



June Greeting from Janus Academy

Hello Students, Parents and Staff,

As we come to the end of another school year, it's hard to believe how quickly the time has passed. This year has been filled with growth, learning, and so many meaningful moments that have brought us together as a community.

We have had the joy of gathering at special events like our Winter and Spring Performances, celebrating creativity and confidence at the Science Fair and Art Exhibition, and connecting through classroom get-togethers with families. These moments remind us how important it is to come together and celebrate our students in all the ways they shine. We are also looking ahead with excitement to upcoming highlights like Sports Day and our high school graduation—two wonderful traditions that bring our community together.

At this time of year, we also say goodbye to students, families, and staff who will not be returning. We are truly grateful for the contributions each of you has made to Janus. You will always be a valued part of our community, and we wish you all the very best in what comes next.

At the same time, we look ahead with excitement. We are grateful for our returning students, families, and staff, and we are eager to continue the work we've started together. We are also thrilled to welcome new families to the Janus community and look forward to getting to know each of you in the year ahead.

Next year marks a very special milestone—our 30th anniversary. There will be many opportunities to celebrate, reflect, and continue building the strong sense of community that makes Janus so special.

To our dedicated staff—thank you for everything you bring each day to support our students and families. Your commitment, care, and expertise make a lasting difference.

To our students—thank you for the heart, energy, and enthusiasm you bring every day. You are what makes our school such a vibrant and inspiring place.

And to our parents and families—thank you for your ongoing support and partnership. We are grateful to work alongside you.

I wish everyone a restful, safe, and enjoyable summer and I look forward to welcoming you back in the fall.

Warm regards,

Carlene Chrumka
Chief Executive Officer

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IMPORTANT DATES

Spring 2026

Mark your calendars

- June 2 Sr. High Graduation – Loose Moose Theatre
- June 5 Healthy Hunger (Hot Dog Day)
- June 10 Healthy Hunger (Coco Brooks)
- June 11 Annual Sports Day – Rotary Challenger Park
- June 12 Non-instructional Day (no classes)
- June 22 Elementary Field Trip - Telus Science Centre
- June 24 JHHS Field Trip - Fish Creek Park
- June 25 Healthy Hunger (A&W)
- June 26 Early Dismissal – 12:00 pm – Last Day of School
- September 8 Classes Resume
- September 18 Non-instructional Day (no school)
- September 30 Orange Shirt Day/National Truth & Reconciliation Day (school open)



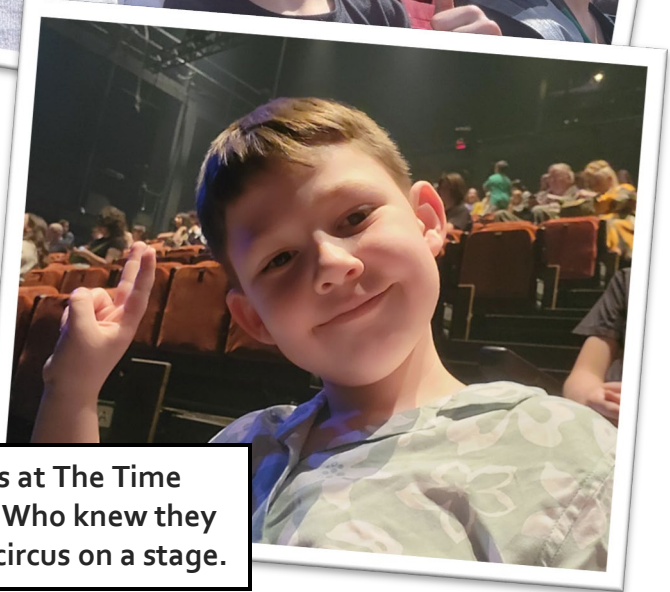
Kids Having Fun!

June brings the final month of FREE events from Kids Up Front. The arrival of nice weather has seen more families enjoying KUF activities. From outdoor sporting events to plays and concerts, Janus families enjoy the time spent away from the hustle & bustle of everyday life.

Great weather for the Stampeder's first preseason game against the Roughriders



Stampeder's Fan Fest even included a visit from Calgary Flames mascot, Harvey the Hound



All smiles at The Time Machinist. Who knew they could put a circus on a stage.

Class of 2026

Come and Celebrate

Janus Academy's 2026 Graduation

**TUESDAY
JUNE 2, AT 10:30 AM**

Loose Moose Theater
1235 26 Ave S.E Calgary

Around The School

May brought many amazing things to Janus Academy. We welcomed parents to our campus, celebrated student achievements, hosted external teachers at our Lucky 8 Diner and received a bundle of kindness cards. It was a great month!



Our Lucky 8 Diner never fails to impress our staff and this time May's menu included personalized poutine and ice cream floats! Well done Janus students, everyone raved about the food and the service.



