provided. Cost is $10 a person. Children must attend with an adult. Flyers will be sent home and can be found in the office. Use the QR code to register.

Cookie Walk

Sunday, December 18, 2022, 2:30pm - 5:00pm in the Gym/Culinary Lobby Area.

Come walk the tables of homemade cookies - every shape, size & flavor! Sold by the pound - $9 per pound

Proceeds will benefit the Volunteer Focus Scholarships
(FYI - last year we were able to award 5 scholarships to deserving Volunteer Focus students!)

Presented by the Clay Volunteer Focus
DON'T HAVE TIME TO MAKE HOLIDAY
COOKIES THIS YEAR? COME TO THE
COOKIE WALK
DECEMBER 18, 2:30-5
DURING AND AFTER VESPERS CONCERT
Come walk the tables of homemade
cookies, every shape, size, and flavor
Sold by the pound, 9$ per pound

Mini Cheer Clinic

Mini Cheer Clinic for students grades K-6 for January 19th, 2023 with performance on January 20th, 2023. Would you all be so kind to share the following link in your newsletters? It is online registration only and all information is contained within the link but here is a list of key points:

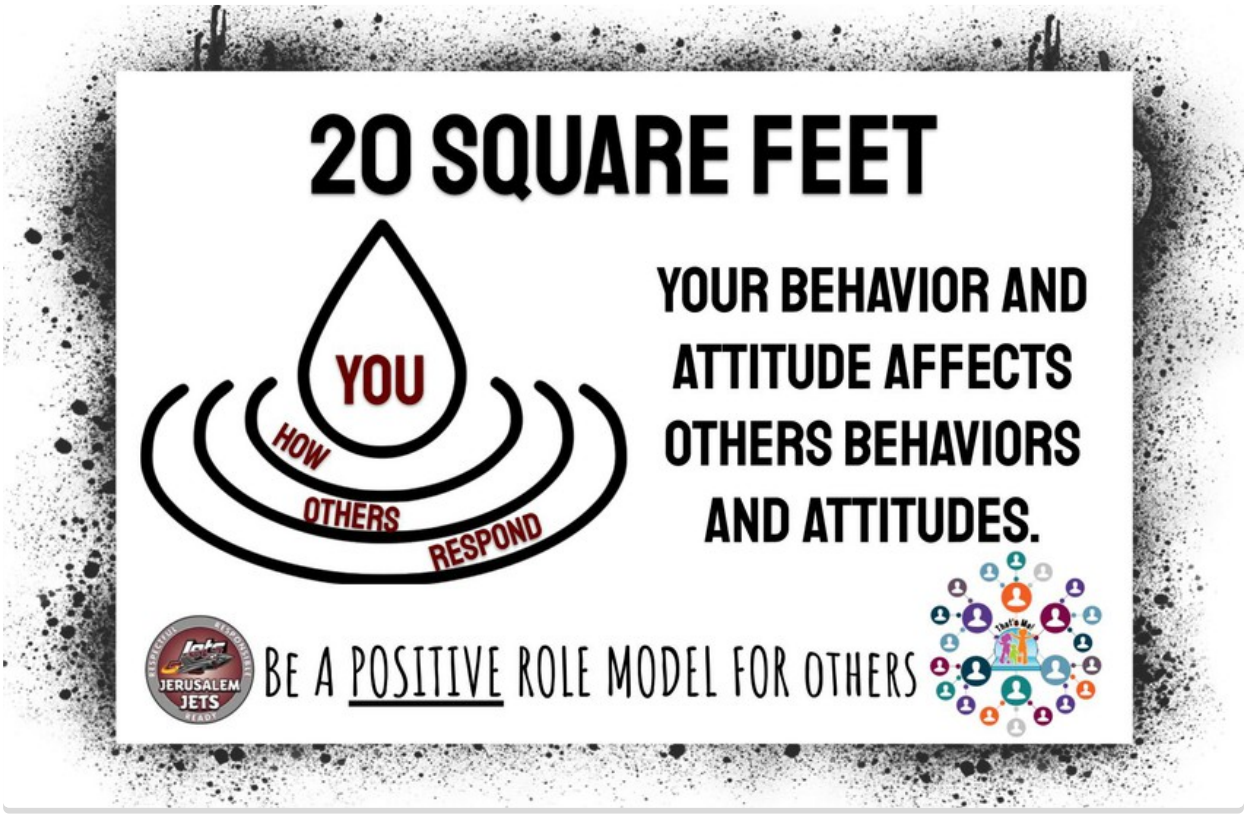
- Clinic: January 19th 5:00 - 7:30 in CHS Cafeteria
- Performance: January 20th (arrive at 7:30) performance at half-time of Varsity game
- $30 Early Registration prior to January 6th guarantees t-shirt
- Students grade K-6

