

Week of February 19, 2024

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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:

February 19 Presidents' Day, No School 20 Spring Conferences, No School 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 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 weekend!

Important Information and Updates:

From Mr. Straka and the office:

Don't forget that there is no school for students on February 19th and 20th. Enjoy your extended



No School February 19th and 20th!

There is no school for students on Monday, Feb 19th, in observance of President's Day. Also, students will not have school Tuesday, Feb 20th, due to Parent-Teacher Conferences.

"Spring" Conferences are February 20th!

"Spring" Conferences are scheduled for Tuesday, Feb 20th. Please arrive on time, and call with any questions.



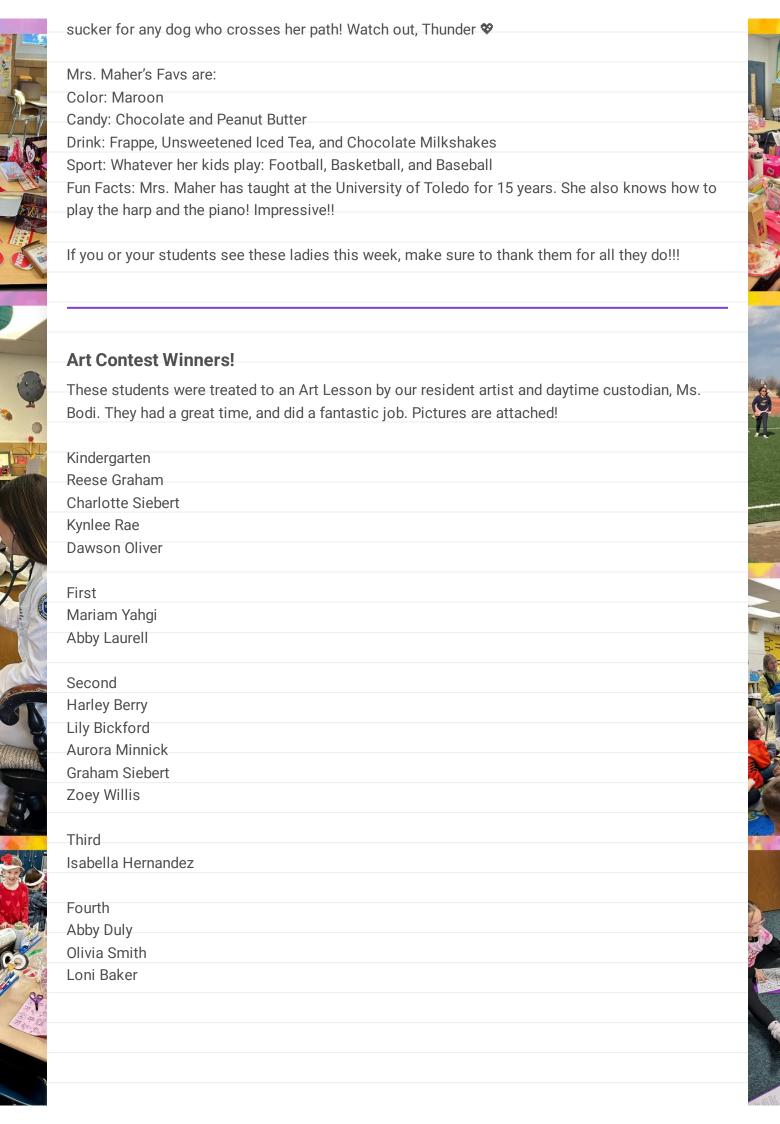
Staff Spotlight

Here are the Staff Spotlight honorees for this week:

Ms. Singlar: 2nd Grade Teacher Mrs. Mayer: Speech Pathologist

Ms. Singlar's Favs are: Color: Red and Black Candy: Plain M&M's

Drink: Water Sport: Michigan















THANK YOU FOR USING KROGER REWARDS! 131 HOUSEHOLDS, TOTALING \$621.10 FOR OUR SCHOOL!

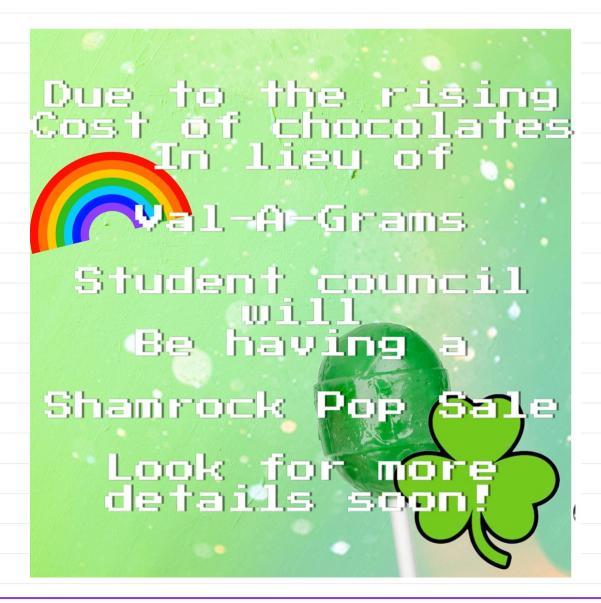
KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS:

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 for11/1/23 to 1/31/24 with 131 households \$621.10 https://www.kroger.com/account/enrollCommunityRewardsNow/

Student Council Update!

