

Week of May 13, 2024

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Visit Jerusalem's Focus 3 Classroom Here



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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:

May
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:

Yearbooks are in!!! The office has some extras for sale. First come, first serve. They are \$30 cash or checks only. Call the office with any questions.

4th grade parents and any other students not returning to Jerusalem next year. If you have signed out a set of 4 Parent Pick-up Cards, there will be a box in the lobby to return them. If you are missing any of the set of 4 cards you will owe \$1 each. Thank you for helping to make our students safe and have a great summer.

Student SchoolKits are still able to be ordered. Log into www.shopttkits.com and use the school code 90998. This should then direct you to the grade level school supply lists. Last date to order for next year is June 7, 2024. Let me know if you have any problems with getting orders through.



Staff Spotlight:

Here are the Staff Spotlight honorees for this week:

Mr. Jerrett: Recess Monitor
Mrs. Misty: Cafeteria Monitor
Mr. Don: Recess Monitor

Mr. Jerrett's Favs are:

Color: Grey
Candy: Snickers
Drink: Coke or Tea

Sport: Football...Go Browns!

Fun Facts: Mr. Jerrett (Serwin) is a big sports fan...he also really enjoys listening to classic rock :-)

Mrs. Misty's Favs are:

Color: Green
Candy: Goobers

Drink: Coke Sport: Soccer

Fun Facts: Mrs. Misty's (Smith) favorite animal is a frog. She loves going to concerts, and her first

was Phil Collins.

Mr Don's Fave are:

Color: Black

Candy: Peanut M&M's

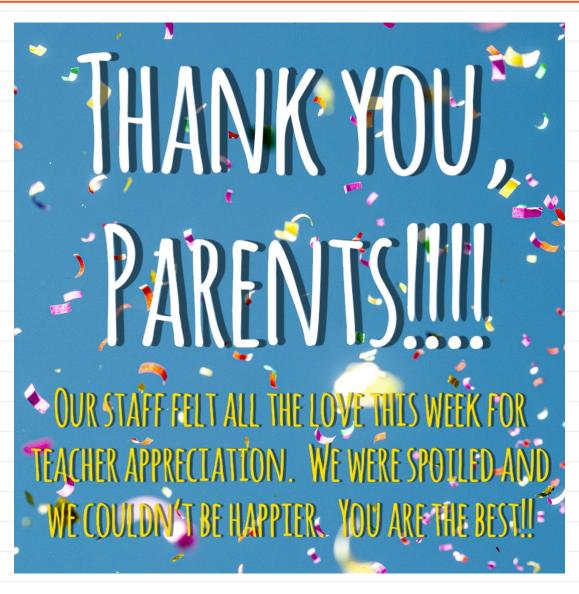
Drink: Diet Coke Sport: Football

Fun Facts: Mr. Don's (Brock) favorite animal is a dog :-). If he could choose any vehicle to drive it

would be a truck.

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

all they do!!



Staff Appreciation Week:

This week, our wonderful JPG spoiled our staff with a special treat every day. We had a Popcorn Party on Monday, Room Service on Wednesday, Breakfast on Thursday, and a Catered Lunch on Friday. Thanks for everything you do for us!











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

hereby awards the



to

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!