https://www.payschoolsevents.com/events/details/24292

Focus 3 Update:

On Friday, December 9th, Jerusalem students and staff were able to meet with their "Families" at the end of the school day. Each family discussed the idea behind "Your 20 sq. Feet" and then they worked on thank you letters to send to local nursing homes for the Holidays!

The BIG idea behind "20 sq. Feet" is know that how you Respond to an Event will have an effect on others. Your Response creates a new Event for the people around you.



Safety Updates from Officer Jeff:

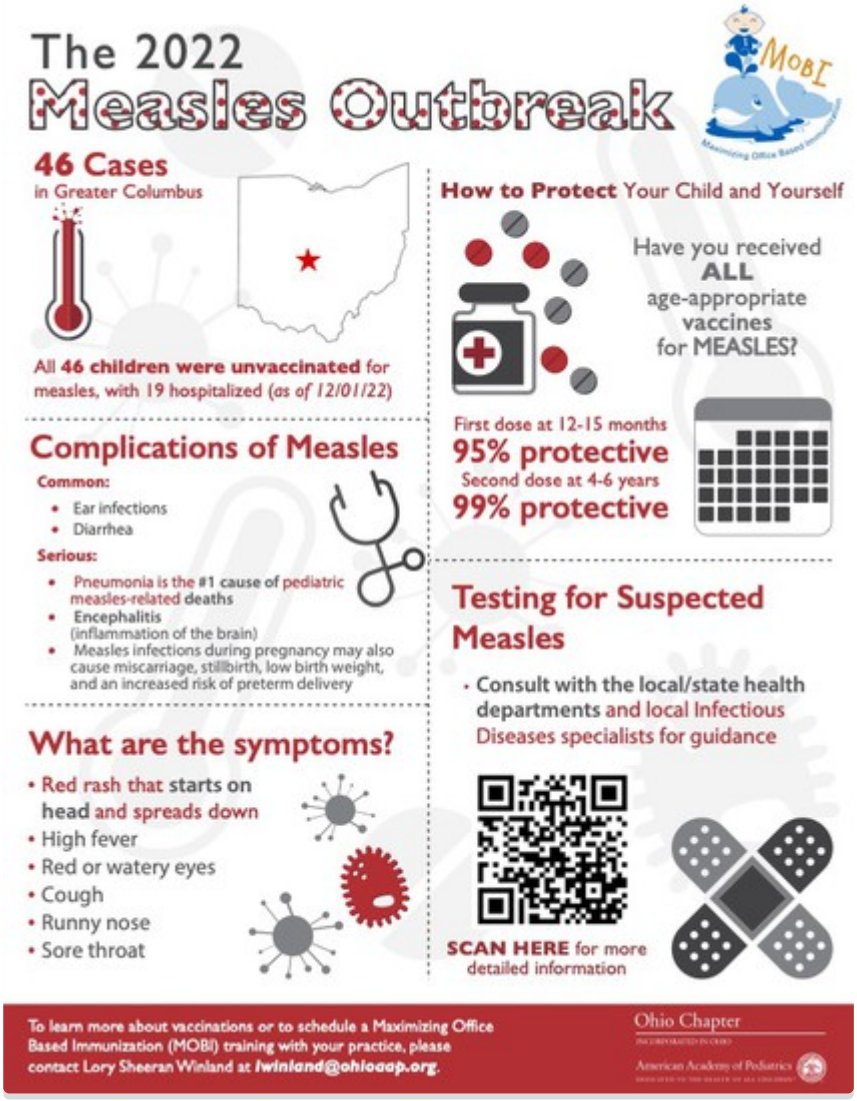
Have a great weekend!

