

JERUSALEM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

JETFLASH

Week of May 6, 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:



May

6 4th Grade visit to Ike, 10:00 am

6-10 Teacher Appreciation Week

7 Staff Training Day, No students

7 Teacher Appreciation Day

8 4th Grade parent mtg at Ike, 6:00 pm

8 4th Grade Mud Hens Game

10 JPG Luncheon

16 Kindergarten Celebration, 10:00 am

17 Focus 3 Wrap Up (2:10-3:10)

20 Incoming K Welcome Night

22 Jet Jamboree/Field Day

22 4th Quarter Grades Final

24 Student Recognition Assembly
(students only)

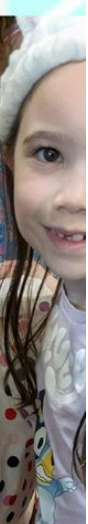
24 Last Day for Students, 2-Hour Early
Release (K-8)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND UPDATES:

From Mr. Straka and the office:

This week, students attended the 4th Quarter Jet Shop sponsored by the JPG. They chose from a number of experiences (listed below) to "purchase" with their Fuel/Dojo Points. Please ask your child(ren) what events they chose this quarter. Also, our students attended a few field trips this week. They did a great job being out of the building by being Respectful, Responsible, and Ready throughout the community.

As Spring arrives, we have a number of exciting events happening at Jerusalem. Field trips, Assemblies, Family Events, and numerous others. Please be sure to check your student(s) take home folders nightly, and read the Jet Flash for important information.





Staff Spotlight:

Here are the Staff Spotlight honorees for this week:

Mrs. Ostrander: 2nd Grade Teacher

Mrs. Menden: Kitchen Staff

Mrs. Ostrander's Fav's are:

Color: Purple

Candy: Twix

Drink: Diet Pepsi

Sport: Football

Fun Facts: Mrs. Ostrander is married, with two boys, and two dogs! When she was in school, Mrs. Ostrander was a majorette and twirled fire batons!!!

Mrs. Menden's Fav's are:

Color: Green and Brown Earth Tones

Candy: Reese's Peanut Butter Cups

Drink: Coffee

Sport: Running

Fun Facts: Mrs. Menden is married with 3 children, all 3 kids attend/ed Jerusalem. She has a green thumb and 13 houseplants at home!!

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

CHICKS!!!

Mrs. Minnick is the proud mama of baby chicks! This week, the eggs that were incubating in the STEAM room have been hatching. 8 baby chicks in total!!!!



Momentum Award!

Jerusalem Elementary School was just notified that we are the proud recipient of the Ohio Department of Education & Workforce Momentum Award! This award is based on our improvement on our school's report card from 2021-2022 to 2022-2023. This award is a true reflection of the hard work and dedication of our staff, student, and families! Great job Jets!



The Ohio Department of Education and Workforce

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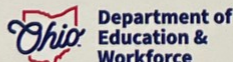


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Jerusalem Elementary School

Oregon City Schools

In recognition of significant improvement in growth and achievement on the Ohio School Report Cards for the 2022-2023 school year.




Stephen D. Dackin, Director
Ohio Department of Education and Workforce

4th Quarter Jet Shop Events!

Below are a list of the upcoming Jet Shop Experiences for the upcoming week!

- May 8th- Popsicle Party (K-2)
- May 10th- Mr. Kidd Dirt Bike Show and Tell (K-4)

Staff Appreciation Week- May 6th-10th:



THANK YOU
TEACHER

No School for Students- May 7th:

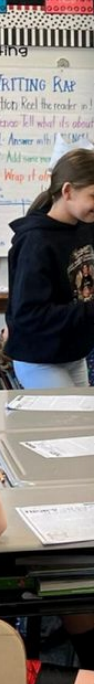
Due to a Staff Professional Development Day, students will not have school on Tuesday, May 7th!

No School!



Attention 4th Grade Parents:

The deadline to [sign up](#) for the 5-8th OCS STEM Academy for next school year is May 12th!





Hey Parents of Future Engineers!

Exciting news! Applications for our robotics program at OCS STEM Academy is now open for students entering grades 5-8 next school year. 🤖 Join us as we dive into the world of *FIRST* LEGO League, where your child will get hands on with LEGO bots, tackle challenges, learn coding skills, collaborate in a fun team environment, and participate in a *FIRST* LEGO League regional competition.

Curious about what we're all about? [Check out](#) the awesome things our students have accomplished in our program. Ready to ignite your child's passion for coding? Go to <https://bit.ly/OCS5-8> for detailed information and to fill out an application. Hurry, the application window closes on May 12, 2024, and space is limited to 32 students.

Let's gear up for an electrifying robotics adventure together!

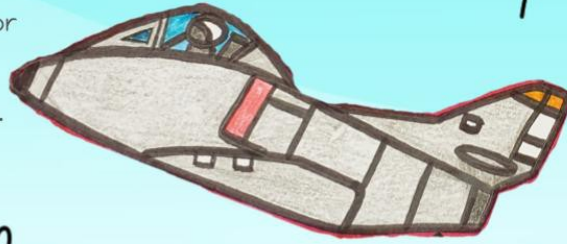
Kindergarten Open House

This information is for families who have students entering Kindergarten for the 2024-2025 school year. Please spread the word!



Jerusalem Elementary

*This event is for
incoming
Jerusalem
students only.



We welcome you,
Incoming 2024 Kindergartners
Join us **Monday, May 20th**

6:00-7:00 pm



Meet the teachers
Hotdogs & Chips
School Tour



Welcome to
KINDERGARTEN

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.

