

MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Jerusalem Elementary School

JET FLASH



Week of December 25, 2023

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**Jerusalem Elementary
School Spirit Wear!**

Spirit Store link [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:

January

- 3 Staff Work Day, No School
- 4 Classes Resume from Christmas Break
- 9 JPG Art Contest Due Date
- 11 2nd Quarter Jet Shop
- 12 Staff Training Day, No School
- 15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day, No School
- 16-19 JPG Art Contest Voting
- 19 Family Time, 2:30-3:20 pm

February

- 2 3rd Grade- Muffins and Me
- 5-9 2nd Grade InView
- 8 3rd Grade InView (select students)
- 9 Family Time, 2:30-3:20 pm
- 12 JPG Monthly Meeting, 7:00 p.m. (Zoom)
- 14 Classroom Valentine Parties
- 19 Presidents' Day, No School
- 20 Spring Conferences, No School
- TBD JPG Art Contest Reward

Important Information and Updates:

From Mr. Straka:

I hope you and your family have a great Christmas! Enjoy your break!!

Reminder: We go outside for recess as often as possible. Be sure your student(s) are dressed appropriately to be outside for recess daily!

Christmas Break!

Last day of school before break is Thursday, December 21st! This is also the last day of the 2nd Quarter.



No School
Friday, December 22nd

Winter break is
Friday, December 22nd – Wednesday,
January 3rd

Classes resume
Thursday, January 4th

Jerusalem Giving Tree:

Thank you to all who were able to donate to our Giving Tree this year! We were able to assist 17 families with gifts and 12 families with Holiday Dinners!!! So many of our own stepped up to make this holiday special for our Jets!





Merry Christmas!

Happy Paw-lidays from Thunder! Follow me on Instagram @thunderthewonderdog21.



Student of the Month:

We recognized our December SOM recipients on December 19th. Students were announced over the PA system on Tuesday, and were presented with a certificate. Students had their pictures taken, and will soon have them displayed on a bulletin board in the hallway outside of the gymnasium. At the end of the day on Wednesday, all of this month's students enjoyed pizza (donated by Red Eye Pie!) with Mr. Straka, Mrs. Hower, and Officer Jeff. Lastly, students were given a special t-shirt to wear proudly on designated days throughout the year. We are requesting that ALL of our Students' of the Month wear their shirts on the First Friday of each month. December's SOM are listed below. Congratulations!

Kindergarten

Mrs. Cray- Macklin Phillips

Mrs. Fisher- Mateo Mies

Mrs. Kidd- Bryson Pudvan

Mrs. Shanks- Wilde Morrissey and Teagan McCaskey

1st Grade

Mrs. Adam- Jace Poulson

Mrs. Harris- Greyson Crozier

Mrs. Jaquillard- Sadie Heirholzer

2nd Grade

Mrs. Ostrander- Vicente Becerra and Annabel Leis

Mrs. Schultze- Sawyer Gatewood and Harper Duris

Ms. Singlar- Charlotte DeMoe and Eleya Hamilton

3rd Grade

Ms. Boisselle- Hudson Spieser

Mrs. Hart- Cassidy Williams

Mrs. Howland-Feller- Brady Haynes and Eve Osburn

Ms. Linville- Cael Achter

4th Grade

Mrs. Chapman- Natalie Ellis

Mrs. Cullen- Kynslee St. Pierre

Mrs. Overman- Abigail Duly

Mrs. Swangstu- Addison Tiell





JPG Art Contest- Due date January 9th!

See flyer below for information!



Annual Winter Art Contest



The Jerusalem Parents Group would like to invite you to participate in our 12th Annual Student Art Contest. While on winter break, students can unlock their creativity and create a beautiful piece of art.

This year's theme is **UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER**



Your sweater can be two or three dimensional. Be creative with your material if you don't have an extra t shirt/ sweatshirt/sweater- use canvas, poster board, tissue paper, bells, pom-poms, glitter! These are just a few suggestions. Creativity is the key! Use different techniques and materials to create a one of a kind piece of art. Art work should be designed and created by the student. Let their imaginations and creativity shine coming up with a one of a kind sweater design.

