

Jerusalem Elementary School

JET FLASH

Week of February 5, 2024

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Jerusalem Elementary School Spirit Wear!

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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:

February

5-6 2nd Grade CogAT Test

7-8 2nd Grade IOWA Tests

8-9 3rd Grade CogAT/IOWA Tests (select students)

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

March

4 JPG Monthly Meeting, 6:00 p.m. (IP)

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

12 End of 3rd Nine Week Period

14 JPG Spring DanceEvent, 6:30-8 pm

15 Staff PD Day- No Students

21 Jet Shop

26 Spring Pictures

22 4th Grade- Muffins and Me

27 CHS Career Day (4th Grade), 1:30

29 Spring Break, No School

Important Information and Updates:

From Mr. Straka and the office:

We had a great 5 day week! Have a great weekend!

Winter finally arrived this week! Don't forget that students will go outside for recess throughout most of the winter. **If there is snow, students are allowed to play in it ONLY when they are wearing the following: Snow Boots, Snow Pants, Winter Coat, Hat, and Gloves. Otherwise, the students will need to stay out of the snow.**



Staff Spotlight

Here are the Staff Spotlight honorees for this week:

Mr. Allen: PE Teacher

Mrs. Fitch: District Social Worker

Mr. Allen's Favs are:

Color: Blue

Candy: Reese's

Drink: Coffee or Powerade

Sport: Football

Fun Facts: Mr. Allen was born and raised in Michigan. He currently coaches football, but has played 2 sports professionally!

Mrs. Fitch's Favs are:

Color: Purple

Candy: Mamba

Drink: Tea (Hot or Cold)

Sport: Basketball

Fun Facts: Mrs. Fitch has four children. This is her 1st year working at OCS, and we are so happy to have a Social Worker in the district!

If you or your students see these staff members this week, make sure to thank them for all they

do!!!



January Students' of the Month!

We recognized our January SOM recipients on January 31st. Students were announced over the PA system on Wednesday, 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 Friday, 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. January's SOM are listed below. Congratulations!

Kindergarten

Mrs. Cray- Dakota Bowland

Mrs. Fisher- Myla Voigt

Mrs. Kidd- Jack Woernley & Eleanor Young

Mrs. Shanks- Louis Graham

1st Grade

Mrs. Adam- Sophie Allen



Mrs. Harris- Bailey Smith & Chandler Gentry
Mrs. Jaquillard- Hayes Derr

2nd Grade
Mrs. Ostrander- Wyatt Watson & Adalynn Brandt
Mrs. Schultze- Jonas Stininger & Connor Groves
Ms. Singlar- Wyatt Janney & Willian Begin

3rd Grade
Ms. Boisselle- Ava Schultz
Mrs. Hart- Regan Blade & Grant Laurell
Mrs. Howland-Feller- Riley Byers & Addy Butler
Ms. Linville- Avery Schultz & Joey Porter

4th Grade
Mrs. Chapman- Brandon Fincher & Kane Murphy
Mrs. Cullen- Rowan Snare
Mrs. Overman- Noah Krytus & Ayleigh Vay
Mrs. Swangstu- Aubree Katschke & Bailey Schultz

2nd Grade Testing

All of our 2nd grade students will be taking a standardized test beginning February 5th. These will take place Monday-Thursday in the morning. Please make sure your child(ren) eat a healthy breakfast and get a good nights sleep. Results will be shared in the Spring.

Art Contest Winners!

Kindergarten
Reese Graham
Charlotte Siebert
Kynlee Rae
Dawson Oliver

First
Mariam Yahgi
Abby Laurell

Second
Harley Berry
Lily Bickford
Aurora Minnick
Graham Siebert
Zoey Willis



Third
Isabella Hernandez

Fourth
Abby Duly
Olivia Smith
Loni Baker





RAK Spirit Week

Spirit week will start on Friday, Feb. 9th and end on Thurs. Feb. 15th.

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS

Spirit Week

**FRI. 2.9.24-
THURS. 2.15.24**

HELP US PROMOTE
KINDNESS @ SCHOOL!

WE ARE ENCOURAGING
EVERYONE TO
PARTICIPATE IN
RAK WEEK

**FRIDAY
FEB. 9TH**

TEAM KINDNESS:
WEAR **#63STRONG**
GEAR -OR-
YOUR FAVORITE
TEAM JERSEY.

**MONDAY
FEB. 12TH**

PEACE. LOVE.
AND KINDNESS:
WEAR **TIE DYE**.

**TUESDAY
FEB. 13TH**

POWER OF
POSITIVE WORDS:
WEAR A SHIRT WITH
POSITIVE
STATEMENTS.

