

Jerusalem Elementary School

JET FLASH

Week of August 14, 2023

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Welcome to the 2023-2024 School Year!

School Supply lists available
[Here](#).

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:

August

- 17-21 Individual Parent/student conferences
- 21 Kindergarten Bus Safety/Orientation (am and pm)
- 22 Classes Begin, Grades K-4
- 23 Jet Launch 1-4 (Behavior Matrix)
- 25 Focus 3 Kickoff
- 28 JPG Welcome Meeting, 6:00 p.m. (IP)

September

- 1 Jog-A-Thon JPG Fundraiser Kickoff
- 4 Labor Day, No School
- 6-7 Bus Safety (evacuation drills)
- 8 Family Time, 2:30-3:20 pm
- 12 Fall Pictures
- 15 K- Muffins and Me Event
- 18 Staff PD Day
- 22 Jog-A-Thon
- 24 Jerusalem Car Show
- 29 Jog-A-Thon Awards Assembly

Important Information and Updates:

From Mr. Straka:

Welcome Back!! It's hard to believe the summer is coming to an end. We are excited to have students back into the building. Our awesome custodial staff has been working all summer to prepare the building for the return of students, and the building looks fantastic. We are looking forward to seeing you next week at Individual Parent/Student Conference! Below you will find some important updates/information.



1st Day of Instruction for Students:

The 1st day of school for All students (K-4) is Monday, August 22nd.

2023-2024 Calendars:

[2023-2024 Jerusalem Calendar of Events](#)

[2023-2024 District Calendar](#)

Student/Parent Handbooks:

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

WELCOME OUR

New
Employees



Staff Changes:

We are welcoming Mrs. Megan Cullen to our 4th grade team. Mrs. Cullen taught 4th grade at Starr Elementary last year. We also have two new Support Staff joining us this year. Welcome to Michelle Strohscher and Erin Stager!



Kindergarten Parents!

Attention Incoming Kindergarten Parents:

Our Kindergarten teachers were busy at work last week traveling to each of their student's homes to drop off a welcome sign for Kindergarten!

If you took a picture of your child next to their sign and would like to share it with us, please send it in an email to Mrs. Hower, shower@oregoncs.org. We are hoping to display these pics at school :-)

New Shoes for Kids:

Helping Hands of St. Louis is hosting a back to school event for students in need of new shoes! See flier below for details.



Application for Free/Reduced Breakfast and Lunch:

All free and reduced applications will expire on Monday October 3, 2023. New applications have to be signed and dated after July 1, 2023 to be valid. New applications are available on-line through the link below. Paper applications will be available at the main office.

Meal pricing will be Breakfast: \$2.00, Lunch: \$3.00. Milk is \$.50.

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

Lunch Menu:

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

Oregon City Schools Menu K-8 Aug – Nov



Lunch Prices

Student: \$3.00
Reduced: \$0
Free for students with approved applications
Adult: \$4.75
Milk \$5.50

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Menu #1	Corn Dog Baked Beans Carrot Snacks Peaches Milk	Breakfast for Lunch Dutch Waffle Turkey Sausage Scrambled Eggs Hashbrown Patty Vegetable Choice Juice Milk	Pizza Garden Salad with Dressing Apple Milk	Chicken Drumstick Dinner Roll/Marg Mashed Potatoes with Gravy Cauliflower Banana Milk	Pasta with Meat Sauce Cookie Green Beans Applesauce Cup Milk
Menu #2	Popcorn Chicken Potato Smiles Celery Orange Milk	Cheeseburger Sweet Potato Fries Fresh Veggie Toppings Pears Milk	Pizza Corn Carrot Snacks Apple Juice Milk	Walking Taco Beans & Cheese Shredded Lettuce Salsa Pineapple Milk	Macaroni & Cheese Broccoli Vegetable Choice Melon Milk
Menu #3	Chicken Sandwich Baked Beans Pickles Mandarin Oranges Milk	Breakfast for Lunch Omelet Pancake Mix/Syrup Tater Tots Juice Milk	Beef Pepperoni Calzone Garden Salad with Dressing Mixed Fruit Milk	Salisbury Steak Dinner Roll/Marg Mashed Potatoes/Gravy Carrot Snacks Banana Milk	Breaded Mozzarella Sticks Marinara Sauce Vegetable Choice Applesauce Cup Milk
Menu #4	Chicken Nuggets Dinner Roll/Marg Fries Vegetable Choice Raisins Milk	Bosco Stick Marinara Sauce Tossed Salad Juice Box Milk	Pizza Sweet Potato Fries Peaches Milk	Chili & Cheese Nachos Refried Beans Lettuce & Salsa Pears Milk	Fiestada Pizza Green Beans Fresh Broccoli Apple Milk

