

March Greeting from Janus Academy

Hello Everyone,

March 1st is our 100th day of school! Congratulations to all our students on reaching this milestone and all your achievements thus far. There is more to learn over the next 73 days of school. We would also like to take this time to thank the educational team for all your hard work, passion, and dedication to educating the students each and every day!

We can't welcome March without mentioning the gala. We are excited for our 27th Annual Gala, All You Need Is Love and Janus, coming up on Saturday, March 16! It will be a blast from the past with Calgary's Premier Beatles Tribute Band, a roller skating performance by Fresh Rollers, a twist on Name That Tune, and our retro inspired student performance. There is still time to purchase tickets here: <https://trellis.org/allyouneedisloveandjanus>. If you are unable to attend the gala, you can still bid on auction items from your computer/smartphone using this link: <https://m.elevateauctions.com/janusacademy>. We will launch the silent auction on Wednesday, March 13, so feel free to take a peek at the items, however new items are still being added daily, so please be patient. There is something for everyone. As you can imagine, the gala would not exist without our village of support. Thank you to our Janus families for your contributions, our sponsors, donors, and guests. It is a very special night when we all come together to celebrate the students and see those who support our mission. I look forward to celebrating with you at the Gala.

Our Core Value this month is CREATIVITY! I honestly don't know another group of people who are more creative than our staff. From our amazing and eye-catching booth at the Teacher's Convention, to our Staff Fundraising Committee with their new ideas, to the creative teaching that I see in the classrooms, it makes me extremely proud to be a part of this team.

Wishing each and everyone of you, a wonderful spring break. I hope it is filled with warm weather, time with loved ones, adventures, and rest.

P.S. April is Autism Awareness Month. More information about what's happening around Janus to come.

Warmest regards,

Teresa Reynolds
Director, Fund Development and Communications



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IMPORTANT DATES

Winter 2024

Mark your calendars

- March 15 St. Patrick's Day Event
- March 21 Healthy Hunger – A&W
- March 22 Early Dismissal at 12:00 pm
- March 25-April 1 Spring Break (no school)
- April 2 Non-instructional Day (no school)
- April 3 Classes Resume
- April 19 Science & Art Fair
- April 19 Healthy Hunger - Subway



SKIP THE DEPOT

Did you know that you can recycle your bottles, electronics and clothing and raise money for Janus Academy?

Download the app and start donating to us today!

<https://app.skipthedepot.com/janus>

Use the promo code **JANUS100** and we will get 100% of the refunds!





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THE 11TH ANNUAL
YYC WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY
APRIL 2 2024

Live Entertainment • Speeches • Resource Fair
Autistic Marketplace & More!

11am - 2pm
Calgary Stampede Youth Campus

ALWAYS FREE FOR ALL AGES WEAR GOLD FOR AUTISM ACCEPTANCE!

**All Sessions Full.
Now Accepting
Wait list
Camp sessions
run July 8-
August 9th**



JANUS SUMMER CAMP

Experiences include: Mad Science, Dance, Music, Art, trips to local parks, Science Center, Zoo, Heritage Park, Swimming, Calaway Park, Flying Squirrel and much more.

Now open to all families within the community. Visit www.janusacademy.org for more information.



Contact
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Click link for registration form

<https://forms.gle/5aAo7e5vGxBuDrM76>



School Project

A big THANK YOU to the families and staff who donated newspapers & flyers since the beginning of the school year, however we need a lot more newsprint. If you have any old newspapers or grocery store flyers, we will be happy to take them off your hands. Please do not hesitate to drop it off at reception during regular school hour or send in your child's backpack.



Painter Needed!

Want to earn a few extra bucks and help beautify Janus Academy!? We are looking for an experienced painter to help fix little boo boos throughout the campus. If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact our Principal, Stacey Oliver, at 403-262-3333, ext. 7023 or email at stacey.oliver@janusacademy.org.

Janus Journal

Welcome to the JHHS Media & Photography Club!

Our Rm 8 students have started a Media and Photography Club. They have been learning how to use a digital camera, various photography styles and how to transfer images from the camera to the computer. We are excited to share with you all the fun things we are capturing throughout the month.



Macro photography is a close-up picture of an object. Can you guess what this is?

In a photo, content is what makes up the picture. The content of this photo are the members of media and photography club!



Around the School

From workshops to the Parent Open House, February kept both students and staff busy, not to mention Teachers' Convention and our Professional Development Day. But there was still time for a few fun extras like field trips, Valentine's Day and our very own 8Niner Diner.

Students were delighted to welcome back Mad Science to teach them about "Slippery Science". Science can slippery, squishy, stretchy & slimy! Students loved the hands on experiments and discovering the properties of different materials.



