

Jerusalem Elementary School

JET FLASH

Week of August 21, 2023

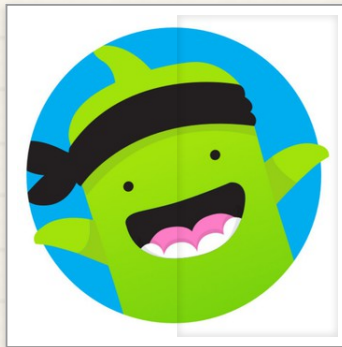
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Welcome to the 2023-2024 School Year!

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

- 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)
- 24 Safety Drills
- 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:

Thanks to all of our families that attended their Individual Parent/Student Conferences this week. Conferences will finish up on Monday, August 21st. We are looking forward to seeing all of our Jets on Tuesday, August 22nd. Have a great weekend!

Attention Families!

If you ordered supplies
for you child from
School Kidz

Orders are delayed. We have plenty of supplies
for your child to use, until their order is received.

Orders will be delivered to
Classrooms 😊



1st Day of Instruction for Students:

The 1st day of school for All students (K-4) is Tuesday, 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. In addition, we would like to welcome our newest Title 1 teacher, Yvonne Jarvi. Lastly, we 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 :-)

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 online 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.

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 \$.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 Milk
Menu #3	Chicken Sandwich Baked Beans Pickles Mandarin Oranges Milk	Breakfast for Lunch Omelet Pancake Bits/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, Raisins, 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@oregoncityschools.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

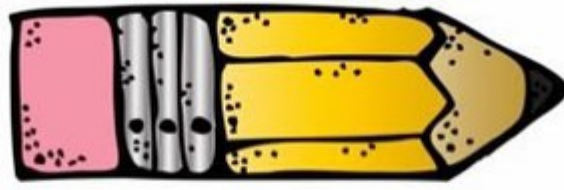
Kindergarten Orientation and BUS SAFETY



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)

Wednesday, May 1, 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.

For your child(ren)'s safety, we will only release students to parents/guardians with matching pick-up cards that are waiting in the lobby.

From Officer Jeff:

I want to welcome all of our new kindergarteners and their families to Jerusalem Elementary School. I am excited to meet with you all at our bus safety training on Monday August 21

2023. Parents please let me know what questions or concerns you have, I will do my best to answer them. I would also like to welcome the rest of the student body back for the 2023-2024 school year. Parents please know I appreciate the opportunity to spend another school year with your children, and I thoroughly enjoy being part of this Jerusalem Jet Family. Thanks, Officer Jeff

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 can't wait to see everyone on Monday for orientation, remember you can choose to come at either 9:00 AM or 1:00 PM. You will get to do bus safety with your child and then meet with the teacher while the students learn about playground safety. We are very excited to finally have the students in the building on Tuesday! It is going to be a great year!

1st Grade- Welcome back to school!! We want to thank everyone for coming in to meet with us! Monday is the last "Meet the Teacher" day and then school starts Tuesday, August 22! If you didn't get the chance to bring in school supplies already, please send them with your child to school. If you need to drop them off at the office, just label a bag with your child's name and let your teacher know so we can grab it. The first week back to school, our 1st graders will be practicing school rules, classroom behavior, and getting to know their classmates. We'll be reading "Schools First Day of School" By Adam Rex to review letters and sounds from last year. In math, we'll begin addition and subtraction situations in Chapter 1 and spelling will begin August 28.

2nd Grade- Thank you to all the parents and students who attended Back to School Conferences this week! We enjoyed meeting everyone and having the opportunity to get to know your child! We look forward to meeting with the rest of our students and families on Monday! If your child was unable to bring their school supplies to conferences, please send the supplies with your child on the first day of school, thank you! Please keep in mind your child can bring a healthy snack to enjoy during snack time each morning. Your child may also want to bring a water bottle (no screw caps please) to have throughout the day. We look forward to seeing all the students in school on Tuesday! Have a wonderful weekend!

3rd Grade- Welcome back to a new school year! It was nice to meet you at our Back to School Conferences these past three days. We are excited to see all of our students on Tuesday

August 22nd. If you did not send in your child's school supplies at your conference, please have your student bring his/her school supplies the first day of school. We are looking forward to a fantastic 3rd grade year!

4th Grade- We are ready for a wonderful school year! Thanks for meeting and greeting us at conferences this week and next! We will see everyone for the first day of school on Tuesday, August 22. Your support is vital, so please reach out if you need us! Check out all things fourth grade here: <https://wakelet.com/wake/lwrlDNuctzFbR3XPjf8Js>

Physical Education with Mr. Allen- Next week in PE, we will review the rules and expectations in the gymnasium during class. We will learn our new squad spots and do a few evade activities to start the new year strong. Have a great weekend! See you all on Tuesday

Music with Mrs. Reinhart- It was nice to see you as you visited Jerusalem and exciting to meet our new Kindergarten students. We will start with a review from last year and then begin working on some new music skills. See you soon!

STEAM with Mrs. Minnick- Welcome back Jets! I look forward to seeing you all in STEAM /Library 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. Kroger earnings for 5/1/23 to 7/31/23 with 123 households \$607.86

<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.oregonhiorec.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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