Daily Lunch Offerings

Choose one of the following in place of the daily entrée.

Chef Salad with a Dinner Roll

Light Lunch with Yogurt, String Cheese, Dinner Roll, & Snack Item

Peanut Butter & Jelly
Uncrustable, String Cheese, & Snack Item

Eisenhower and Fassett Only
August 18 & 21

*Pizza
(2)Vegetable Choices
Fruit Choice
Milk

%
Fassett Only
K-6 No School

Important Info

Parents are able to apply money to student lunch accounts on-line at [Payschoolscentral.com](https://payschoolscentral.com). The cafeteria will not accept payments.

On-line Free and Reduced Applications are available at [Payschoolscentral.com](https://payschoolscentral.com)

Paper applications are available at the district website. Click on Departments, Operations, and Food Service

Holiday Meal will include:

Turkey, Dinner Roll with Margarine, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Corn, Craisins, Dessert and Milk

Menu updates will be posted to the district website when available.

Food Service questions can be directed to Julie Kalisik at 419-725-3380 or jkalisik@oregoncs.org

August 2023	September 2023	October 2023	November 2023
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Follow the menu with each calendar day. The menu is based on a 4-week cycle. Each week is represented by a color. The menu is subject to change due to food availability.
This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Grey Day is Holiday Meal

Strikethrough = No School

Kindergarten Orientation and BUS SAFETY



Kindergarten Orientation and Bus Safety:

Kindergarten Orientation and Bus Safety is scheduled for Monday, August 21st. You can choose to attend the 9:00 am session, or the 1:00 pm session. Students are expected to attend with their

parents/guardians. More information will be provided from your child's teacher.

Take a look at the [Bus Safety Presentation](#) created by Officer Jeff.



PARENT-TEACHER Conference



Individual Parent/Student Conferences:

Teachers will be contacting parents to schedule individual student/parent/teacher conferences in the coming days. These will take place on August 17th, 18th, and 21st for grades 1-4. Kindergarten conferences will be scheduled for August 17th-18th due to Kindergarten orientation and bus safety scheduled for August 21st. These conferences are very important, and we hope you are able to attend. Please enter through the main office when you arrive.

Jerusalem Community Closet

The Jerusalem Community Closet will be open to everyone on August 17th, 18th, and 21st, during Parent/Student Conferences. Our hope is to assist anyone in our community who could use a little extra help with clothing for their family.



Kindergarten Screening:

Vision and Speech Screenings can be completed after the Individual Parent/Student Conferences on August 17th and 18th. If you are not able to have your child's screening completed after their conference, it will be done once the school year begins.

Back to School Picture Opportunity!

Be sure to get your student(s) Back to School Picture in the front of the building when you arrive for your Individual Parent/Student Conference. A background will be available at the Main Entrance!



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>

Jerusalem Parents Group (JPG)

The first in-person meeting of the year is **Monday, August 28th @ 6:00 pm**. All are welcome! *Childcare provided in the gym.

JPG Meetings 2023-2024 School Year:

Monday, August 24, 2023: 6:00 pm (In Person)

Monday, October 2, 2023: 6:00 pm (In Person)

Wednesday, November 1, 2023: 6:00 pm (In Person)

Monday, December 4, 2023: 7:00 pm (Zoom)

Monday, February 12, 2024: 7:00 pm (Zoom)

Monday, March 4, 2024: 6:00 pm (In Person)

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.

