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The Janus School

Update

Helping individuals with learning differences access their potential by providing excellence in education, research, & community outreach.

FIELD TRIPS

On October 28th, all students will be going on a variety of field trips. Permission forms were sent home in today's Envelope.

Upper Division (9th and 10th grades)- Field trip to Lancaster City

The students will leave Janus about 8:30am, spend the day downtown, and return to Janus about 2:30pm. Activities may include a historical "ghost" tour, doing gravestone rubbings at a Civil War-era cemetery, a tour of city hall, shopping at local boutiques, and eating lunch at any number of local eateries.

Upper Division (11th and 12th grades)- 7th Annual Junior-Senior Hike

It has become a Janus tradition that the Juniors and Seniors spend a day together in late October, hiking on the Conestoga Trail in Southern Lancaster County. This is a day to have a good time, discover new strengths, practice perseverance, and enjoy the out-of-doors.

Lower/Middle Division (grades K-8)- Lancaster County Park

In keeping with the Halloween Season, while there, the students will learn about spiders and insects, bats and owls, and participate in Native American games and activities. As a culminating activity, there will be a campfire for roasting hotdogs and making S'mores.

Andrea Trump

Andrea joined us at the beginning of this year as Eileen Harris's long-term sub. Friday, October 21st is Andrea's last day here at Janus, at which time Cynthia Richter will be taking over as Eileen's sub. Andrea is moving on to a job in Philadelphia at a school for the hearing-impaired. All of us at Janus will miss her, and we hope you will join us in wishing her all the best. Below is a note from Andrea:

Janus Students and Parents,

When I began the school year at Janus, I thought that my eight week stay would be long-lived. The past few months have flown by and it is already time for me to say goodbye to the students and staff that I have come to love. I want to thank you all for welcoming me into your school and making my first teaching experience one to remember.

-Andrea Trump

October 2010



⑤ = Cycle Day

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Frolicking Friday 3:00-5:30pm 	2
3 Lancaster Walk to Help Children with Dyslexia For more info. see pg. 6	4 ④	5 ⑤	6 ⑥ New Student Pizza Lunch	7 ① Update and Envelope Open House 9-11am Read for the Record	8 ② 12:30 pm Dismissal Care package donations due	9
10	11 No School for Students In-Service Day  Columbus Day	12 ③	13 ④ Cybersafety Parent/Student Forum 6:30-8:00pm PSAT day	14 ⑤	15 ⑥ Picture Day Picture forms are in today's Enve- lope.	16
17	18 ① Accreditation Team Visit	19 ② Accreditation Team Visit Therapy Dogs Visit	20 ③ Accreditation Team Visit	21 ④ Update and Envelope	22 ⑤	23
24	25 ⑥ November Lunch Orders Due	26 ①	27 ②	28 ③ Field Trips for all Divisions (see pg. 1 for more info.)	29 ④ Initial Reports posted on Edline and mailed home Halloween Dress Up Day Halloween Bake Sasle	30
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Theme of the Month: Respect

November 2010



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	1 ⑤	2 ⑥	3 ① Update and Envelope	4 No School for Students Parent-Teacher Conferences 9-6 Open House 7-9pm	5 No School for Students Parent-Teacher Conferences 9am-6pm	6
7	8 No School for Students Parent-Teacher Conferences 9am-6pm	9 ②	10 ③	11 ④	12 ⑤	13
14	15 ⑥	16 ① Therapy Dogs Visit	17 ②	18 ③ RSVP for Grandparents and Special Friends Day due today Update and Envelope	19 ④	20
21	22 ⑤	23 ⑥ Grandparents and Special Friends Day (see pg. 7 for info) 12:30 Dismissal 1st Trimester Ends	24	25	26	27
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">Thanksgiving Break</div> 						
28	29 ① 2nd Trimester Begins	30 ②				

Theme of the Month: Gratitude

2010-2011 Parent Forums

January 19, 2011 7 PM
Robin Payne and Michael Peterson
Financial Aid Night

February 23, 2011 7 PM
Jay Keener, LCSW
**Your Child's Medications; a guide to
the most common psychotropic medi-
cations and how to talk to your
child's doctor about them**

March 23, 2011
Ginger Goudie
**Post-Secondary Supports for
Students With Learning
Differences**



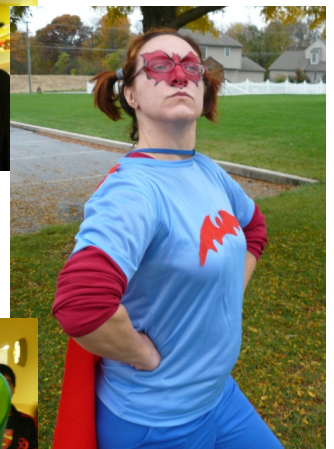
*Join us here every Update for some pearls of
Pragmatic Language wisdom from Giny Mackey,
Speech Pathologist.*

Watch a sitcom or family oriented TV show with the sound muted. Interpret clues you see that tell you how people are feeling, such as facial expression, body language and gestures, as you watch a segment together. Discuss it. Or you can use a movie that can be paused for comparisons of your observations.

