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The Janus School

Update

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

SPIRIT WEEK MARCH 28-APRIL 1

The Student Council will be hosting a spirit week from March 28th to April 1st.

- Monday** March 28: Old West Day
- Tuesday** March 29: Hippie/70s
- Wednesday** March 30: Hawaii
- Thursday** March 31: Tacky Wacky
- Friday** April 1: Blue Pants Day

Welcome!

The Janus School is pleased to welcome **John Nessuno** to our school. John joins us in the 10th grade. A sticker with his contact information to put in your '10-'11 Student Directory is included in this week's Envelope. If you need another directory, let Gina know. Welcome John!



Save the Date!

April 7, 2011

Jane Bluestein, Ph.D.

Creating Success with Non-Traditional Learners
by Accommodating Learning Differences

Educator's Workshop	1:30-4:30pm	\$75
Lecture	6:00-8:00pm	\$15

Come join us as Dr. Jane Bluestein, famous educator and author, presents a program that will explore a number of ways individuals learn. In addition to presenting dozens of practical strategies for accommodating a variety of learner preferences, we will also look at ways to teach children how to take responsibility for their own learning needs. This special event is open to the public and promises to offer something unique to all interested parents, educators, and other professionals.

A registration form is available on Edline.

March 2011



⑤ = Cycle Day

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 ⑥	2 ①	3 ② Update and Envelope Open House 7-9pm	4 ③ Reports posted on Edline and mailed home	5
6	7 ④ <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">Library Book Sale</div>	8 ⑤ 2nd Trimester Ends	9 No School for Students	10 No School for Students	11 No School for Students	12
		Social Studies Fair	Parent Teacher Conferences 8:30am-5:30pm	Parent Teacher Conferences 8:30am-5:30pm	Parent Teacher Conferences 8:30am-5:30pm	
13 Daylight Savings Time Begins 	14	15	16	17 	18	19
SPRING BREAK						
20	21 ⑥ 3rd Trimester Begins Pretzel order forms due	22 ①	23 ② Grades and conference summaries mailed home Parent Forum 4-5:30pm Post Secondary Sup-	24 ③ Update and Envelope	25 ④ Pretzel Friday	26
27	28 ⑤ Raising Spirits April Lunch Orders Due	29 ⑥	30 ①	31 ② Laserdome forms due		
Spirit Week – see details pg. 1						

Theme of the Month: Patience

April 2011



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Reenrollment due Spirit Week	2
3	4 Laserdome 3-5pm	5	6	7 Dr. Jane Bluestein speaker event (see pg. 1 for more info.) Open House 9-11am	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 Dental exams	15	16
17	18 Physical exams	19 Therapy dogs visit No Testing Day	20 All School picture day No Testing Day	21 LD & MD field trip to Refreshing Mountain No Testing Day	22 No School	23
24 	25 No Testing Day	26 No Testing Day	27	28	29	30

Theme of the Month: Courage

**APRIL LUNCH
ORDERS AND PAYMENT DUE
MARCH 28TH**

ORDER FORMS ARE AVAILABLE ON EDLINE

Dear Parents,

As you prepare your 2010 taxes, please read the following publication and pass it to your accountant, if appropriate. I can not answer your tax related questions, but want to make you aware that special education expenses may be deductible under medical expenses.

<http://www.irs.gov/publications/p502/ar02.html#d0e1426>

-Robin

Save the Date!

Raising Spirits

March 28, 2011

Legacy Ballroom
Jewish Community Center

Hosted by Michael Green and featuring signature hors d'oeuvres from local restaurants, cocktails, wine, and casino games.

Summer Programs

June 20-July 29, 2011

Core Academic Program
Monday-Friday 8:30-11:45am

Assistive Technology & Study Skills
Tuesday & Thursday 9:30-11:30am

Afternoon Programs
Monday-Friday 12:00-3:00pm
(Afternoon Programs include Theatre, Intro. to Spanish Language & Culture, Photography, and Intro. to African Dance)

SAT Prep Course
Tuesday & Thursday 12:15-2:45pm

Refer to the Summer Programs brochure for more information about each Program. Brochures are available on our website at www.thejanusschool.org or at the front desk.

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 :

May 5 (7-9pm)

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




April 4, 2011
3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

All students, siblings (6 years and older), parents, faculty, and staff are invited to a private party at the Laserdome.. Janus students will be transported by bus to the Laserdome and parents must pick up their children by **5:00 pm at the Laserdome**. Children may leave the Laserdome with someone other than a parent **IF** there is prior, **written** permission from a parent. The permission should include a phone number of the person providing transportation.

The cost is **\$25 per person**, which includes: 40 min of Laser Tag, unlimited drinks and popcorn, 2 slices of pizza, and 10 arcade tokens. Additional tokens and food may be purchased separately. Dark clothing is ideal for laser tag!

To register, please complete and return the form in today's Envelope by March 31, 2010.



THE JANUS SCHOOL
Because Not All Great Minds Think Alike

'10-'11

Open Houses

April 7, 2011	9-11 AM
May 5, 2011	7-9 PM
July 7, 2011	9-11 AM

Happy Birthday!