See Below:



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 month and can make sure to have more if needed for next month!

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



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

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 Our Programs:

 (PHCA, Sunshine, UT Rocket Fuel, BGSU Falcon Food Pantry, and more)

 Weekender Food Bags
 Mobile Food Bank
 Panera Day-Fand Dough-Nation Program
 Heavy snacks and meals for after-school programs
 Ramadan Food Packages
 Edi al-Adha Food Boxes (Udhiyya/ Qurbani)
 Thanksgiving Holiday Food Distribution
 Food Bags for the Homeless
 Emergency requests
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 Community Partners:
 Perrysbury Heights Community Association (PHCA), Sunshine Communities, Ashland Bapist Pantry, UT Rocket Fuel Pantry, BGSU Falcon Food Pantry, Catholic Charlites 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 Schools, 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 Lampace in pocasi.

- Ours 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.



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!!!

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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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:
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:
Starr Elementary Overall District Rating:
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*****/* 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, see or handicum.

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, 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

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 <u>here</u>.

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 pickup cards that are waiting in the lobby.

From Officer Jeff:

Be safe!

From Nurse Libbi:

Happy Fri-Yay!! The clinic remains busy with gastrointestinal complaints, Fevers, reports of Flu A and Flu B, Covid, strep throat and pinkeye. Remember if on antibiotic for strep throat or pinkeye your student must take this for 24 hrs before returning to school. Any Fever of 100.4 or greater must be fever free without the use of fever reducing medication the student can return to school. Your compliance with this is greatly appreciated. Enjoy the long weekend.

Grade Level and Team Updates:

Kindergarten- It is going to be a short week for us, there is no school on Monday February 19th for President's Day and Tuesday February 20th for conferences. Continue to work on the words that are sent home each week! . A save the date went home informing you of the date for our spring kindergarten concert, it will be on Thursday May 18th at 10:00am. Keep reading for the monthly reading calendar, the kids get really excited when they get their keychain each month!

1st Grade- We had a good full week of school! Next week, students will not have school on Monday for Presidents' Day and again on Tuesday because of Parent/teacher conferences. With the shortened week, we will be reviewing sounds we've already learned and continuing to read for comprehension. In math, students will continue to compare two-digit numbers using greater than, less than and equal to. We hope you have a nice long weekend and we'll see everyone back on Wednesday!

2nd Grade- Next week in Language Arts we will focus on comparing and contrasting as we finish our President's day unit. In Math we will work on problem solving and take our summative assessment. There will not be a spelling list or test next week due to the shortened week. As February is coming to an end, keep in mind the February Reading calendar is due. Please make sure you sign the bottom portion of the calendar and turn it in by Friday, March 1. Look for information regarding the 2nd Grade Wax Museum to come home soon! You will need to help your child determine their top three choices for the important person they would like to portray. Keep in mind Parent/Teacher conferences are being held next Tuesday, February 20. Have a wonderful long weekend!

3rd Grade- Our 3rd graders enjoyed the Valentine's parties this week! We appreciate all the donations of baked goods, candy, and other items! Thank you! In our studies next week, we will continue learning about the rights and responsibilities of citizens in Social Studies. We will continue measuring to the nearest inch, half-inch, and quarter-inch in Math. In addition to comparing and contrasting informational texts in ELA, we will also begin researching different types of penguins. We will be using our research to write informational reports. No school on Monday and Tuesday next week due to Presidents Day and Parent/Teacher Conferences. Have a great extra long weekend!

4th Grade- Thank you for all the Valentine cards and goodies! Please see our digital news for information on Spring Conference and Mud Hens field trip information. Enjoy the long 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.

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 finishing our 2nd round of Jump Rope Ninja testing. The kids are doing a great job! I will share a list of the grade level leaders next week when we finish it up.

Have a great weekend

Music with Mrs. Reinhart- Recorders were passed out this week. Please remind your student to have them in class on their music day. Third graders have finished some new rhythms and did a few Valentine's songs and a song listing the Presidents. Next for them will be Musical March madness. The kindergarten, first and second graders also sang some Valentine's Day songs and are getting to work on their songs for our Spring performances. There will be reminders in Class Dojo sent out very soon. Enjoy your long 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 continue to work on their cardboard creations. Third graders learned how a pan balance and graduated cylinder help us find the mass and volume of different things. Kindergarten, first, and second graders worked on their engineering skills to build a new bow and arrow for Cupid. Enjoy the long 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

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!



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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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So, please do not throw them away!

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>



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 Straka

Jeff is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters

