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Week of January 15, 2024

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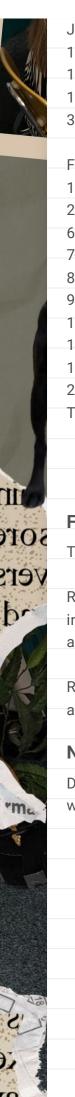
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Jerusalem Elementary School Spirit Wear!

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

15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day, No School

16-19 JPG Art Contest Voting

19 Family Time, 2:30-3:20 pm

31 Ice Safety (K-3)

February

1 Ice Safety (4th Grade)

2 3rd Grade- Muffins and Me

6 2nd Grade CogAT Test

7-8 2nd Grade IOWA Tests

8 3rd Grade CogAT/IOWA Tests (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 and the office:

Thanks for a great week! I hope you have a wonderful extended weekend. Stay safe!

Reminder that School Fees are due before any student can go on a Field Trip. I will be sending out invoices before January 12th. If you have any questions or concerns please call the school office and talk to Mrs. Freimark

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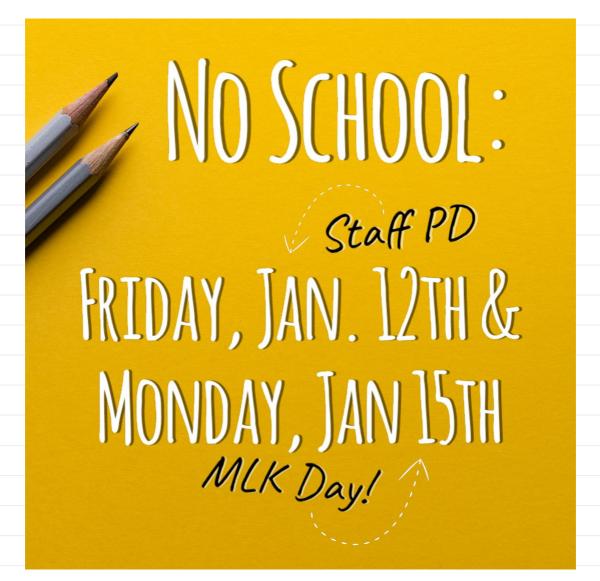
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Reminder: We go outside for recess as often as possible. Be sure your student(s) are dressed appropriately to be outside for recess daily!

No School for Students!

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





Focus 3 Update

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During the month of January, we are focusing on the idea of PRESS PAUSE with students.



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Family Time Update

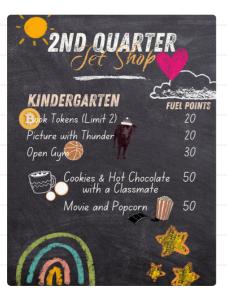
On Friday, January 19th, our Jerusalem Families will meet and work on making tie blankets to give to the homeless.

Family time has been focused greatly on team bonding and community service. Throughout the months, we have created goodie baskets for local heroes, decorated letters for veterans, made birdseed pinecones and cards for local nursing homes, and next on our list are the blankets!

#Warmhearts will be collecting our finished blankets and distributing. A big thanks to Olivia Kessling, the founder of #Warmhearts, and Clay High School student.

Jet Shop Update

Jet Shop for 2nd Quarter was held on Thursday, January 11th. Events are being scheduled and students will get their event information soon! Make sure to ask your child what they purchased!







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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.

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



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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!

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Mini Cheer Clinic:

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The combined Freshman, Junior Varsity, and Varsity Cheerleaders from Clay High School will be hosting a cheer clinic at Clay High School on February 8th, 2024 in the Cafeteria.

<u>WHERE:</u> Clay High School Cafeteria 5665 Seaman Rd, Oregon, OH 43616 <u>Enter through door #38</u>

WHEN: Thursday, February 8th, 2024

TIME: 5:00pm-7:30pm

Website Information

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 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:
OCS Career Technical Rating:
Clay High School Overall District Rating:
Fassett Junior High Overall District Rating:
Eisenhower Int. Overall District Rating:
Coy Elementary Overall District Rating:
Furusalem Elementary Overall District Rating:
Starr Elementary Overall District Rating:

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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.chio.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, ag., sex or handings.