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This is our inaugural year at the Calgary City Teachers' Convention and we could not be more excited. Yolande Daley, Director of Training, and Brittany Rau, Elementary Certificated Teacher, are there to represent Janus Academy and all that we have to offer other teaching professionals working with neurodiverse students. Come and check out our booth if you're in the neighbourhood. For more info on upcoming workshops, go to <https://janusacademy.org/community/community-worships/>. #CCTC2024

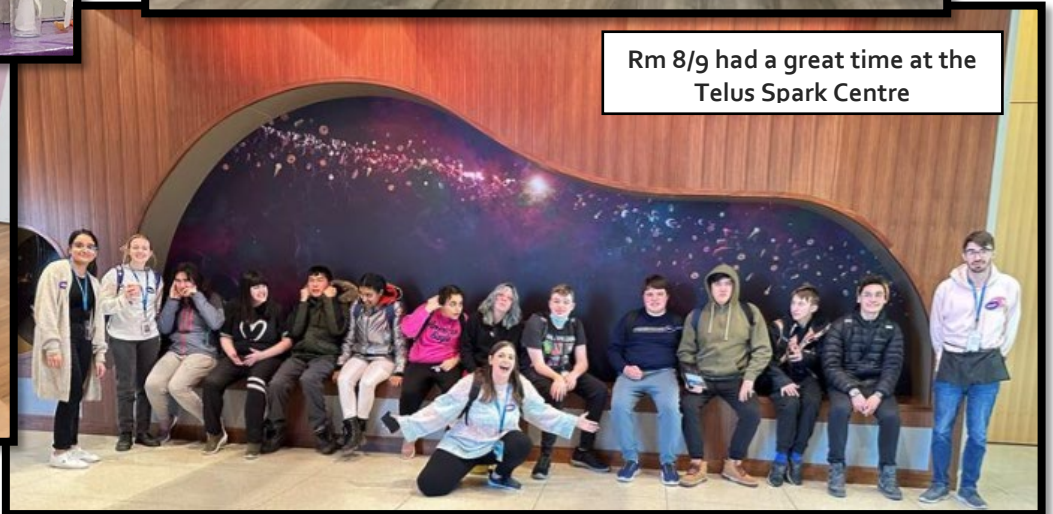
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It is a team effort to deflate our Bouncy Castle, and way too much fun to be serious.



Rm 8/9 had a great time at the Telus Spark Centre



Everyone loves the Central Library, especially Rm 5 students. Check out those smiles!



Every February Janus Academy hosts our Annual Staff Awards to celebrate the hard work and dedication of all our team members. Your commitment to our students and Janus Academy is greatly appreciated. Thank you for everything you do!

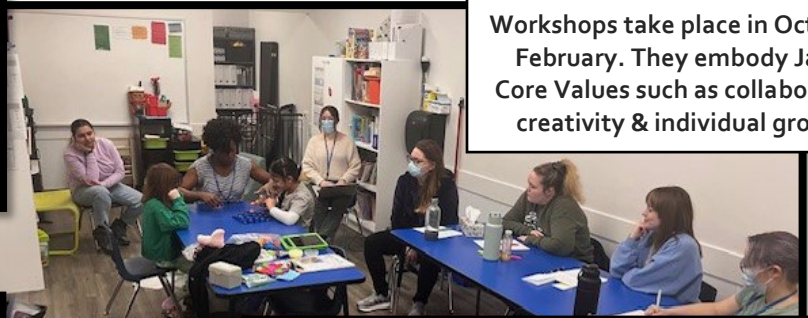


Congratulations to Arielle (left) & Natalia (right) both for 5 years.

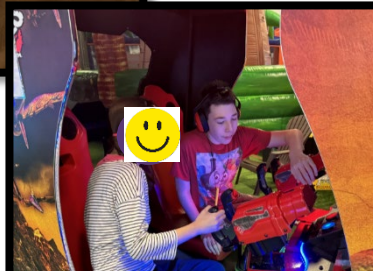


Congratulations to Cathrine for 15 years (left), Lisa A. (right) for 10 years.

Workshops take place in October & February. They embody Janus' Core Values such as collaboration, creativity & individual growth.