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.
- 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.

Parent Pick Up Cards:

If you plan on picking up your child(ren) from school, please see Mrs. Freimark in the office for a set of Parent Pick Up Cards unless you have yours from last year.

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. 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 on the 17th, 18th and 21st. Please stop in the office.

From Nurse Libbi:

Parents, just a reminder that I will need Prescription Medication Forms signed by the doctor, if your child needs medication administered at school. These forms can be found and printed on the Oregon City Schools website. Go to Family Resources and scroll down to Medicine and Medical Forms. The signed form along with the medication must be brought into the office. Medication is not allowed to be transported on the bus. All Kindergarteners and new students must have Immunization Records and Current Physicals. These are due no later than September 12, 2023. A letter will go home to all students that do not have these on file. I am excited to see all the new and returning students! It's going to be an amazing year!!

Grade Level and Team Updates:

Kindergarten- We are very excited to meet everyone next week for conferences on Thursday and Friday. Remember to come to one of the orientations on Monday August 21st at 9:00 or 1:00. If you

have any questions please reach out to your child's teacher. It is going to be a great year!

1st Grade- Welcome back to school and welcome to First Grade!! Mrs. Jaquillard, Mrs. Adam and Mrs. Harris are very excited to meet you all. It's time to set up conferences for August 17, 18 and 21. Please check your emails and Class Dojo to find a SignUpGenius to schedule a conference, if you have not already done so. During our "Meet and Greet", students will begin their initial assessments with their homeroom teacher, one on one. Students can bring in their school supplies at this time, as well. We are going to have a fantastic school year and we are all ready to start! See everyone soon!

2nd Grade- Welcome back to school! We hope everyone had a wonderful summer break! We are excited to start the 2023-2024 school year! We look forward to meeting with our students and families at Back to School Conferences next week. Conferences are being held Thursday, August 17, Friday, August 18, and Monday, August 21. If you do not have a conference scheduled, please contact your child's teacher to schedule a conference. Please have your child bring their school supplies so they can be ready for the first day of school. Make sure all of the school supplies are labeled with your child's name so they don't get lost. Enjoy the last few days of summer break, we are excited to see everyone soon!

3rd Grade- Welcome to 3rd grade! We are excited to meet you and your children next week at our Back to School conferences. If you have not signed up yet, please contact your child's teacher through email or Class Dojo and sign up for a time that will fit your schedule. We encourage students to bring their school supplies to conferences also! We are looking forward to meeting all of you on August 17th, 18th, or 21st! The first day of school for elementary students is August 22nd. Have a great last week of summer break!

4th Grade- Welcome to the 2023-24 school year! This will be the best year yet! Please bring your supplies to your conference. Here's our 4th grade newsletter link:
<https://wakelet.com/wake/lwrlDNuctzFbR3XPjf8Js> Enjoy your last days of summer!

Physical Education with Mr. Allen- Happy new school year! I am so excited to see everyone and meet new faces. We will start the school year learning the rules and routines of physical education class. Enjoy the next couple weeks. See you all soon

Music with Mrs. Reinhart- Welcome back! I hope you had a great summer. I can't wait to hear all about all of your fun adventures. When you get back to music class, we will be reviewing from last year and looking ahead to new songs and music skills. See you soon!

STEAM with Mrs. Minnick- Welcome Back Jets! I am looking forward to a great school year. I have so much fun planned for our STEAM time together this year! Have a great rest of the summer and we will see you next week!

Character Lessons with Mrs. Hower- I am so excited to start the 23-24 school year! I hope everyone had a wonderful and relaxing summer break. My classroom character lessons will start in September. I will introduce myself to the incoming kindergarten students. September's theme of the month is **RESPECT**, and word of the month is **INTEGRITY**.

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

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.



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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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! 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/>

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!**



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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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