Halloween

Dress-Up Day

On Friday, October 29th Student Council will be having a Halloween dress up day for the students and faculty. Students and faculty must pay \$2.00 to wear a costume for the whole day. No weapons, blood, or masks are allowed with costumes. There will be a contest for best costume and students will be awarded prizes. Students may bring money for the bake sale which will be held during upper and lower/middle division lunch and break. Reference Ingredients will be made available and if you do not want your child to have certain items or candy to please let us know. Items will be a \$1.00 or less. Student Council has arranged fall themed activities including Face Painting, The Donut Sting Game, and Candy Corn Catch. The activities will be held at the end of the day on Friday.



BoxTops FOR EDUCATION

Don't forget to collect Box Tops for Education! Box Tops can be found on General Mills products, as well as participating brands such as Huggies®, Ziploc®, Hefty®, and Scott®. The first Box Tops collection date this year is November 1st.



Remember, you can earn Box Tops when you shop online at popular websites like Barnes & Nobles (2.5%), Lands' End (3.5%), Overstock.com (3%), and Expedia.com (\$2.00). Each website gives a donation of up to 8% back on every qualifying purchase. All you have to do is start at Box Tops for Education Marketplace when you do your online shopping.

November Lunch Orders and Payment Due October 25th

Order forms are in today's Envelope
and are also available on Edline

**Please be aware that the lunch price is rising,
beginning in November. The price for a
student lunch will be \$3.90.**

Thank you for all of your support in donating items to send to our troops. With your help we managed to collect enough items to fill fifteen large boxes of snacks, games, and personal items. We really appreciate your help and we look forward to mailing them off in the next few days.

-Homeroom 206



THE JANUS SCHOOL

Because Not All Great Minds Think Alike

'10-'11

Open Houses

November 4, 2010	7-9 PM
December 2, 2010	9-11 AM
January 23, 2011	1-3 PM
February 3, 2011	9-11 AM
March 3, 2011	7-9 PM
April 7, 2011	9-11 AM
May 5, 2011	7-9 PM
July 7, 2011	9-11 AM

Halloween Bake Sale

On, Friday, October 29, students and faculty will be providing "treats" that students will be able to buy during lunch and break. The funds raised through this activity will be used to support social activities that will be sponsored by the Student Council through the remainder of the school year and to continue our relationship with Haiti Partners, a non-profit organization that promotes literacy and educational development in Haiti. If your child has food allergies, or you do not want them to purchase these "treats" please let us know by Friday, October 29, 2010, so we can make sure to monitor what they eat.



A message from the Director of Admission & Outreach...

Each month I speak with families who are desperately searching for a school to meet the academic and social challenges their children face on a daily basis. I am asking you to reflect on your Janus journey and consider joining me for panel discussions at these upcoming Open Houses :

Nov. 4 (7-9pm)
Jan. 23 (1-3pm)
Mar. 3 (7-9pm)
May 5 (7-9pm)

Interested persons should contact Robin Payne at 717-653-0025 ext. 102 or rpayne@thejanusschool.org

Know anyone who might be interested in renting a section of The Janus School?

Perhaps a scout group who needs the gym or cafeteria for a night?

A sports team who needs a place to practice and play?

A dance or music company that needs a place for a recital?

A science club that needs a science or computer lab to work in?

Let us know.

Contact Michael Peterson, Director of Finance and Operations at extension 103 for more information or for a packet of rental information.

From the Desk of the Dean of Students

Cyber-Safety Presentation

On October 11, 2010, Charlie Reisinger, the Director of Technology at Penn Manor School District, spoke with the Janus Faculty about Cyber-Safety issues and the impact developing technologies are having on the social and academic development of students of all ages. The impact these technologies has on students is profound and far reaching. Due to the ever-evolving technological innovations students are using, educational institutions are confronted with a host of different concerns that can impact the safety and academic development of their students. Charlie discussed a range of issues that may directly affect students such as social networking, texting, identity theft, cyberbullying, and grooming. It is clear that educators and parents need to carefully monitor and communicate regarding student use of the developing technologies available to students. To assist in this process we also asked Charlie to make a presentation to parents and students at our first Parent Forum on October 13, 2010.