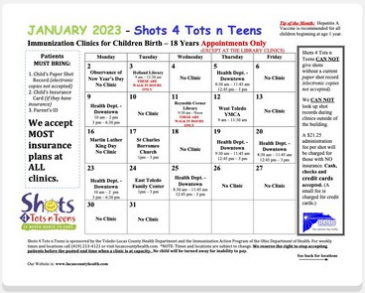
From Nurse Libbi:

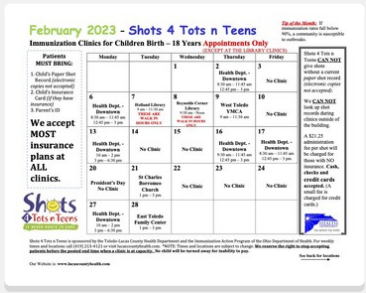
Happy Friday!! The Lucas County Health Department has informed me that health officials are currently investigating 46 confirmed measle cases from Columbus area schools and daycares. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) and Prevention is assisting health officials with contract tracing and working with facilities. Attached is a measle infographic and a Shots for Tots and Teens calendar for January, February and March. The clinic has partnered with various organizations within the Lucas County area at multiple locations to help provide convenient vaccinations at low to no cost in our

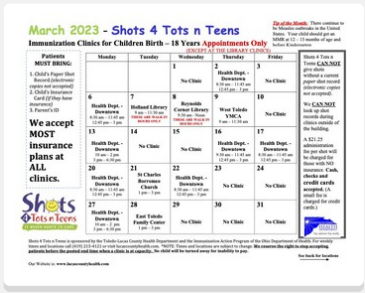
community. The clinics are now open for walk-in appointments (highlighted in red) at different times and locations.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.



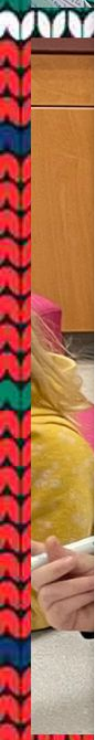






Student/Parent Handbooks:

Click here for the current Student/Parent Handbook.



Application for Free/Reduced Breakfast and Lunch:

2022-2023 Update: Beginning with the first day of school students without approved free and reduced applications will no longer be free. All free and reduced applications will expire on Monday October 3, 2022. New applications have to be signed and dated after July 1, 2022 to be valid. New applications are available on-line through the link below. Paper applications are also available below.

Meal pricing will be Breakfast: $2.00, Lunch: $3.00. Milk is $.50. Reduced pricing is Breakfast: $.30, Lunch: $.40.

https://www.oregoncityschools.org/FoodService-StudentNutrition.aspx

Lunch Menu:

Click here for the lunch menu.

Breakfast Menu Changes:

Below is the weekly breakfast menu for students. Students can purchase breakfast everyday in our cafeteria before school. Please make sure you check their breakfast/lunch account balance frequently.