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. The ZONES of Regulation is a valuable tool for helping elementary students recognize and manage their emotions, which is crucial for their social and emotional development. It's designed to help children understand and communicate their feelings and, in turn, develop self-regulation skills. When children understand their emotions, how those emotions affect their behavior, and how to self-regulate, they are able to achieve an optimal state of alertness. This program has been introduced to students in grades K through 3rd grade The program categorizes emotions into four color-coded zones: Blue Zone (Sad. Tired, Sick, or Slow): In this zone, children might feel sad, tired, or unwell. They may feel like resting or needing comfort. Green Zone (Happy, Calm, Focused, or Ready to Learn): This is the ideal zone for learning and socializing. Children in the green zone feel calm, focused, and ready to engage with their peers and learning activities. · Yellow Zone (Excited, Frustrated, Worried, or Anxious): In this zone, children experheightened emotions. They might feel anxious, excited, or frustrated. It's a signal to be aware and use self-regulation strategies. Red Zone (Angry, Scared, Terrified, or Excited or Explosive): This is the zone where strong and intense emotions are felt. Children might feel very angry, scared, or out of control. It's essential to help them regulate back to the green zone from the red zone Learning to use the Zones includes self-regulation strategies such as deep breathing, mindfulness techniques, taking a break, talking to a trusted adult, or using sensory tools like fidgets or stress balls. Parents are encouraged to work with their children on identifying which strategies work best for them. Parents play a crucial role in reinforcing the concepts taught in the Zones of Regulation program. They can practice the program's language at home, provide a safe space for their child to express their feelings, and model appropriate emotional regulation. Resources for Zones of Regulation: Welcome to The Zones of Regulation Inside Out: Guessing the feelings Create a self-regulation calm-down kit SOF br 2023-2024 Calendars: 2023-2024 Jerusalem Calendar of Events 2023-2024 District Calendar **Student/Parent Handbooks:** nse Click here for the current Student/Parent Handbook. "ma us **Upcoming Community Events:** Check out these local events happening over the next month: er. umai 1914) 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.

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 11, 2024: 6:00 pm (In Person) Wednesday, May 1, 2024: 6:00 pm (In Person)

ClassDojo:

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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.

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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!

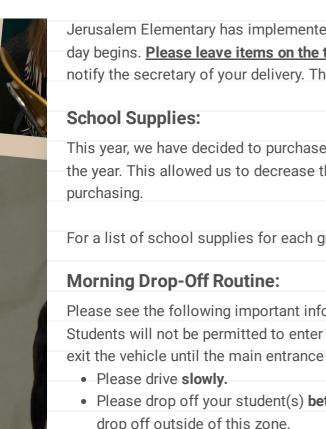
From the Office:

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.

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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!

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

For a list of school supplies for each grade level, click here.

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 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:

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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.

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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 pickup cards that are waiting in the lobby.

From Officer Jeff:

Dear Parents.

Please speak with your children about the dangers of ice and cold water safety. Winter brings hidden dangers we all need to be aware of and proper training is necessary to survive a fall through the ice, which quickly leads to hypothermia. On January 31, 2024 I will begin our yearly Ice / Cold Water Safety Talk with your children. As with previous years our training will include hearing from members of our Jerusalem Township Fire Department and Officers from the Ohio Department of Natural Resource Officers. Your children will receive pertinent training from members of all three agencies on how to stay safe, should they ever fall through the ice. Each child will receive a whistle with a red light on it. Please parents attach these whistles to the zipper of their winter coats following their training. This item is necessary to alert others should they, or someone close to them falls through the ice.