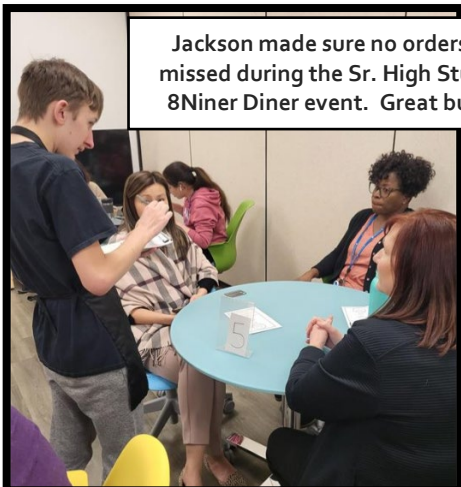
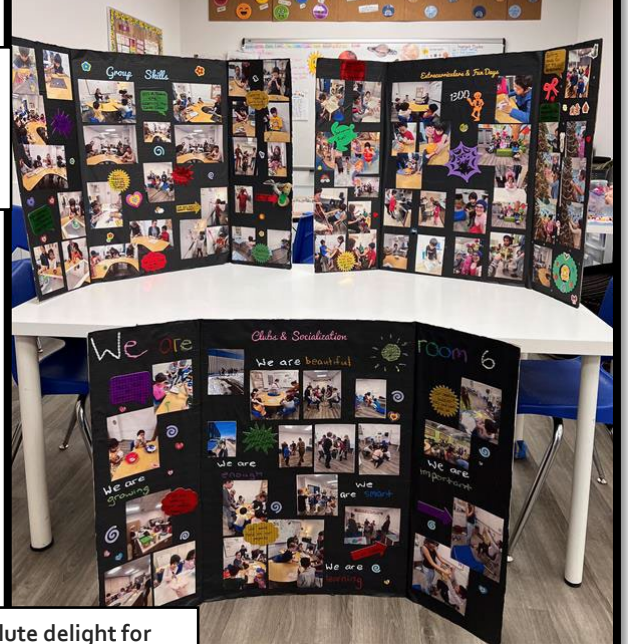
February was Black History Month & Rm 2 found a meaningful activity by introducing students to Jazz music. They were even treated to a bit of piano by one of the students.



Rm 10 field trip to the Big Fun Inflatable Park allowed students to practice their social skills and build relationships while having a lot of fun.



It's official! Rm 6 is ready for the Parent Open House!! These fabulous trifold displays the students' activities.



Jackson made sure no orders were missed during the Sr. High Student's 8Niner Diner event. Great burgers!



Our bubble machine is an absolute delight for both students and staff! Who doesn't love bubbles, especially when they make you smile!

Classroom 8/9

Independent Living Skills

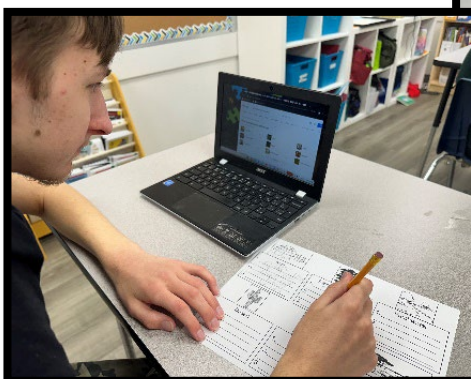
Our students started the 2nd term with Career Exploration: learning what their interests are and what they may want to do after graduation. They practiced how to write a resume as well as interview skills. Students showed a variety of interests including retail and restaurant work, camp counsellors, preschool teacher, veterinarian, and administration!

Rm 8/9 hosted their second pop-up dining experience of the year! The students made grocery lists, shopped for, and prepared all the food, and set up the restaurant. Students practiced their customer service skills as a host, cashier, and server! Our 8Niner Diner is always a hit with the students and they were so excited to see the many happy faces of the staff!



Physical Education

Rm 8/9 students have shown fantastic progress & enthusiasm in their phys. ed. classes throughout the year. It is inspiring to witness how they're enjoying themselves while staying active and healthy. From soccer to curling to pickleball, the students have embraced each activity with a remarkable sense of independence, demonstrating their physical abilities and their growing confidence in trying new things. These sessions provide them with valuable movement and exercise and instills a sense of joy and fulfilment in being active.



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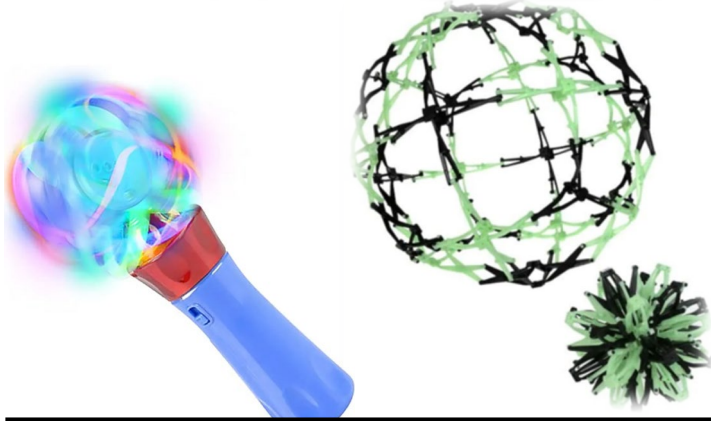
Rm 8 celebrated Valentine's Day with many hands-on activities. Students used candy hearts to practice their literacy skills and numeracy skills. They put the words and phrases in alphabetical order and then created a bar graph to represent the number of letters on each candy heart. Students then took the candy hearts into science class to discuss how different liquids may affect the candy hearts buoyancy.