**WEDNESDAY
FEB. 14TH**

VALENTINE'S DAY!
LOVE ONE
ANOTHER:
WEAR **HEARTS!**

**THURSDAY
FEB. 15TH**

BE KIND TO
ANIMALS
BRING IN YOUR
FAVORITE STUFFED
ANIMAL!

Consider donating to the
Toledo Humane Society in
Thunder's Name:

Weekender Food Bags

.We have been given an amazing opportunity to offer Weekender Bags for any families needing a little extra help with food outside of the school day. These bags will be distributed monthly, with our first haul ready for pick up!

No applications or information needed. First come first served. We have 25 bags available this

If you are interested in receiving food, please private message Mrs. Hower through Dojo, email: shower@oregoncs.org, or call 419-836-6111.



Mission:

Our mission is to empower Muslims and the greater Toledo community to feed the hungry and spread peace.

Values:

- Inspire Spirituality Through Service
- Foster Meaningful Connections
- Be a Good Neighbor
- Treat Everyone Respectfully

Our Programs:

- IFB Pantry Programs (PHCA, Sunshine, UT Rocket Fuel, BGSU Falcon Food Pantry, and more)
- Weekender Food Bags
- Mobile Food Bank
- Panera Day-End Dough-Nation Program
- Heavy snacks and meals for after-school programs
- Ramadan Food Packages
- Eid al-Adha Food Boxes (Udhiyya/ Qurban)
- Thanksgiving Holiday Food Distribution
- Food Bags for the Homeless
- Emergency requests

Community Partners:

Perrysburg Heights Community Association (PHCA), Sunshine Communities, Ashland Baptist Pantry, UT Rocket Fuel Pantry, BGSU Falcon Food Pantry, Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo, Toledo Masjid Al-Islam, Neighbors of Hope, Nuestra Gente Food Pantry, Toledo Public Schools, Washington Local Schools, Perrysburg Schools, Sylvania Schools, Queen of Apostles School, After-Schools All-Stars Ohio, Partners in Education, TutorSmart, SunBridge Schools, Summit Academy-Toledo, Perrysburg Way Library, St. Paul's Community Center, Family House, Bethany House, Halim Clinic, SeaGate Food Bank, Panera

Our Community Impact in 2022:

- \$1.3+ million total value of food distributed
- 455,000+ meals/snacks served to people in need across 3 counties
- 13,000+ lbs. of meat distributed (chicken, lamb, turkey, seafood)



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@oregoncs.org.



Jerusalem Elementary
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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!

CLAY HIGH SCHOOL MINI CHEER CLINIC



Mini Cheer Clinic:

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.

