

May Greeting from Janus Academy

April showers bring May flowers...we hope! As we are nearing the end of the school year, it is a good time to reflect on the academic year and celebrate the hard work and efforts of our students. We are so proud of all the accomplishments our students have achieved thus far and will continue to do as the year winds down.

On April 21, 2023 Janus hosted our second annual student Science Fair and Art Exhibit. It was a wonderful afternoon and a great occasion that highlighted many of the achievements and hard work of our students. Thank you to all who worked so diligently with our students and supported them in their creations, and to our Teachers and Classroom Coordinators who planned and developed all the projects, they were spectacular!

In honor of Autism Awareness Month in April, Janus Academy staff launched a campaign to raise funds for our school. This year's campaign is centered around the five C.O.R.E Values of Janus Academy and how we come together to best support our students. A big thank you goes out to our Staff Capital Campaign Committee for all their work on the campaign and leading our entire school community in raising funds for our amazing academy. I encourage you all to watch the incredible videos that staff created to highlight our students. Here is the link: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/janus-academy-society/p2p/COREfundraiser/>

Another very important event coming up before the end of the school year is Graduation and classroom year end farewells. This year our High School graduation will be on Tuesday June 6 at 1:30pm in our Janus studio. Graduation is a milestone in every student's school life, and we are looking forward to celebrating this day as our graduates move towards the transition into adulthood.

Koren Trnka

Program Director Junior / Senior High

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*When you can't
control what's
happening, challenge
yourself to control the
way you respond.*

*That's where your
power is.*



IMPORTANT DATES

Spring/Summer 2023



Mark your calendars

- May 12 Healthy Hunger (A&W) - order by May 5
- May 18 Parent/Teacher Conferences (no school)
- May 19 Non-Instructional Day (no school)
- May 22 Victoria Day (no school)
- May 26 Healthy Hunger (Boston Pizza) - order by May 19

- June 9 Sports Day and Pledge-a-thon
- June 6 Graduation Celebration
- June 16 Non-instructional Day (no school)
- June 29 Early Dismissal (12:00 pm) Last Day of School



CONGRATULATIONS!

CLASS OF 2023

Graduation is Coming
 June 6, 2023
 1:30 pm
 In The Janus Academy Studio

thank you

Janus Academy received some wonderful classroom donations during the month of April. Everything from books and toys to Lego for our STEM Program. Our students and staff extend a **BIG Thank You**

to....

Our very own Malorie

Cole's Family

Natalie, of our extended Janus Family

Sully's Family

Our very own Koren

Keira's Family

We also wish to send out a **BIG Thank You** to 2 more members of our Extended Janus Family. Pat Clendon for fixing one of our booth tables & Nick Boers for fixing one of our teacher desks.



thank you

Thank you to all who supported our first ever Bottle Drive. SkiptheDepot processed 27 bags & \$219.62 was donated back to Janus Academy from everyone's recyclables. If you want to schedule a pick up in the summer, sign up here: <https://app.skipthedepot.com/janus> (promo code JANUS100)



SKIP THE DEPOT
RECYCLING & FUNDRAISING

CLASSROOM NEEDS

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Fun or Silly Slippers, Indoor Pogo sticks & Moon Shoes
 These are desirable items for reinforcement for our Elementary students and would be gratefully received by both students and staff.



We are looking for **Playmobil** figurines or sets. These are very popular with our students, and helps to develop their creativity, collaborative play and social skills.



Fidget Toys
 Pop-Its, Crinkle Tubes & Stress Balls. We are looking for these types of toys for student reinforcement and regulation. They are very popular and are well loved by our students, so we are always in need of these toys.



Contact



Mr. & Mrs. Potatoe Head
 Rm 2 is looking for Mr. &/or Mrs. Potatoe Head toys to help with Language and Communication. If you or anyone you know have these types of toys, they would find a good home at Janus Academy.

If you or anyone you know has any of the above items that they would be willing to donate to our school, both the staff and the students would really appreciate it.

If you have any questions, or wish to make delivery arrangements for your donation, please contact Tamara at 403-262-3333

Around the School

April was the start of the final trimester of school and Janus students were quite excited and looking forward to a month packed with learning and special events.



Rm 7 - Live from the Jersey Shore! They were in the spirit of things on Jersey/Green Shirt Day.

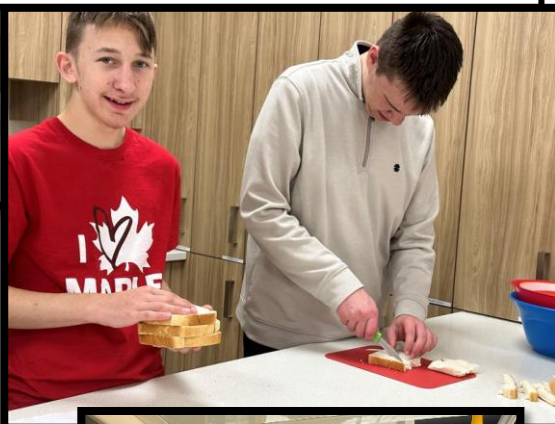
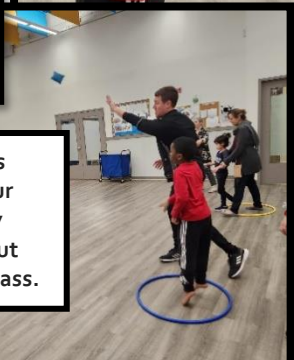


Rm 5 Students really liked the new Spring set up in our NET Room.