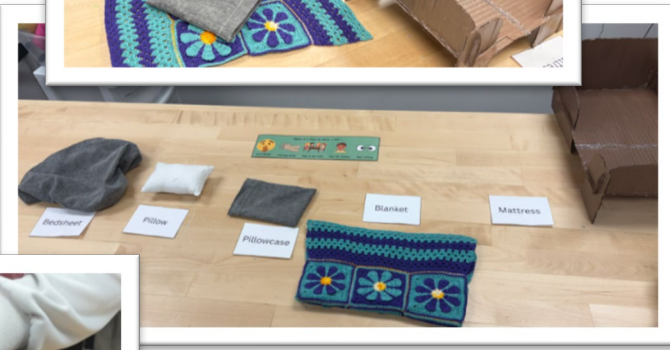
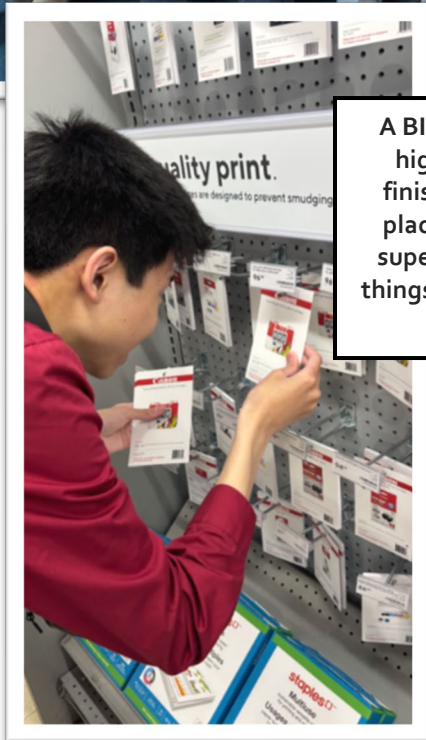
Once again, Janus Academy received over 200 Cards of Kindness from the Old Navy Staff in Calgary. Sankalpita and her team celebrate Autism Awareness Month by creating these wonderful cards for our students and staff. Thank you Old Navy Team, these cards mean a lot to us.



"This poutine is a dream come true."

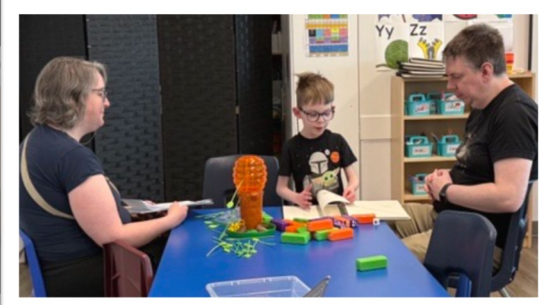
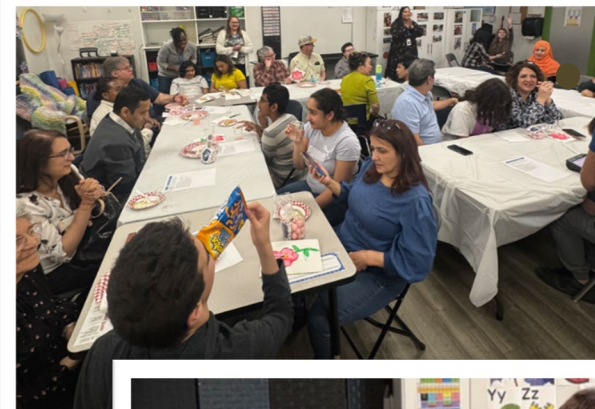


A BIG shout out to one of our high school students, who finished his work experience placement with Staples. His supervisor had so many great things to say about him. We are super proud of you!



Shout out to Sumati. On her own time, she crafted a miniature bed for the Life Skills bedroom chores with amazing attention to detail even adding elastic to the fitted sheet. Thanks to her thoughtful work, our students stayed fully engaged throughout the lesson while developing their fine motor skills! Thank you Sumati, for always going above and beyond!

Around The School con'd...



Students have been practicing for our upcoming Annual Sports Day. It should prove to be a great event for students and staff, with our Janus families cheering them on.

Parent Day! A very special day where students invite parents into their classrooms. Whether they are showing their newly learned skills or serving a special lunch, this is a day everyone looks forward to.



Raising Autism Awareness COLOURING CONTEST

April 1st - April 30th 2026

Congratulations to all our 2026 contest winners!

The winners were announced online on Saturday, May 23, 2026.

1st place: iPad – Gwen K.

2nd place: Calgary Flames Jersey – Arwen A.

3rd place: Flames Tickets – Grace M.

4th place: \$100 Gift Card – Carlo M.

5th place: \$75 Gift Card – Ellee K.

6th place: \$50 Gift Card – Giovani H.

Plus 20 randomly selected gift card winners for \$25 each.

Thank you to all who participated in the 2026 Raising Awareness for Autism Colouring Contest.

Room 6

Friendships

This year our students have developed meaningful friendships with each other! It has been wonderful to see our students bonding over shared interests such as books and movement activities.