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.oraoncivtschools.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>

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:

Dear Parents,

Please discuss firearm safety with your children and let them tell you what they learned from our firearm talk on Friday, May 3rd, 2024. With the rapidly increasing gun violence in our nation, it is vital our children know what to do when they see a gun. It is also vital our children know what to do if they see a gun, hear something talking about having a gun, they **"Must Say Something."** If your children are at school they could tell their teacher, or any adult staff member, so I could investigate their information. The information they become aware of could save many lives, including their own. If you have any questions, or concerns please contact me. Please lock your firearms up at all times, if you need a lock for your gun contact me and I will see if I can provide you with one.

Thanks, Officer Jeff

From Nurse Libbi:

It's Friday!! We are still getting reports of gastrointestinal issues, mostly vomiting. Less reports of strep throat, but more reports of pinkeye. Remember if your student is diagnosed with either of these, they must be on their antibiotics for 24 hrs before returning to school. Enjoy the warm weather this weekend.

Nurse Libbi

Grade Level and Team Updates:

Kindergarten- Our field trip to Clay High School was a lot of fun! We hope the kids were able to tell you all about what they learned! Our alphabet countdown continues this week with M-mismatch day (wear mismatched clothes) on Monday, NO SCHOOL ON TUESDAY, N-new name day on Wednesday, O- outside day (hope for no rain) on Thursday and P-popcorn day (your teacher will provide it) on Friday. Don't forget to send in your RSVP for the kindergarten concert by May 10th for the concert on May 16th. We are continuing to work on all the skills we have learned in reading and addition and subtraction in math.

1st Grade- Next week in 1st grade, students will be reviewing vowel team sounds. It is a short week, students will be here on Monday, but on Tuesday the 7th, there is no school. They will return back on Wednesday to finish the week. We will read Chicks and Salsa to celebrate Cinco De Mayo. In math, we will begin chapter 14 on shapes.

Don't forget that our students are going to the Toledo Zoo on the 16 and to have those permission slips returned.

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

2nd Grade- Next week in Language Arts, we will begin working on our summative assessments. In Math, we will continue Chapter 15, Identify and Partition Shapes. In Science, we will continue our Habitat Unit and research different animal habitats. There will be no spelling list, as we have completed all of our spelling patterns. The Second Graders will take a field trip to the Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge on Thursday, May 16. There is no cost for the field trip, but your child will need to bring a *disposable* sack lunch and drink the day of the trip. We will be outside most of the day, so your child will need to dress for the weather. Have a wonderful weekend!

3rd Grade- Our 3rd grade Ohio State testing is over! We are proud of the hard work our students put in this year! Reminder-We will have our field trip to Sauder Village on Thursday, May 9th. We will be leaving Jerusalem at about 9:15am. If you are signed up to chaperone, you may follow the bus or meet us there. We usually arrive between 10:30-10:45am. We will be sending more information to chaperones on Monday. All students will need a sack lunch with their first and last name on it and a disposable drink. Buses will arrive back at Jerusalem at 4:00pm and students will need to have a ride home from Jerusalem.

Also, there is no school for students on Tuesday, May 7th due to teacher professional day. Please see the newsletter in your child's homework folder for more details about our weekly activities.

Save the Date: Our annual 3rd grade cookout will be Thursday, May 16th. We will be sending out a Sign Up Genius next week with more details about the cookout. Have a great weekend!

4th Grade- Our Mud Hens field trip is next Wednesday! Chaperones, be at the gym at 9:00on 5/8. Thanks! All our news:

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

Physical Education with Mr. Allen- Next week in PE we will continue to work on Field Jam activities. Field Jam is Wednesday May 22nd. Have a great weekend.

Music with Mrs. Reinhart- This past week, we learned about John Williams along with some of his music from Star Wars. We also used a "sevens" pattern to play with The Imperial March. The

Kindergarten students are doing a great job getting ready to perform some of the songs they have learned. Enjoy the weekend!

STEAM with Mrs. Minnick- We have patiently been waiting for the arrival of our baby chicks here in the MakerSpace. Twenty-one days ago we put 12 eggs in the incubator hoping for 2-3 baby chicks. To our surprise, we currently have 8 that have hatched this week. We even watched as one little chick worked so hard to crack the shell and enter the world. They are thriving and we can't wait until next week to find out if we have hens or roosters. Stay Tuned!

Character Lessons with Mrs. Hower- In April, our monthly character lesson is about Conflict Resolution. Students are working on how to solve problems in a peaceful way! Kindergarten is practicing this idea of 4-square apologies.

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

School Counselor Referrals:

Parents/Guardians: If you would like your child to meet with Mrs. Hower for any reason, please fill out Mrs. Hower's [Student Request Form](#). Thank you!



The graphic features a background of vertical wooden planks in various colors (pink, yellow, green, blue, purple). On the left, there is a cartoon illustration of a woman with blonde hair holding a large yellow pencil. In the center, the text reads "Mrs. Hower" in a white cursive font, followed by "Scan QR or follow this link:" and the URL "https://tinyurl.com/HowerReferralForm" in a white sans-serif font. On the right, there is a QR code. At the bottom, the words "STUDENT REFERRAL FORM" are written in large, bold, white capital letters with a slight shadow effect.

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 November 2023 to March 2024: \$80.00. 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.



Box Top Earnings from November through March: \$80.00



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

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, slippers, 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:

- 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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