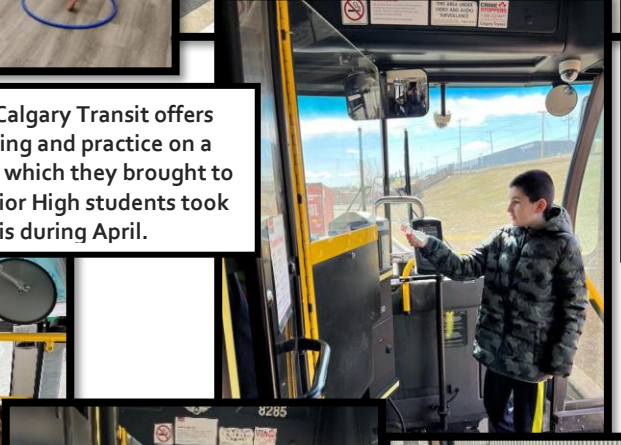


Rm 8 students did a "Chopped Challenge" where they were given a mystery ingredient box, and not only did they have to create their recipes, but they also had to make them too. Everyone really enjoyed the final dishes they prepared.

The entire school is getting ready for our Annual Sports Day starting with shot put practice during gym class.

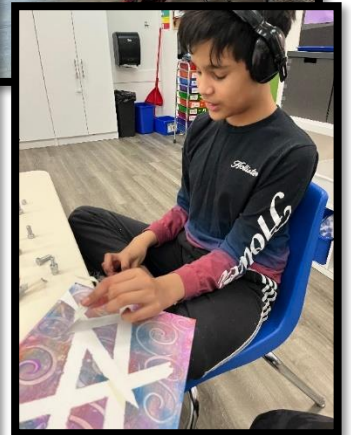


Did you know, Calgary Transit offers passenger training and practice on a REAL transit bus, which they brought to our location. Senior High students took part in this during April.



2023 Science Fair & Art Expo

Despite the snowy weather, we had a great turn out to the Janus Academy Science Fair & Art Expo. The Elementary and Jr/Sr. High students put a lot of work into their science and art projects and brought us some great exhibits this year. Well done Janus students! Can't wait to see what you do next year.



Easter Egg Hunt

We are sending a HUGE Thank You to Lenore Schiwy, of our extended Janus Family, for donating all Purdy's Chocolate Eggs. This means that 100% of the proceeds raised go directly back to Janus Academy. We sold over 1,000 eggs and raised \$559.



Thank you to our Secret Easter Bunnies for sorting over 1,000 eggs. WOW, that's a lot of EGGS! Well done Capital Campaign Committee!





Through the generosity of donors, Kids Up Front was able to award Janus Families a total of **439** tickets in the year 2022.

These tickets were for various events throughout the city of Calgary, and included everything from theatre plays, musical events, block parties and festivals to all kinds of sporting events, from hockey to soccer, lacrosse to basketball. The total value for these tickets was **\$32,300!**

Thank you to the donors and the team at Kids Up Front for providing these great opportunities to our students and their families.



Only two months of school left, then Summer Break will be upon us. We still have spots available in our Arts Summer Camp, week of July 17-21, and our History Summer Camp, week of July 31 to Aug 4.

During Art Week, our Summer Campers will experience dance, music, visit Studio Bell, work on a giant art project & swimming.

During History Week, our Summer Campers will learn the local history of Bowness Park, Heritage Park, visit the Police Museum & swimming.

For more information, please contact Clare Murphy via email at clare.murphy@janusacademy.org.

We look forward to seeing you this summer.

Parent Lunch & Learn

Cancelled

Attention Parents:

Due to unforeseen circumstances, we will not be running our May Online Lunch & Learn.

Be sure to watch the newsletter in the Fall for next year's lineup of Lunch & Learn dates!

mabel's labels
FUNDRAISING

friends & family

SALE

20% OFF all staff picks!

Go to campaigns.mabelslabels.com
and choose our organization from the list!



Hey Folks!
Now is a good time to order labels for your children attending Summer Camp, Traveling, or if you have a large family to simply help you keep track of everyone's stuff.

Classroom 5

Math

During Math, the students are learning about tens and ones digits. The students rotate between a variety of different stations, where they engage in different of games and manipulatives to increase their understanding.



Group

The students in room 5 are practicing increasing their independence and participation while in group. During group, the students participate in a variety of exciting science lessons. They are currently learning about insects. They had lots of fun making binoculars and going outside on a bug hunt!



Socialization

Socialization is a highlight in classroom 5! Every morning the students begin their day with an interactive song, greeting their friend's good morning, identifying emotions, and practicing turn-taking activities. A few class favourite activities include 'That's a boundary' song, 'The chicken dance', and 'Don't Break the Ice' board game.





JANUS ACADEMY INVITES YOU TO OUR

**11TH ANNUAL
SPORTS DAY
&
PLEDGEATHON
JUNE 9**

Come cheer the students on!

When: 10:15am-2:00pm

Where: Rotary Challenger Park

FREE Family Picnic Lunch

**MORE DETAILS TO COME TO YOUR EMAIL. IF YOU HAVE ANY
QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT
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Our Vision

To be recognized as a leader in specialized education and the facilitation of lifelong community integration of persons with autism

Our Mission

To empower and support persons with autism and their families, maximizing their quality of life by providing the model learning environment that meets their academic, social, and emotional needs.

Watch carefully,
the magic that occurs,
when you give a person,
just enough comfort,
to be themselves.

- atticus



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