Gabby Brandt– March 2
Christine Koslosky– March 2
Katlynn Shingle– March 7
PJ Jablonski– March 14
Eileen Harris– March 14
Nathan Kachel– March 15
Gina Martin– March 18
Billy Hyman– March 20
Susan Thompson– April 3
Brandon Young– April 12
Julie Dougherty– April 13
Candy Holtzapple– April 16
Jen Risser– April 21
Ben Piraino– April 27

2011-2012 FINANCIAL AID REMINDER

If you haven't already completed your financial aid application for the 2011-2012 school year, it's not too late!

Apply to Financial Aid for School Tuition (FAST) online at www.thejanusschool.org

- Click on Admission
- Scroll down and click on Financial Aid
- Click on FAST website



Re-enrollment

Re-enrollment materials went out in the mail last week.

Here is an important date to remember when you receive your packet of re-enrollment materials:

April 1, 2011

- 2011-2012 Enrollment Contract due
- 2011-2012 \$2500 Enrollment Deposit due

If you need additional copies of anything, contact Gina Martin.

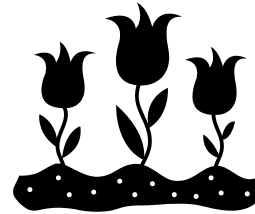
Dear Parents,

The service learning class is doing a penny drive to support *Haiti Partners*. Students are asked to bring in a penny a day. There will be a jar located at the front desk where students can drop off their pennies. Thanks for your support of the service learning class. For more information about *Haiti Partners* go to: www.haitipartners.org.

-Jay Keener

SAVE THE DATE!

Laserdome
April 4, 2011



Professional Development

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

National Association of Independent School's Annual Conference

Deborah Kost
Head of School

Great schools filled with great faculty and staff helps to create great students. Therefore, professional development is important for all educators because our students deserve the best. In fact, research shows that an inspiring and informed educator who remains current with best practices through professional development is the most important school-related factor influencing student achievement. Ask anyone - one of the top items that make a difference in a student's life is his or her interactions with a great educator. My professional development informs my life as Head of School. Recently, I had the opportunity to attend the National Association of Independent School's Annual Conference in National Harbor, Maryland. I attended numerous workshops throughout the three day event and write to share some of those experiences with you today.

One of the first workshops I attended was *Sustaining School Leadership: Life Balance and Time Management for Heads*. This inspiring session al-

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Professional Development

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lowed Heads to think through the 24/7 challenge, proactively manage our time, and balance the requirements needed to do the job well. It was a thought-provoking program.

I attended a three-hour workshop on *Creating and Sustaining Partnerships Between Public and Private Schools*. Many private and public schools throughout the country have managed to share information that benefits students, such as curriculum, faculty, and community service. Currently, Janus partners with a school in Haiti raising fund to help their academic program since the earthquake of 2010.

In a Speed Innovating session, we covered six topics in 10-minute mini sessions which focused on themes and solutions. I attended mini-sessions on *Essential Tech Leadership Skills: What Every Head of School Needs to Know*; *Painless and Paperless Faculty Evaluation*; *Leadership and Social Media*; *Strategic Planning Implementation*; and *Stumbling Upon 21st Century Teaching-Lessons in Nonlinear Learning*. Needless to say, my head was spinning after these sessions but it was worth every minute.

I attended a fascinating workshop entitled: *No Strings Attached! Federal Education Programs for Private School Students*. There was so much information to review that we simply worked from a website that offered services and benefits to private schools from the Office of Non-Public Education. The presenters, Pamela Allen and Maureen Dowling, were available to meet with people individually after the session. They offered many ideas that may work for The Janus School.

I re-charged myself by attending the program, *The Rewards and Challenges of a Headship*. We re-

viewed the nuts and bolts of this position, from one's first year as a Head of School through retirement. I thoroughly enjoyed the panel discussion and continue to love what I do in this very rewarding position.

Great Schools by Design: Voice of the Teacher explored how teachers are responding to new ideas in the classroom and how these ideas affect their teaching. An emphasis was placed on the variety of student's learning styles; I felt I had a lot to contribute to this session as I was able to share the myriad of ideas and classroom techniques practiced at Janus. I attended another education session on *Multisensory Curriculum: Teaching LD Students Well, Teaching All Students Well*. The presenters stated what we at Janus know and live: schools have many different learners and learning how to teach the range of learners effectively enhances the way you reach all your students. I shared many strategies used at Janus and this session again affirmed the exceptional work we do for our students.

Last but certainly not least, I attended workshops on *Character Education, Schools of the Future, Bullying and Bias in Schools, Communicating with Parents, Relational Teaching with Boys, The Cost of Achievement: Addressing Stress and Anxiety in Girls' Lives, Neuroeducation: Building Bridges Between Neuroscience and Education, and Building Health Boards*.

The Annual Conference offered substantive workshops that offered reflection and I truly believe that growth comes from reflection. I also had an opportunity to connect with colleagues from other schools as well as my cohort from the Kingenstein Fellowship at Columbia University.

Three exceptional speakers rounded out the

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event: Sheena Iyengar from Columbia Business School spoke about her recent book, The Art of Choosing; author, Dan Heath, shared insights from his recent book, Switch: How to Change Things When Change is Hard; and Geoffrey Canada, star of the recent movie, *Waiting for Superman* closed the event with his inspirational work in the field of education.

It was a wonderful event and I am grateful for the opportunity to attend the NAIS Annual Conference and represent The Janus School!