Contest Rules

Deadline- All artwork must be submitted to Jerusalem school on Monday, January 8th. Voting will take place the following week of January 16th-19th

Labeling- Please write the artist name, teacher's name, and grade level on the back or under the artwork. Names will be anonymous at all times, Judges will only be able to put one sticker (vote) on a numbered sheet next to the artwork with the same number.

Judging- The students will be the judges. Each grade will vote on another grade's Artwork.

Kindergarten votes on Second Grade

First Grade votes on Third Grade

Second Grade votes on Fourth Grade

Third Grade votes on Kindergarten

Fourth Grade votes on First Grade

Prizes- The top three winners in each grade will be awarded a special art surprise!

Congrats to GRACE BICKFORD!

Grace Bickford, 4th grade student @ Jerusalem, scored a perfect score on her Word Master competition. She is approximately 1 of 30 nationwide to have accomplished this! Way to go!!! We are so proud of you!!!





2nd Quarter Jet Shop

The next opportunity for our Jets to redeem their Fuel/Dojo Points is Thursday, January 11th. They can "purchase" an awesome variety of prizes and experiences! Thanks JPG for sponsoring this event!

No School for Students!

Don't forget that students do not have school on January 12th and 15th! Enjoy the extended weekend!

JCC Donations:

Our closet is in need of girls clothing, size 4T-16. Please consider donating, and as always, thank you to those who support our closet.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Hower: shower@oregonncs.org.





Jerusalem Elementary
School

Community Closet

is in special need of youth
girls clothing, size 4T-16.

For the time being, we are
only accepting new items,
with tags. Examples of
items accepted: Boys and
Girls clothing 4T-16, and
Juniors, Shoes, Boots,
Socks, Underwear,
Pajamas,
and Hygiene Products.
Thank you!!!



Upcoming Community Events:

Check out these events happening soon and consider attending!

NEWS RELEASE-OCS CELEBRATES 2023 REPORT CARD



Check out our new banner!

We are so PROUD of our
school! Keep it up, JETS!



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NEWS RELEASE-OCS CELEBRATES 2023 REPORT CARD

OREGON CITY SCHOOLS PROUD OF PERFORMANCE

Oregon City Schools (OCS) is celebrating the student growth documented by the latest 2023 state report card. This report card uses a FIVE star rating system to document performance of the overall district and each individual school. The OCS Board of Education, teachers and administrators have been working very hard for years adapting to the changing educational environment, adjusting curriculum, cultivating internal culture and assisting individual students to achieve success. OCS continues to improve and provide excellence in Academics, Athletics and the Arts.

We are excited about the academic progress we are making and want our community to celebrate with us. OCS maintained or increased our Star ratings in all 27 categories measured. Here is a summary of the overall ratings:

OCS Overall District Rating:	**** 4 Stars
OCS Career Technical Rating:	***** 5 Stars
Clay High School Overall District Rating:	**** 4 Stars
Fassett Junior High Overall District Rating:	***/* 3.5 Stars
Eisenhower Int. Overall District Rating:	****/* 4.5 Stars
Coy Elementary Overall District Rating:	***** 5 Stars
Jerusalem Elementary Overall District Rating:	****/* 4.5 Stars
Starr Elementary Overall District Rating:	****/* 4.5 Stars

Oregon City Schools offers a wide variety of programs and courses throughout the district. We are very proud of the extra-curricular and co-curricular activities available in our schools as well as the many career technical programs offered at Clay High School. OCS has something for everyone, no matter what pathway a student wants to pursue. We educate a variety of students with disabilities along with programs for gifted and talented. We value the education of every student!

OCS teachers, support staff and leaders are dedicated to implementing educational programs and services which make a difference in a young person's life while providing a safe and secure environment. The state report card is just one measure of our total educational system, but an important one.

Thank you to our families and community for the ongoing commitment to Oregon City Schools!