Every Year too many lives are lost when people fall through the ice, by giving your children this training it can help them, their friends, as well as other family members to survive these tragic events. Your children will learn how to stay calm by controlling their breathing during stressful situations. This controlled breathing technique will not only help to keep them calm should they ever fall through the ice, it will also assist them in calming others who have fallen through the ice. By staying calm our children will be able to provide more information clearly to our emergency medical personnel, during these stressful incidents. The most important lesson they learn is "No lce Is Safe Ice." Thanks again for your continued support of our school safety programs at Jerusalem Elementary School and at all Oregon City Schools.

Respectfully, Officer Jeff

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From Nurse Libbi:

I am still getting reports of Covid, RSV, the Flu and again pinkeye. Remember any fever of 100.4 or greater must remain home until fever free for 24 hrs without the use of fever reducing medication. Any student using antibiotics for strep throat or pinkeye must use them for a full 24 hrs before returning to school. Stay warm and enjoy the long weekend.

Nurse Libbi

Grade Level and Team Updates:

Kindergarten- The focus words for the week are **yes, she, was, all, call.** Remember to send back your signed grade card envelopes, thank you to everyone who has already sent them back. Enjoy the four day weekend and we will see everyone back on Tuesday January 16.

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1st Grade- Next week in first grade, students will be reading and writing using the o_e spelling pattern, like in the word, hope. When reading, we'll also be reading to comprehend key details. When reading at home, asking questions about what is happening in the book might help at school! Our spelling test will be on Friday, January 19. In math, students will continue counting, reading and writing to 120. We do not have school on Monday for MLK jr. Day, so we will see everyone back on Tuesday the 16th. Have a wonderful four day weekend!

2nd Grade- Next week we will start our Forces and Motion unit in Science. In Math we will continue chapter 9, Add Numbers to 1,000. Please continue to have your child practice their math facts at home, as our benchmark changed at the beginning of 3rd quarter. Here is the new

benchmark: 90-100% = 4, 80-90% = 3, 70-80% = 2, 60 -70% (and below) = 1. The 2nd quarter of school ended on December 21, and grade cards were sent home on Wednesday. Please make sure you sign and return the grade card envelope, thank you! Have a wonderful long weekend!

3rd Grade- It's been a busy week! Our students are working hard in Math learning about fractions. Next week, students will be identifying fractions on a number line. In Science, we are continuing our unit on rocks and minerals. We are learning about the three types of rocks: igneous, sedimentary, and metamorphic and their properties. Please make sure students are studying their notes in the Science section of their binders. As part of our ELA studies, students are learning to identify the theme or message in fables and other fictional stories. Please remember we do not have school on Monday, Jan. 15th in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Have a great weekend!

4th Grade- Enjoy the long weekend! Find all our news here! https://wakelet.com/wake/lwrlDNuctzFbR3XPjf8Js

Physical Education with Mr. Allen- Next week in PE, we will continue our hockey unit. The students are doing a great job with the skills and rules of the game. Plus, hockey has always been my favorite PE activity (from when I was in elementary) so I always spend extra time on it. Have a great weekend

Music with Mrs. Reinhart- We are back in the swing of things! We are singing some fun songs about winter and learning some new rhythms. We also have been using boomwhackers to play along with our songs. The 3rd and 4th graders are working on a couple of songs for Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Ask your Kindergartener about "The stand up - sit down song":)

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

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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.

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STEAM with Mrs. Minnick- This week in STEAM the students participated in their first Open MakerSpace. The kids love it when we can explore all of the fun tools accessible to us. You may have noticed your student bringing home some amazing creations! Have a great weekend!

Character Lessons with Mrs. Hower- Happy New Year to everyone. I hope your breaks were just what you wanted them to be :-). This month will begin Character Lessons for the 2nd half of the year! January's *theme* is **Growth Mindset** and the *Word of the Month* is **PREPARATION**.

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

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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.

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Box Tops for Education income March 2 2023 to November 1 2023..... \$119.20. This money comes from parents that have scanned register receipts for items that are marked as Box Tops for Education. Thank you to everyone that participated.



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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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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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, <u>you</u> can help the environment and <u>Jerusalem Elementary School</u>



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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:

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RESPECTFUL

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- 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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