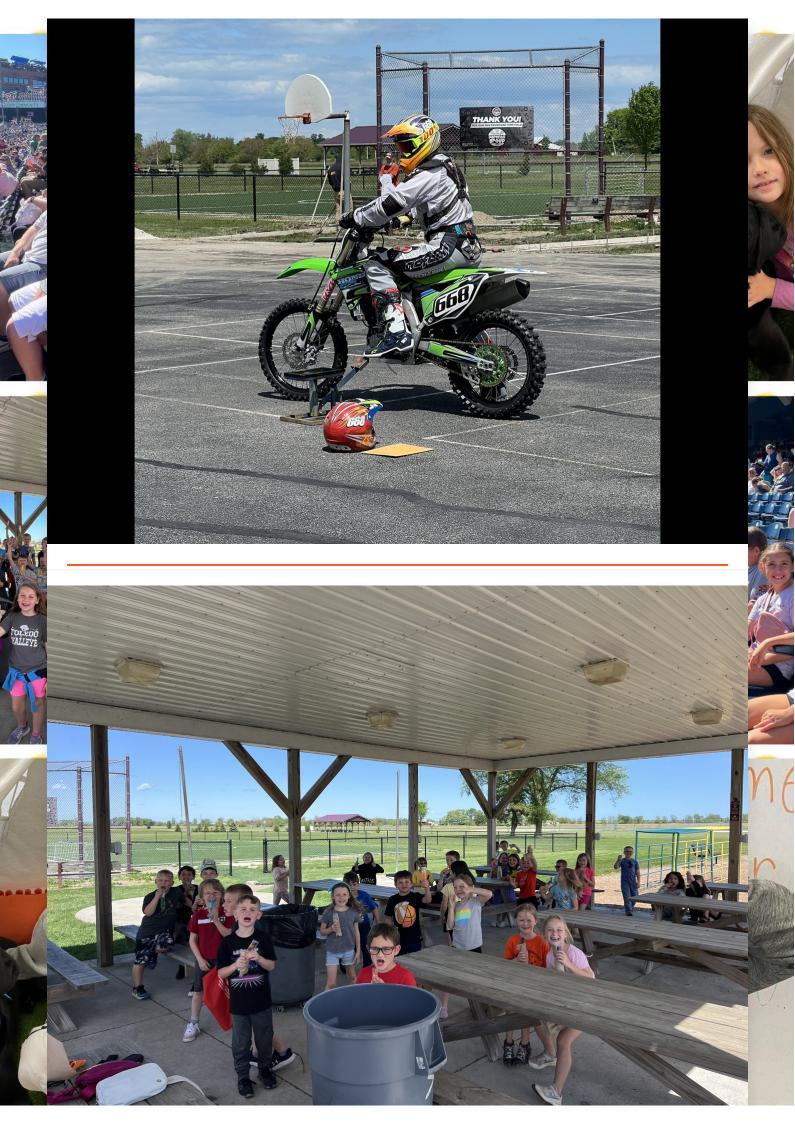
Below are a list of the upcoming Jet Shop Experiences for the upcoming week!

• Painting with Deb (our awesome, talented custodian)

Today, Mr. Kidd from Eisenhower Intermediate School provided our students an amazing <u>Dirt Bike Experience</u>. Mr. Kidd explained to the students how he began racing dirt bikes, and how to be safe around them. He also did a little demonstration for our students. They had a fantastic time!

**Popsicle Party was earlier in the week.









Concrete Paths onto Turf!

Thanks to NLC (Next Level Concrete) for donating two concrete paths onto our Turf Playing Field. This will help keep our students out of the mud (we hope)!















Thank you to everyone that donated to our Food Drive this week!