Report Card Information can be found here: <https://reportcard.education.ohio.gov/>

The Oregon City School District adheres to Title VI, Title IX, ADA, and Section 504; thus, does not discriminate in educational programs and employment practices on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, sex or handicap.

Zones of Regulation:

Throughout the past couple of school years, a select group of teachers have been introducing the idea of ZONES into their classrooms. At this point, students in grade K-3 have a good foundation about this self-regulation program. Please take a moment to read the letter created by Mrs. Kellar, summarizing the idea behind ZONES.

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2023-2024 District Calendar

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

Check out these local events happening over the next month:

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.

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

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

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Bus Safety:

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

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)

JPG Meetings 2023-2024 School Year:

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:

School fees can be paid in the office.

As we are starting to wear coats, please write your students name in the coat/sweatshirt/hoodie somewhere. There are MANY lost items in the Gym hallway.

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 would just like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

From Nurse Libbi:



Hi Families, it's been so much fun watching all the students so excited for Santa. There is still many reports of strep throat, some covid, gastrointestinal (vomiting), cough and fevers. Hopefully the break will help with some of this for when we return. I wish everyone the Merriest Christmas and Happiest of Holidays!! Happy New Year and looking forward to seeing all the kiddos next year. Stay safe, enjoy the break and time with family and friends.

Grade Level and Team Updates:

Kindergarten- Second Quarter has flown by! Remember to continue to read and fill out your December reading logs over break. They are due when we come back on January 4th. Have a wonderful holiday and a Happy New Year, see you in 2024!

1st Grade- Happy Holidays from 1st Grade!!! We hope you all have a wonderful time off and we can't wait to hear about our students' Winter break when they return on Thursday January 4, 2023.

2nd Grade- This week was a busy and fun week as the 2nd graders celebrated our Christmas themed days! The students are looking forward to Christmas and their break! The December reading calendar will be due when we return from the Christmas break, so please encourage your child to keep reading to reach their goal. The January reading calendar was sent home this week for the students to start recording their January reading. We appreciate your support with our postcard campaign, as we have collected postcards from many of our 50 states! Keep in mind our postcard campaign will conclude January 5th. We would like to wish our students and their families a wonderful holiday time together. We look forward to seeing you next year!

3rd Grade- We hope everyone has a restful and relaxing break! Merry Christmas!

4th Grade- Happy Holidays! Enjoy your family time!

<https://wakelet.com/wake/lwrlDNuctzFbR3XPjf8Js>

Physical Education with Mr. Allen- When we return after break, we will start our hockey unit! This has been one of my favorite activities to do in PE since I was a child. Have a great break

Music with Mrs. Reinhart- Thank you to all who came to our 3rd and 4th grade performances. We had a packed house and the kids love to see you there! After the concert we have been singing some Christmas songs, watching Pentatonix version of "You're a Mean One Mr. Grinch" and watching The New York City Ballet perform scenes from The Nutcracker. May your holidays be filled with time to rest and enjoy family and friends! 'Til next year...(2024)

This year our performances will begin at 6:30 pm on the Jerusalem stage.
Please add these performance dates to your calendar.

April 23rd - 2nd grade

April 25th - 1st grade

There will also be some assemblies that will be held during the school day that our students will be performing in. 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, we are continuing to work on programming our robots. Have a safe and happy holiday!

Character Lessons with Mrs. Hower- We are getting so close to winter break! Happy Holidays to ALL! **December's** theme of the month is **KINDNESS**, and word of the month is **EMPATHY**.

Event+Response=Outcome (E+R=O). Our RESPONSE should show RESPECT.

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.**

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Total earned from
Aug. – Oct.
\$609.37

Thank you for your help!

Earnings from
October:
\$95.10



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.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

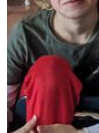
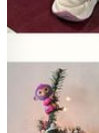
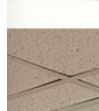
- Honest, trustworthy, and respectful
- Polite and respectful towards other students, staff, volunteers and all guests and visitors.
- Uses kind and positive words
- Listens to the speaker (teacher or peer)
- Be respectful to themselves, each other, their school and their community

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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Jeff is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters