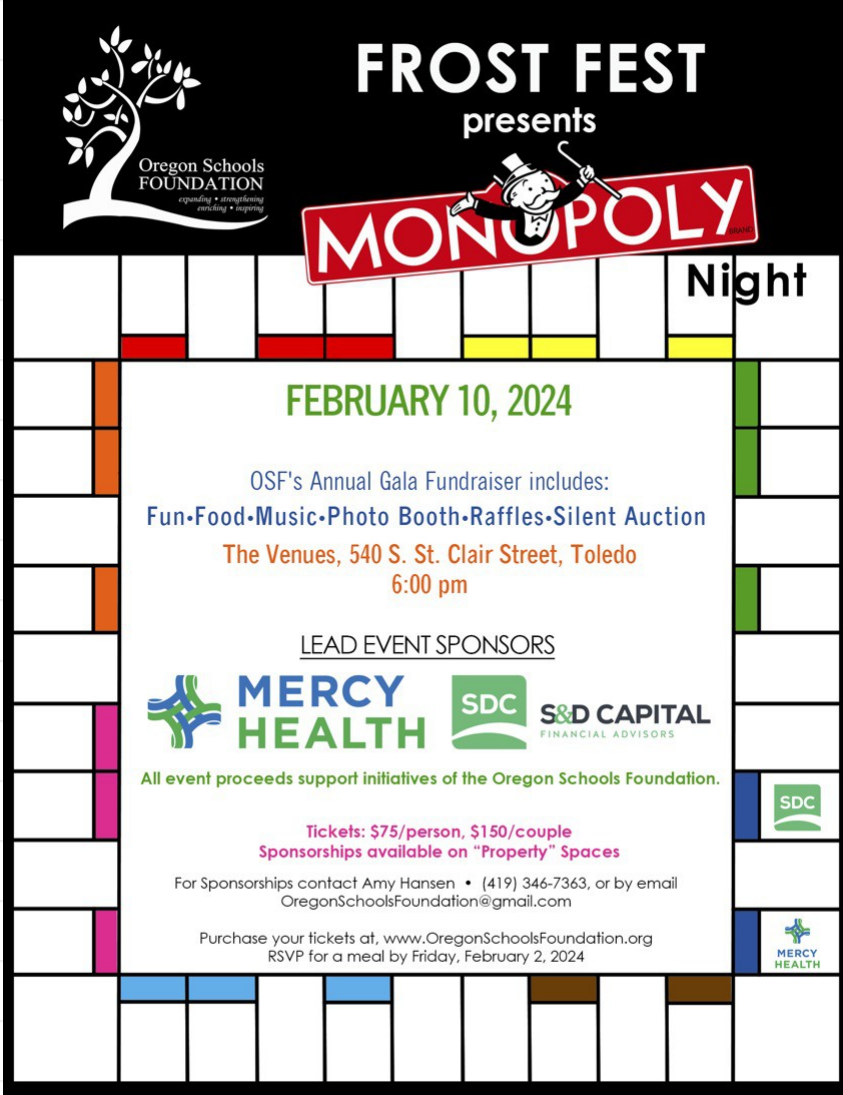
WHERE: Clay High School Cafeteria

5665 Seaman Rd, Oregon, OH 43616

Enter through door #38

WHEN: Thursday, February 8th, 2024

TIME: 5:00pm-7:30pm



The poster is designed to look like a Monopoly board. The top left corner features the Oregon Schools Foundation logo, which includes a stylized tree and the text "Oregon Schools FOUNDATION expanding • strengthening • enriching • inspiring". The top center reads "FROST FEST presents" in white, with "MONOPOLY" in a large, red, tilted font with a white outline, and "Night" in white to its right. The date "FEBRUARY 10, 2024" is written in green in the center. Below the date, it lists the event activities: "OSF's Annual Gala Fundraiser includes: Fun•Food•Music•Photo Booth•Raffles•Silent Auction". The venue and time are "The Venues, 540 S. St. Clair Street, Toledo 6:00 pm". The "LEAD EVENT SPONSORS" section features logos for "MERCY HEALTH" and "SDC S&D CAPITAL FINANCIAL ADVISORS". A line of text states "All event proceeds support initiatives of the Oregon Schools Foundation." Ticket information is provided: "Tickets: \$75/person, \$150/couple" and "Sponsorships available on 'Property' Spaces". Contact information for Amy Hansen is given: "For Sponsorships contact Amy Hansen • (419) 346-7363, or by email OregonSchoolsFoundation@gmail.com". Ticket purchase and RSVP instructions are at the bottom: "Purchase your tickets at, www.OregonSchoolsFoundation.org RSVP for a meal by Friday, February 2, 2024". The board itself has various colored squares (red, yellow, green, blue, pink, brown) and a central white area for text.

FROST FEST
presents
MONOPOLY Night

FEBRUARY 10, 2024

OSF's Annual Gala Fundraiser includes:
Fun•Food•Music•Photo Booth•Raffles•Silent Auction

The Venues, 540 S. St. Clair Street, Toledo
6:00 pm

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MONOPOLY
OREGON SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

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ELECTRIC COMPANY

\$20

**ELECTRIC BIKE
RAFFLE**

WIN AN ELECTRIC BIKE

TST Flyer 27.5" Commuter Electric Bike - Value \$1800
Bike donated by Dennis & Chris Walendzak

Drawing February 10, 2024 at Event
Frost Fest - Monopoly Night Fundraiser 2024
The Venues, 540 S. St. Clair Street, Toledo, OH
Only 250 Raffle Tickets available
All proceeds support OSF's Classroom Grants
Winner Need Not Be Present at Event
Purchase methods: Online link, Venmo, Cash

Click HERE

WWW.OREGONSCHOOLSFOUNDATION.ORG

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.

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 experience heightened 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](#)

2023-2024 Calendars:

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

[2023-2024 District Calendar](#)

Student/Parent Handbooks:

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

Upcoming Community Events:

Check out these local events happening over the next month:

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:

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:

Now that our students are complete with their Ice / Cold Water Safety Training it is crucial that their parents, or grandparents fasten their whistles to the zipper on their winter coats. The kids must know we only use the whistle in an emergency situation, so we can get the attention of others when they need help. The students were very respectful to our Jerusalem Township Fire Personnel, as well as our Ohio Department of Natural Resources Officers during this important training. It is again my pleasure to address this training for our students, looking forward to another safe year. Thanks, Officer Jeff

From Nurse Libbi:

Happy February!! The nurses office remains steady with reports of the flu, Covid, gastrointestinal issues, fever, strep throat and pinkeye. Please remember if your student is on antibiotics for strep or pinkeye they must be used for a full 24 hours before returning to school. Also as always any fevers of 100.4 must stay home until fever free for 24hrs without the use of fever reducing medication. Have a great weekend, enjoy the mild weather and the sunshine!!