MONDAY - Hot Breakfast, Cereals, Benefit Bar or Muffin
TUESDAY - Hot Breakfast, Cereals, Benefit Bar or Bagel & Cream Cheese
WEDNESDAY - Hot Breakfast, Cereals, Benefit Bar or Donuts
THURSDAY - Hot Breakfast, Cereals, Benefit Bar or Yogurt and Graham crackers
FRIDAY - Hot Breakfast, Cereals, Benefit Bar or Cinnamon Mini

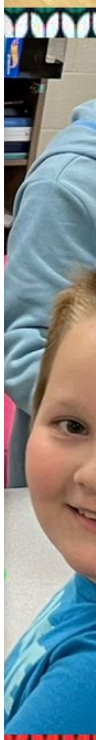
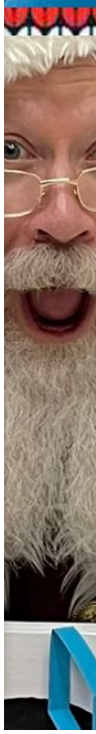
Lunch ID Numbers:

Students will be required to enter their School ID number when purchasing a lunch this year. Please work with your child(ren) to help them learn their ID number. Them knowing their ID number allows students to receive their lunch much faster!

Jerusalem Parents Group (JPG)

JPG Meetings 2022-2023 School Year:

Monday, January 9, 2023: 7:00 pm (Zoom)
Wednesday, February 1, 2023: 7:00 pm (Zoom)
Monday, March 6, 2023: 6:00 pm (In Person)
Wednesday, April 12, 2023: 6:00 pm (In Person)
Monday, May 1, 2023: 6:00 pm (In Person)

JPG Welcome Letter

Families, please take a moment to read this welcome letter. Hopefully, you will join us at some meetings this school year! **Meeting Dates Above.

Welcome Letter Link

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.

Cell Phones and other electronic devices:

Just a reminder that all cell phones, smartwatches, and other personal electronic devices must be turned off and placed in the student's lockers upon arriving at school. These devices are often a distraction to students, and are not permitted to be with students during the day. Thanks for your cooperation!

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.

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!

School Supplies:

This year, we have decided to purchase a variety of school supplies for each classroom to start the year. This allowed us to decrease the number of items that parents are responsible for purchasing. If you are in need of school supplies, please let us know. We can help!

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 **8:50 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. Pull all the way down to the last Safety Marker to allow multiple cars to unload at the same time.
- 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.

New Parent Pick Up Cards:

We are issuing NEW Parent Pick Up Cards this year. If you plan on picking up your child(ren) from school, please see Mrs. Freimark in the office for a new set of Parent Pick Up Cards. These will be a different color from our old cards. If you still have your old cards, please return them to the office to avoid being charged for them.

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.

Pick up cards will be available to be signed out starting Monday, August 22nd. Please stop in the office to pick up your cards.

Grade Level and Team Updates:

Kindergarten- Can you believe the quarter is almost over? We will start our grade card testing this week and it will go into the week of the 19th. Our focus this week will be on the words **be, have, from, or, one** and we will also introduce the words **big, miss, six**. In math we continue to work on both 2D

and 3D shapes with measurement up next. Remember to send your child with appropriate clothes to play outside, and keep working with them to get everything on and zipped without help.

1st Grade- Thank you to all of the wonderful people who made our Santa Shop a success. In ELA, we will finish reading the story *The Great Spruce* by John Duvall. The students will continue to work on establishing a purpose for reading; why we read texts more than once; comparing and contrasting types of trees; verbs; and reading facts about various types of trees. Then, we will begin reading the story *The Animals' Santa* by Jan Brett; focusing on analyzing illustration, how to make conclusions, comparing and contrasting types of animals that camouflage in the snow, plural nouns, and reading facts about animals that camouflage in the winter. In Spelling next week, the students will focus on making and writing words with the welded sounds -ink, -ank, -onk, and -unk. In Writing, the students will finish writing about different types of trees and hibernation. In Math, we will continue Chapter 6 on Counting and Writing Numbers to 120. Have a great weekend!