FOOD DRIVE

LETS FEED THE HUNGRY





UNEXPIRED & NON PERISHABLE FOOD ONLY

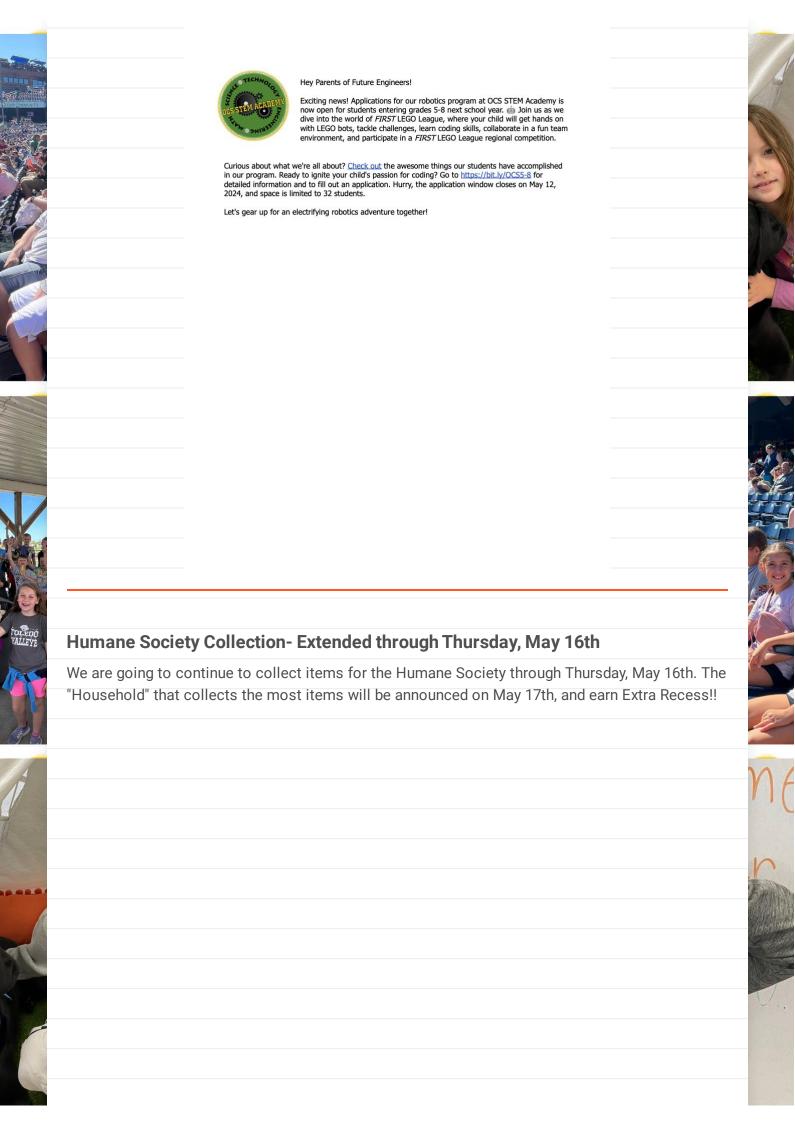
May 1st-May 9th

Drop off in the Jerusalem lobby

Post Office pick up will be on 5-10-24

Attention 4th Grade Parents:

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





Kindergarten Open House

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

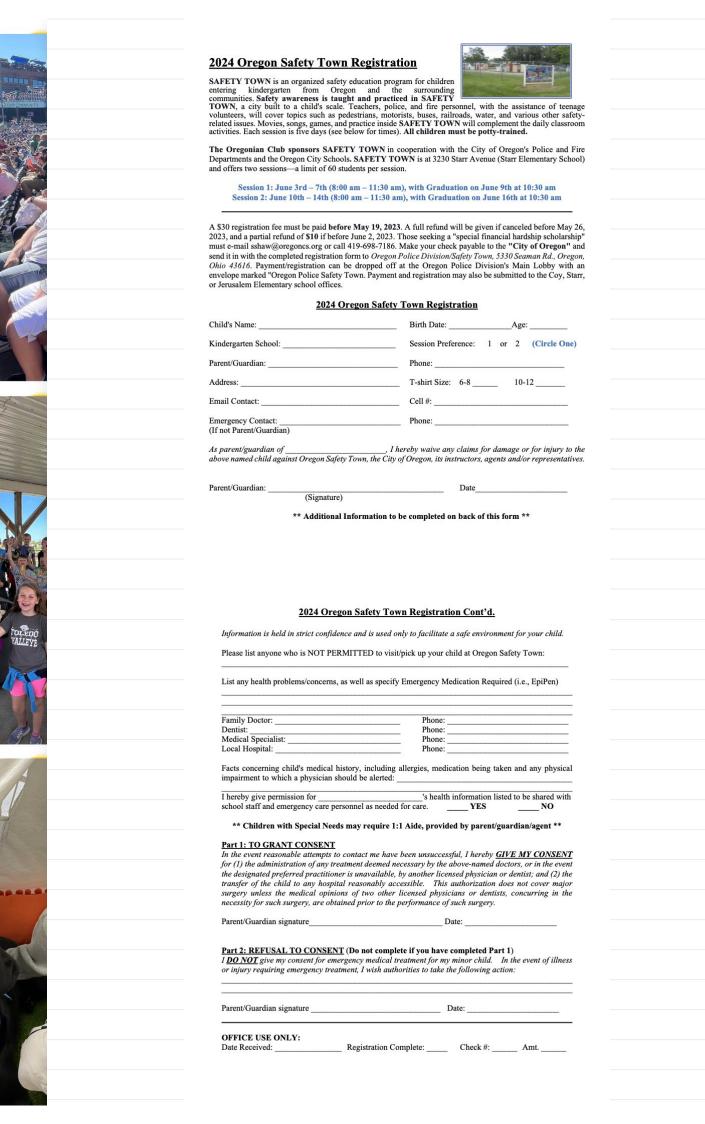


Safety Town Registration- Due BEFORE May 19th

Dear Jerusalem Parents.