Grade Level and Team Updates:

Kindergarten- Keep practicing your words at home, it makes a big difference when you do.

Wednesday February 7th is our 100th day of school, the school year is going quickly! Our school-wide conference day is February 20th, teachers have sent out information to parents if a conference is needed please respond if one was requested.

1st Grade- Next week in first grade, students will read and write using the magic e spelling pattern. Our spelling test will be on Friday February 9. In ELA, students will focus on where food comes from in Chapter 3.5 in our Wonders books. We will continue to write about our opinions and support those opinions with facts and details. Helping your child create sentences about what they like to do and what they are feeling can help with their writing at school! In BigIdeas math, chapter 7, students will compare two digit numbers. At the end of quarter 3, they will be assessed on this skill.

Students did a great job listening to and participating in Ice Safety this week with Officer [Jeff Costanzo](#)! Please look over the pamphlet coming home and talk to your child about the importance of having a whistle on their winter coats' and what they should and can do if they find themselves in a dangerous ice emergency.

We hope you have a great weekend and we'll see everyone back on Monday!

2nd Grade- Next week the 2nd Graders will take the CogAT and Iowa tests starting on Monday. Please make sure your child gets a good night's sleep and eats breakfast, since we will test right away in the morning. On Wednesday, February 7th, we will celebrate the 100th day of school! We

will spend the day completing many activities related to 100's day. Your child may want to wear a shirt representing 100's day. However, please keep in mind this is an optional activity. The second graders will be celebrating Valentine's Day on Wednesday, February 14th. Please have your child bring in a Valentine box, which you create **at home** with your child. Please remember to clearly label the box with your child's name on top. Valentine cards may be sent in for your child to pass out, but please make sure there is a card for each child in the class. For quick and easy delivery of the valentine cards, please have your child sign THEIR NAME ONLY! DO NOT ADDRESS THE CARDS WITH STUDENT NAMES ON THEM. Have a wonderful weekend!

3rd Grade- All Jerusalem students learned about ice safety this week with Officer Costanzo. Students learned valuable tips to help if they are ever trapped on the ice. Your children will be bringing home a pamphlet on ice safety and an ice whistle which should be attached to your child's coat in case of an ice emergency. Thank you Officer Costanzo and team for teaching us these important safety tips! In our studies next week, we will be continuing learning about equivalent fractions and comparing fractions. In ELA, we will finish our unit on author's perspective and have an assessment at the end of the week. We are learning about primary and secondary sources in Social Studies. Our classroom Valentine's Day parties will be held on Feb. 14th. Please check your child's DOJO page for more information. Have a great weekend!

4th Grade- Valentine information is going home this week. It can also be found in our digital newsletter. Have a great weekend! <https://wakelet.com/wake/lwrlDNuctzFbR3XPjf8Js>

Physical Education with Mr. Allen- This month we are doing the Kids Heart Challenge in PE class. We are focusing on activities and exercises to strengthen our bodies and improve our cardiovascular endurance. With this, we are doing the Kids Heart Challenge fundraiser for the American Heart Association. The kiddos can earn prizes based on the amount of money they are able to raise for the fundraiser. A flyer was sent home with you all last week. Attached is a list of the prizes the kids can earn.

Also, if you don't want to participate, that is 100% ok. I am asking one thing though. If you could go on the website and register, that would help the school out. If we get 50% of our students to just register online, the school will get a \$500 gift card to USgames.com to order PE equipment. It is literally a free \$500 gift card to this website. There isn't a donation requirement or anything. If you would all be so kind, please go to <http://www2.heart.org/goto/JerusalemElementarySchool> and register.

If you want to participate, you can do so online or send in the donations in the envelop that was attached to the flyer. If you need another flyer, let me know and I will get your child another one.

We are also starting Fitness Club up in February. Your kiddos should have gotten a form for that as well. It is open to all students in grades 2nd, 3rd, and 4th. It is basically an extra PE class before school every Tuesday and Thursday. There is no sign up. Just show up and play! If you have any questions, please email me at gallen@oregoncs.org. For safety reasons, we only offer it to grades 2nd, 3rd, and 4th.

Have a great weekend

Music with Mrs. Reinhart- The fourth graders still are learning note names, but recorders should

kindergarten, first graders and second graders are singing some Valentine songs and learning some spring songs. Have a good weekend!

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, 4th graders are preparing to build cardboard creations. They will plan, design, and create cardboard creations over the next few weeks. Third-grade students are doing hands-on activities dealing with mass and matter which they have learned about in their classrooms. Our K-2 students are excited to practice problem-solving and explore the engineering design process this month.

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

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.

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!**



LEARN MORE ABOUT HOW BOX TOPS WORKS AT
BTFE.COM



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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