2nd Grade- Thank you to everyone who has already sent postcards to our 2nd graders! We are learning so much about our 50 states as we receive and read postcards from around the country! It's not too late to send a postcard to our 2nd grade classes! We will continue our postcard campaign until January 6. The week of December 19th, we will have special themed days as we approach Christmas break. Monday is Candy Cane Day, and students may wear red and white. Tuesday will be "Grinch Day", and students may wear green/Grinch shirts and Santa hats. Wednesday is Elf Day and students can wear red, white, and green. Thursday is "Polar Express Day", and students may wear pajamas and BRING their robe and slippers to wear AFTER they arrive at school. Have a great weekend!

3rd Grade- Happy Friday! Next week, our 3rd graders will be continuing our informative writing about caribou/reindeer as part of our ELA studies. In Math, we will finish rounding and continue our focus on multi-step word problems. We are beginning a unit on matter in Science. Students will learn about the properties of the three states of matter including solids, liquids, and gases. Have a great weekend!

4th Grade- Tuesday night is the 4th grade Christmas program/play! It begins at 6:30. Please have your performer at Jerusalem by 6:15 PM. See our Wakelet for other updates!
https://wakelet.com/wake/IwrlDNuctzFbR3XPjf8Js

Physical Education with Mr. Allen- For the next 2 weeks in PE class, we will be working on more dances. The whole school learned the "Whip Nae Nae" fitness dance. Next we will do the Cupid Shuffle and Cha Cha Slide. Eventually, we will also learn the Cotton Eyed Joe dance. That one is always a favorite. We will also be doing our 2nd round of Push-up and Jump Rope Ninja testing. Have a great weekend

Music with Mrs. Reinhart- It is time for the 4th graders to make their first stage appearance at Jerusalem. Their performance will be Tuesday, December 13th. Doors will open at 6:00 pm and the performance will begin promptly at 6:30pm on our stage. Hope to see you there to support our students!

We have our performance schedule! This year our performances will be at 6:30 pm on the Jerusalem stage. Please add these performance dates to your calendar.

December 13th - 4th grade

April 19th - 2nd grade
April 26th - 1st grade

There will also be some assemblies that will be held during the school day.
There will be more information sent out to the grades involved as we get closer to these assemblies.

STEAM with Mrs. Minnick- This week in STEAM 4th graders continued to work on 3D designing/printing holiday ornaments. Third grade practiced Google drawing skills to personalize a tree ornament. Second graders practiced learning some new Chromebook keyboard shortcuts and decorated a holiday tree. First graders are working hard on writing and illustrating their own book using a program called Book Creator. Our Kindergarten class is learning to code!

Character Lessons with Mrs. Hower- Each month I get to go into each classroom to do a character lesson on various topics. August starts with Meet the Counselor, where I introduce my role to the younger students, and refresh everyone else. Word of the Month is **Compassion.**

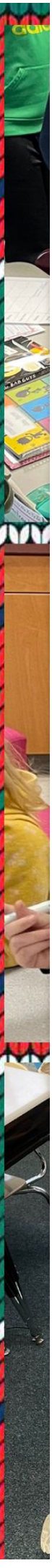
September: Respect/Diversity/ Word of the Month: Respect
October: Bully Awareness/ Word of the Month: Encouragement
November: No BCD (For 1st and 3rd Grade: CAPP)/Word of the Month: Compassion
December: 20 Square Feet/Word of the Month: Empathy
January: Press Pause/ Word of the Month: Preparation
February: Get Your Mind Right/ Word of the Month: Optimism
March: Step-Up/ Word of the Month: Self-Control
April: HOPE Curriculum/ Perseverance
May: Make A Difference, Build Skill/ Word of the Month: Courage

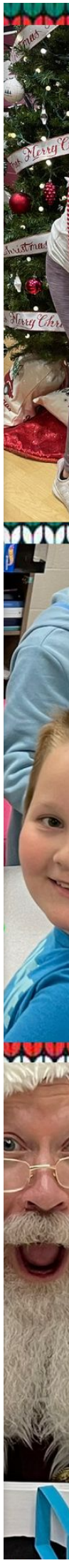
POP TABS:

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.