Socialization

Room 6 has been learning about birthdays and what happens at a birthday party. The unit was created to help our kids build the necessary skills to attend a party. Our kids have shown an interest in each others' birthdays, but a party can be challenging as well as fun. We looked at the steps of a party such as arriving, playing games, singing happy birthday, eating cake and watching the birthday person open gifts! The kids have been enthusiastic, and worked on waiting, letting the birthday person go first, and trying new food or politely rejecting snacks. It has been incredible to see the kids be engaged and excited about this topic! Our overall goal is to help prepare them for birthdays and lesson apprehension surrounding attending a birthday!

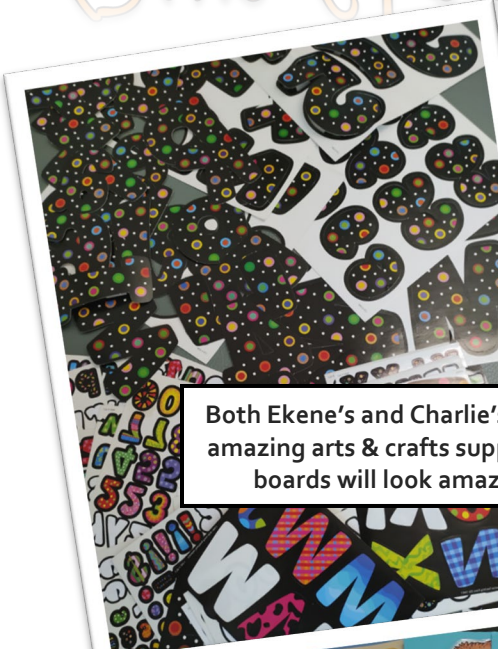


Interoception

This term we have been working on a new program called "The Interoception Curriculum". Developed by an Occupational Therapist, this program is designed to help students gain better awareness of all the sensations and cues happening in their bodies. This term we have explored different feelings related to our hands, feet and mouths through hands on activities designed to demonstrate the sensation and offer appropriate language for it. Students have been very enthusiastic with the various activities, and it has been so exciting watching their sense of what is happening in their own bodies expand



Our Classrooms Thank You



Both Ekene's and Charlie's families donated amazing arts & crafts supplies. Our bulletin boards will look amazing next year.



Cole's family donated 4 great basket balls that found a new home in our Studio as well as wonderful magazines.



Jacque brought us some wonderful teaching tools that were greatly appreciated by our educational staff.



Anay's family donated games & puzzles. A big hit for all the classrooms.



Dylan's family donated games, books, puzzles that all the classrooms enjoyed receiving.



FUNDRAISING UPDATE

TOTAL RAISED TO DATE: **\$25,422!!!!**

JANUS ACADEMY INVITES YOU TO OUR
14TH ANNUAL SPORTS DAY & PLEDGEATHON
JUNE 11, 2026

13 DAYS TO GO!!!

Logos: Sobey's, MOVE by GoodLife Kids, STRIKE, clubb sport, CJ Campbell, Punjab Insurance Inc. CALGARY, Calgary Rotary Challenger Parks, ROGERS Birdies for Kids, ALTA LINK.

Donations matched by up to 50% through Rogers Birdies for Kids presented by AltaLink.

CLICK HERE TO DONATE

[Janus Academy's 14th Annual Sports Day and Pledgeathon Canadahelps](#)

CLICK HERE TO RSVP FOR THE PICNIC

<https://forms.gle/pTGX6jKxRccTwiRc9>

Patron's Pint Program - July Recipients!

Janus Academy has been selected as the July recipient of the Patron's Pint program at Wild Rose Brewery!



Every 20oz pint of Wraspberry Ale sold in the taproom in July will support Janus Academy, with \$0.25 from each pint donated directly to our school!!

We're so grateful to Wild Rose Brewery for choosing to support our students & community through this initiative. If you're looking for a fun way to support Janus this summer, stop by the taproom at 4580 Quesnay Wood Dr. SW & raise a pint to a great cause!



Thank you



A special shout out and heartfelt thank you to the Janus Staff Bus Team for the care, patience, and dedication you show our students each and every day!



Thank you to the Rotary Club of Calgary Downtown for their generous \$5,000 donation toward sensory equipment for our students!



Thank you to Colliers for inviting Janus Academy to be a part of this event and a recipient of their Charity Golf Tournament on June 18!



Thank you also to FOJAA for supporting the 50/50 raffle at the upcoming Colliers Charity Golf Tournament.

Once again, a special thank you to George Ames, our volunteer bus driver. His kindness & generosity allow our students to have many amazing opportunities in the community.



Thank you to Tim Cranston for generously volunteering as the bus driver for our school field trip in May!

Thank you to our PAC for organizing the swap of wanted and needed items to support our classrooms and students!



Board of Directors

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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.

ADAPTING OUR OWN PERCEPTION, FOLLOWING RATHER THAN LEADING AND BUILDING BRIDGES ARE ALL KEYS TO HELPING THE CHILD WITH AUTISM LEARN.

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