Students began their next science unit on biodiversity. We discussed the 3 main aspects of biodiversity (genetic, species, ecosystem) and look forward to delving into them further in the coming weeks. Some highlights for the students will be extracting DNA from a strawberry, creating a travel brochure for a particular biome, and researching various species.

In math, we introduced "Problem of the day" where students use their comprehension skills along with their numeracy skills to break down real life scenarios to solve mathematical problems. Students in Rm 8/9 will continue to work on their money skills through a variety of hands-on activities and practical experiences with "purchasing items."

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Dog Man & Cat Kid

Many of our young students are really into Dog Man & Cat Kid books (graphic novels). We are looking for donations of these books/graphic novels to assist with the development of reading skills, social skills, and reinforcement. We have a few of these books but they are well loved and are starting to wear out.



Cause & Effect Toys

Cause and effect toys are toys that do something when a child performs an action, such as shape sorters, pop-up toys, light up toys. These toys help with cognitive development, gross and fine motor skills, as well as allow them to work out problems. We are looking for donations of these types of toys, along with inset puzzles and regular puzzles.



Mickey Mouse Toys & Books

We are looking for Mickey Mouse toys and books as positive reinforcement for our elementary students. Games, books, pictures, videos, etc. would be welcome.



Cameras Needed!

We are looking for gently used digital point and shoot cameras, old tablets, or cell phones with cameras in working condition for our Yearbook Club and our Photography Club. Many of our current cameras are well loved and no longer work properly.



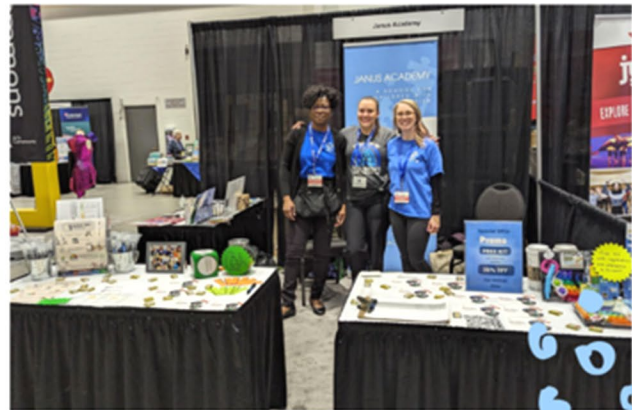
INSIGHTS

YOLANDE DALEY, DIRECTOR OF TRAINING

TEACHERS CONVENTION

February 15 and 16th, 2024

I am thrilled to share that Janus Academy's first exhibition at the Calgary Teachers Convention was a success. This initiative was intended to highlight Janus' expertise in educating students with autism, provide training opportunities, and expand Janus' footprints into the community. Given the increased number of students with autism within inclusive classrooms, the vision is to partner with community schools to provide training to bridge some of the gaps in the education system for autistic students.



THANK YOU'S

Behind The Scenes - My Village

Janus' core values of collaboration, creativity and passion were the pillars that made the exhibition a success. I would not have had such success without the support of Teresa Reynolds, for editing and providing marketing strategies, Lenzei Piedad for her creativity and support with the student projects, Room 8 students for their commitment in making 50+ stress balls for teachers which they did with pride, Brittany Rau for being my partner and supporter for 2 days, Malorie Schwenk and other PC's who provided resources, and to our education team that assisted with last minute tasks for which I am truly grateful.

THE OUTCOMES

1. Strengthen community awareness about Janus Academy and our services
2. Gain fresh ideas
3. Access new information
4. Gain different perspectives
5. Made professional connections



Especial Edition

FUNDRAISING NEWS

Tickets on sale until March 5!



\$175.00 each (eligible for a \$100 tax receipt).

Buy here:

<https://trellis.org/allyouneedisloveandjanus>

The online auction will launch on
Wednesday, March 13th.

People who are unable to attend the gala can still support Janus by bidding on items right from their homes. Keep an eye out for the link.

Evening Program

- 5:30pm: Welcome Reception, Cocktails & Canapes
- 6:30pm: Welcome - Jocelyn Laidlaw
- 6:35pm: Student Performance
- 6:55pm: Fresh Rollers Performance
- 7:05pm: Balloon Pop
- 7:15pm: Dinner & Live Music (All You Need Is Love)
- 8:00pm: Message - Carlene Chrumka, CEO
- 8:10pm: Pick That Tune Game
- 8:40 pm: Video
- 8:45pm: Live Auction & Fund-A-Need
- 9:30pm: Silent Auction closes & Live Music
- 11:15pm: Last call

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Student Performance by:



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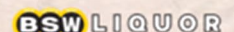
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Our Vision

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.

Nothing can dim the light that shines from within.

~ Maya Angelou



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