Box Tops for Education: Need to Update

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. From November to March we earned $21.80. Thank you.





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!

LEARN MORE ABOUT HOW BOX TOPS WORKS AT

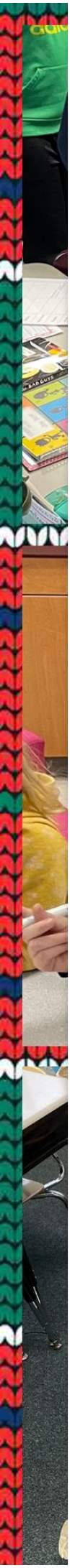
BTFE.COM

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 (May to August) we earned $674.39!! 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 24 families signed up. There is a promotion that if we get 25 participants there will be a cash incentive to the building. These funds will be used for rewards to the students.



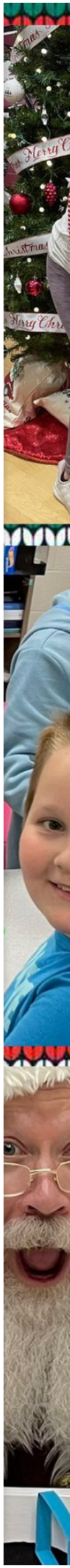
Please take a moment to support Jerusalem Elementary School and our students.

Click on our school link. Even if you fill one prescription it will help us raise funds.

support.rxfundraising.com/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! TO DATE TOTALS THIS SCHOOL YEAR… $574.15.**



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Just place the items in the ***green*** recycling bin in our parking lot.

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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!

Oregon Recreation Department Info:

The following link will direct you to information from the Oregon Rec Dept.
https://www.oregonohiorec.com/
See below for the attached flyer from the Oregon Rec and upcoming activities.

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!

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

Student of the Month Information

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.

Have a great week!

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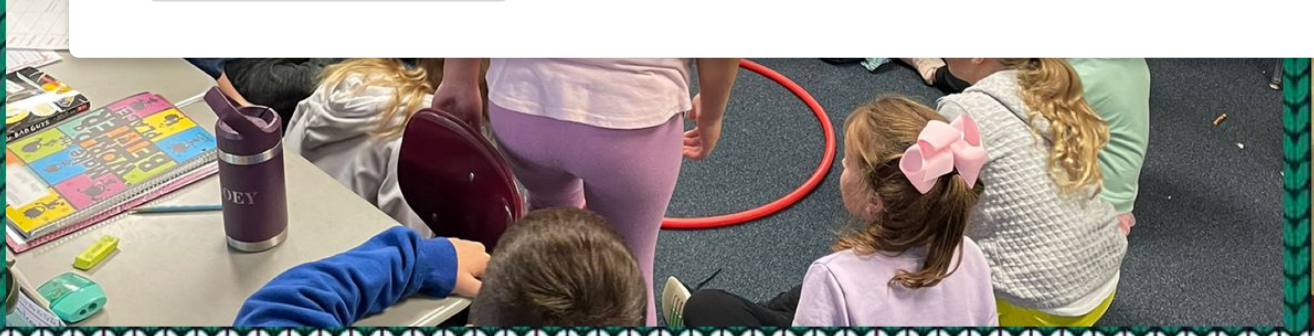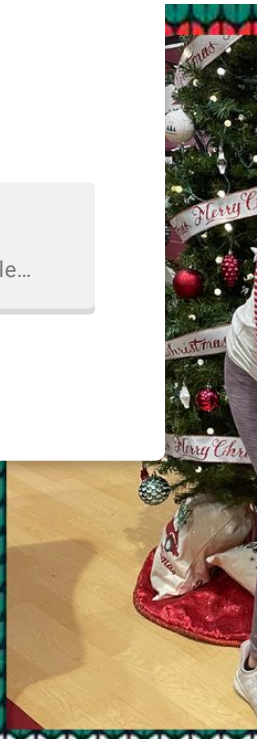
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