Included in this week's Envelope is a free booklet published by the Federal Trade Commission entitled *Net Cetera: Chatting with Kids About Being Online*. While technology and the impact it has is constantly changing, this booklet can help as a starting point for talking to your child about being online. Also included in the Envelope is a bookmark with some suggested website resources for parents. If you have any additional questions please feel free to contact us here so that we can work to meet your child's individual needs.

Grandparents and Special Friends Day



**Tuesday
November 23rd**

Grandparents and Special Friends are invited to come visit The Janus School on November 23rd. As part of the event, guests will hear about what The Janus School is about, attend a performance by the Lower Division, have a photograph taken of them and their grandchild or special friend, visit classes, and join the students for lunch.

Grandparents or special friends who are interested in attending need to fill out the registration form included in this week's Envelope and also available on Edline. If the guest would like to eat lunch at Janus (veggie or turkey wrap), please indicate at the bottom of the registration form what your lunch choice would be.

Please RSVP by November 18th by returning the registration form or by calling the school.

Any questions about Grandparents and Special Friends Day, please contact Nick Chapman, Development Director, at 717-653-0025 x105 or nchapman@thejanusschool.org.

Happy Birthday!



Maria Weaver-Hollowniczky– Oct. 5
Clara Laube– Oct. 14
Valerie Domoto– Oct. 16
Gary Gifford– Oct. 21
Royce Rivard– Oct. 22
Luke Ginder– Nov. 4
Aaron Bryant– Nov. 8
Staci Jasin– Nov. 12
Misha Kushner– Nov. 14
Tyler Newman– Nov. 14
Colleen Klahr– Nov. 15
Alex Marker– Nov. 17
Cameron Steffy– Nov. 17

“Emergency” Lunches

If your child forgets their lunch and needs to purchase an emergency lunch at school, a small bright pink slip will be sent home with the student, usually in the Envelope, and an email will be sent to the parents reminding them to send in \$3.00 to cover the cost of the lunch.

Initial Narrative Reports are mailed home and posted on Edline on Friday, October 29th

Congratulations!

Congratulations to these students
for their accomplishments:

Gavin Dobyns— Gavin received an award from the city of Harrisburg this month for his help in saving the life of a 6 year old girl when he and his team partners resuscitated her after an accident in August. Gavin is an EMT for Harrisburg City EMS. Congratulations Gavin!

Parent-Teacher Conferences

For all students

Thursday, November 4 9am-5:15pm
Friday, November 5 9am-5:15pm
Monday, November 6 8am-5:00pm

Please call Gina or email
gmartin@thejanusschool.org
if you have not already scheduled your
November parent-teacher conference.

The Janus School Emergency Phone Numbers

In the event of an emergency in which The Janus School has no power or our (717) 653-0025 phone number is not operating, there are two alternate phone numbers that you can use to contact The Janus School. Please be aware that these two phone numbers are two cell phones that are kept here at school and are only turned on in emergency situations. These two phones are kept turned off at all times unless needed in an emergency.

(717) 327-6365
(717) 327-6364

Professional Development

Read about the workshops that our staff and faculty have attended these past few months.

Lancaster Lebanon Reading Council
Cynthia Richter and Chris Koslosky

On Tuesday, Oct. 12, Cynthia Richter and I attended a “make and take” workshop sponsored by the Lancaster Lebanon Reading Council. It was a small slice of heaven for reading teachers: not only did we get lots of good ideas for books to use in the classroom (especially ones with academic content pleasantly disguised as poetry and fiction), but we then had the wonderful experience of trekking into the enormous IU 13 workroom with its lineup of die cuts, laminators, label makers, colorful papers and supplies, and being set loose to actually *make* the clever classroom tools we had just learned about. My only regret is that the IU closed at 9:00 p.m., forcing us to leave the building and take all our inspired energy home with us. I’d probably still be there die cutting lily pads! But it’s just as well: by 7:30 the next morning, my tutorial student and I were hard at work trying out some vocab words on a cool new linear array (freshly laminated, no less). I think it’s a hit!

Reminder...

November 4-8— **No School for Students**
— **Parent-Teacher Conferences**

November 23— **12:30pm Dismissal**

November 24-26— **No School**
— **Thanksgiving Break**