A reminder if you have a child who is going to be starting kindergarten in the fall of our 2024 - 2025 school year. There is still time to register your child for our Summer Safety Town Program, applications are available in the office. This program is an instrumental part of their education, however our safety programs will continue to be reinforced by our school resource officers throughout elementary school. Our classes will help to build your child's personal safety foundation, strengthen their confidence and self esteem. The safety lessons they learn during their time in elementary school are also very important life lessons. Thank you for allowing me to educate your children, Officer Jeff.

See information below or click <u>here</u> to view a printable version. Register your incoming Kindergartener today!



Children's Living History Day Camp Registration:

See below or click here for more information.

CHILDREN'S LIVING HISTORY DAY CAMP

SPONSORED BY OREGON-JERUSALEM HISTORICAL SOCIETY



CHOOSE THE ONE WILL ATTEND

June 4-7, 2024 June 11-14, 2024 June 18-21, 2024

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM TUESDAY - FRIDAY AT BRANDVILLE SCHOOL MUSEUM

\$100 per student camper, each child receives a T-Shirt. Campers bring their own sack lunch.

MAIL REGISTRATION FORM TO: OREGON-JERUSALEM HISTORICAL SOCIETY, 1133 GRASSER ST., OREGON, OH 43616

Living History Camp Activities for children entering $3^{rd} - 5^{th}$ grades. Registration forms and payment are due by May 31, 2024. Income eligible one-half scholarships are available.

JOIN US THIS SUMMER AND EXPLORE 19TH CENTURY OHIO HISTORY

Tuesday – Civil War Day Wednesday - Historic Trades & Crafts Thursday – Discovering Ohio's Past Friday - Time Travelers Day

THIS IS THE 16TH YEAR FOR CAMP. IT IS TAUGHT BY CERTIFIED LOCAL TEACHERS

Stories of local history, crafts, songs, daily pledge of allegiance around the flagpole, old fashioned outdoor games like hopscotch and four squares. Tour the museum. Email hinkx22@gmail.com or call (419) 902-5149.

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN - SCAN THE QR CODE. FILL OUT AND SEND IN THIS FORM ALONG WITH YOUR CAMP FEE OF \$100 TO: OJHS, 1133 GRASSER ST., OREGON, OH 43616

Use a Separate Registration Form for each child attending. Choose one week to attend.

Week 1, June 4-7____ __ Week 2, June 11 - 14 __ Week 3, June 18 - 21 Name of Student ____ Address___ ____City____ Current School: Grade in the Fall Parent or Legal Guardian __ Email Address__

Child T-Shirt Size: S__M__L_XL__Adult S__Adult M_



Student RE-Registration:

Make sure to re-register your child(ren) for the 2024-2025 school year. This is required for ALL students returning to OCS.



School Supplies:

Make shopping for school supplies easy by ordering a school supply kit today!



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 ZON: S 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 are 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.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

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!

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 <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:

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 say 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:

Happy Fri-Yay!! The clinic remains busy but I am getting less reports of strep throat and gastrointestinal issues. I am still seeing and getting some reports of pinkeye. Remember if your student is on an antibiotic for pinkeye they cannot return to school until 24 hrs after starting the drop. Nurse Libbi will be retiring after this school year. I have been so blessed to work at Jerusalem with all of your students and the staff here. This is a wonderful community and I will miss all of them all. Enjoy the weekend, stay safe.

Nurse Libbi

Grade Level and Team Updates:

Kindergarten- Only 2 more weeks of Kindergarten left! Our alphabet countdown continues this week with Q- quilt day on Monday, R- riddle day on Tuesday, S-school spirit day (wear something Jerusalem or Oregon) on Wednesday, T-Thank you day on Thursday and U-under day on Friday. Don't forget our Kindergarten concert is this week on Thursday at 10:00AM. There are a lot of special events going on between now and the end of the year; we will meet with our school families for the last time on Friday May 17, Jet Jamboree on Wednesday May 22, and our last day of school on Friday May 24. In class we continue to review everything we have learned in reading, and are working on addition and subtraction in math.

1st Grade- Next week in 1st grade, students will continue to review vowel teams and past vowel sounds. We will read Alligators and Crocodiles and practice comparing through our writing. In math, students are working on Chapter 13 on 2D and 3D shapes.

Next Thursday, the 16th, 1st grade is going to the Toledo Zoo! Please check Class Dojo often for updates and notifications from your teacher. All chaperones are asked to please pay \$16 ahead of time to Jerusalem or provide a copy of your Toledo Zoo membership. All students are asked to pack a brown bag lunch. We plan on leaving Jerusalem around 9:30 and returning around 1:30. We hope you have a great weekend and we'll see our students back on Monday!

