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# The Janus School *Update*

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

## What to do when.....

### A student forgets their lunch?



If a student forgets his or her lunch, we have “emergency” lunches available. They consist of mac ‘n cheese, a fruit cup, pretzels, and fruit juice.

When students use an emergency lunch, they will bring home a small slip of paper that asks the parent(s) to send in \$3.00 the day after to help cover the cost.

## Reminders about School Absences

Please remember that if a student will be absent, the school must be notified by 8:00 am on the day of the absence. A message may be left on the school’s voicemail if you do not reach a person. The Receptionist will call the absent student’s parent(s)/guardian(s) if absence notification is not received.

A parent must send in a signed and dated note the day they return to school, explaining the reason for the absence. If you have any questions about this policy, please refer to page 13 of the Student-Parent Handbook, or you can contact Jonathan Back, Dean of Students, at [jback@thejanusschool.org](mailto:jback@thejanusschool.org) or extension 111.



If you do not remember your username or password to log on to Edline, contact Michelle at [mstyer@thejanusschool.org](mailto:mstyer@thejanusschool.org) or extension 100.

For parents of new students, you received a packet of information about Edline in your child’s Envelope today.

Don’t forget to attend Back to School Night on September 22nd for information or a refresher on how to use Edline.

## October Lunch Orders and Payment Due September 23rd

Order forms also available on Edline

Please help your child remember to bring or wear their sneakers to school on the days when they have Health and Wellness.



# What to do when...



Your child should go home with someone other than their normal driver?

If for some reason your child will be changing their normal mode of transportation in the afternoon, such as going home with a friend, please send in a note to Gina at the front desk with the date and your signature explaining the new transportation arrangement for that day.

If it will be a consistent change, such as going home with someone every Thursday, one note will suffice stating the change and how often it will occur.

Please remember that if the change affects your child's normal driver, such as a bus provided by a school district, please contact them and let them know of the change as well.

Please be aware that some district-provided buses or vans will not permit students to ride home who are not on their roster.

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## Update and Envelope

The Update (this newsletter) and blue Envelope go home every first and third Thursday of each month, and contains important information that parents need to know, as well as any forms or paperwork that need to sent home. Please send the Envelope back to school the next day so they can be collected and used the next time.

# 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](mailto:rpayne@thejanusschool.org)

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## Parent Volunteers Needed

The Janus School is looking for some parent volunteers to help out at the front desk on certain days in the 2010-2011 school year. The volunteer will help answer the phone and operate the front door between 8:00am and 3:00pm.

If you can help on any of the dates below, even if it is just part of a day, please contact Gina Martin. Thank you for your help!

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|---------|--------------------|
| Nov. 19 | Mar. 25            |
| Dec. 3  | Apr. 1             |
| Dec. 10 | Apr. 8             |
| Jan. 7  | Apr. 15            |
| Jan. 21 | May 13 (8-11:30am) |
| Feb. 4  | May 20             |
| Feb. 28 | June 3             |
| Mar. 4  |                    |

# September 2010



⑤ = Cycle Day

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 ⑥	2 ① Update and Envelope	3 ② 12:30 pm Dismissal	4
5	6 No School Labor Day 	7 ③	8 ④	9 ⑤ No Testing Day	10 ⑥ No Testing Day	11
12	13 ① Janus Golf Outing fundraiser	14 ②	15 ③	16 ④ Update and Envelope	17 ⑤ 12:30 pm Dismissal	18
Initial Assessment Week for New Students						
19	20 ⑥	21 ①	22 ② Back to School Night 7-9pm	23 ③ October Lunch Order Forms Due	24 ④	25
26	27 ⑤	28 ⑥	29 ①	30 ②		

Theme of the Month: Friendship

# Professional Development

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

## DIBELS Next Workshop Jen Risser

I attended DIBELS Next assessment training through the IU13. DIBELS stands for Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills. The assessment is for students in grades Kindergarten through sixth grade. Depending on the grade level, it tests phonological and phonemic awareness through the assessments First Sound Fluency, Letter Naming Fluency, Nonsense Word Fluency, and Phoneme Segmentation Fluency, as well as Dibels Oral Reading Fluency and comprehension through retelling. I was lucky enough to be able to be trained by one of the two developers of DIBELS, Dr. Roland Good. We learned the changes between the original DIBELS and the newer, updated version, DIBELS Next, along with all of the protocols to administer and score each assessment. I, along with Debbie Staudt, will be piloting DIBELS Next in our reading classes. This assessment is similar to the AIMSweb assessments and the scores will be reported to the parents in a similar fashion.

## 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.

## **FROLICKING FRIDAY**

Come join us for some bowling and mini golf fun at Leisure Lanes on Friday, October 1st from 3:00pm to 5:30pm. Cost is \$10 per person. Forms to participate were included in last week's Envelope and are available on Edline.



The Janus School is now on Facebook! You can find us by visiting our website ([www.thejanusschool.org](http://www.thejanusschool.org)) and clicking on the Facebook link, or you can visit our Facebook page directly by going to [www.facebook.com/thejanusschool](https://www.facebook.com/thejanusschool).



# Box Tops 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.



THE JANUS SCHOOL

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## Open Houses

October 7, 2010	9-11 AM
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

# Online Safety, Security and Privacy

A Parent/Student Forum

**October 13, 2010**  
**6:30-8pm**

**The Janus School**  
with

**Charlie Reisinger**

**Technology Director**

**Penn Manor School District**

Bring your children and join us on October 13<sup>th</sup> to learn about student privacy, safety and identity issues in the context of social media/networking, online culture and teen trends.

**Save the Date!**

What if The Janus School had a penny for every time you searched the Internet?

# GoodSearch

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**GoodSearch.com is a new Yahoo-powered search engine that donates half its advertising revenue, about a penny per search, to the charities its users designate without you spending a dime! Use it just as you would any search engine, get quality search results from Yahoo, and watch the donations add up!**

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# Pragmatic Pearls

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

Conversation is like a dance with each person responding to the other person. Follow the other person's lead by interpreting their words, voice intonation, facial expression, body language. Practice this by role playing variations of this on common phrases, such as "I told you about that" or "Where are you going?".

## 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

Reminder...

September 3– **12:30pm Dismissal**  
September 6– **No School**  
September 17– **12:30pm Dismissal**

# Happy Birthday!



**Sophia Deibert– Sept. 1**  
**Brian Schein– Sept. 7**  
**Nick Zampelli– Sept. 14**  
**Zachary Stauffer– Sept. 19**  
**Max Cummings– Sept. 26**  
**Cameron Bell– Sept. 29**  
**Aleks Crittenden– Sept. 30**

Don't forget to use your Janus parking tag when you park in The Janus School's parking lot. If you need an extra tag for additional cars, please let Gina know.

## Calendar Correction School Play

**Please note this change from the original 2010-2011 school calendar published at the end of last year.**

**There is NOT a Lower Division Performance scheduled for Monday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 7PM. Lower division students will present a short program for visitors to Grandparent/Special Friend Day on Tuesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

**The All-School Play, which involves all divisions, will be presented on Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm.**



*Save the Date!*

**Wednesday, September 22**

**7:00 - 9:00 pm**

**BACK TO  
SCHOOL  
NIGHT**

**AT JANUS**

- Meet your child's instructional team
- Attend Edline training so you can access  
homework, reports, and grades  
and
- Bring your calendars to schedule your parent-teacher  
conferences for the year with Gina at the front desk

*Please RSVP by September 10  
to Gina Martin*