2nd Grade- The last few weeks of school will be busy as we work on our end of the quarter assessments and take part in end of the year activities! The Second graders are looking forward to our field trip to the Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge on Thursday, May 16th! There is no cost for the field trip, but your child will need to bring a sack lunch and drink the day of the trip. Please make sure your child's lunch is clearly labeled and in a *disposable* bag. Also, have your child dress for the weather since we will be outside all day! We hope you have a wonderful weekend and a Happy Mother's Day!

3rd Grade- We had a great time at Sauder Village this week despite the rain! Students enjoyed learning about life in the past at Ohio's largest living history museum. Special thanks to the many chaperones who helped out and braved the weather to make our trip successful! We appreciate all of your support! We are wrapping up our study of the Titanic in ELA. Students are finishing up the writing of their research reports. In Math, we will be completing review activities this week. Our last Social Studies assessment will be Tuesday. We will read The Lemonade War which fits with our economics unit to finish up the year.

We will have our annual 3rd grade cookout on Thursday, May 16th. We will provide hot dogs, buns, and chips. Please sign up to provide an item if possible. Also, we are still in need of volunteers. Volunteers will help set up, serve food, and clean up after students are finished eating. If you can volunteer between 12:15pm-1:30pm, please scroll through the Sign Up Genius form and sign up.Thank you in advance for your help with this event. Here is the link to sign up for food items and/or to volunteer: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4FA5AF22A0F5C34-49468087-third#/ Have a great weekend!

4th Grade- Thanks to all our chaperones who made the Mud Hens field trip possible! Next week, students need a sack lunch on FRIDAY. All our news: https://wakelet.com/wake/lwrlDNuctzFbR3XPjf8Js

Physical Education with Mr. Allen- Next week in PE, we will finish up with our Field Jam preparation. The kids have been doing fantastic! I am excited about that day. Have a great weekend.

Music with Mrs. Reinhart- The Kindergarten students are getting ready to take the stage and perform some of their songs for our guests. The 1st and 2nd graders are reviewing skills and songs that we have worked on this school year, especially working on rhythms. The 3rd graders are wrapping up instrument families and the 4th graders have talked about movies and music.

STEAM with Mrs. Minnick- This week in STEAM we have been busy doing all the STEAM stuff we have learned over the year one last time through stations. We also have predicted that out of our 8 chickens that hatched last week, we have 1 rooster and 7 hens! The students are enjoying watching them grow so quickly!

Character Lessons with Mrs. Hower- In May, the focus for the end of the school year is Career Awareness. Have a great week!

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

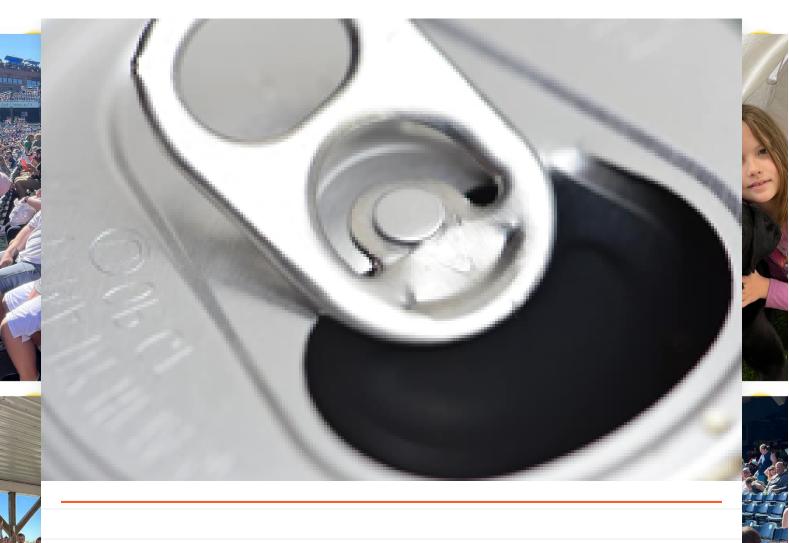
School Counselor Referrals:

Parents/Guardians: If you would like your child to meet with Mrs. Hower for any reason, please fill out Mrs. Hower's <u>Student Request Form</u>. Thank you!



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!



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, 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.

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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