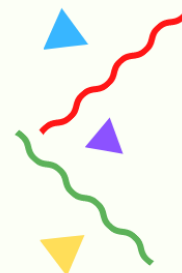


# CHAMELEON CHRONICLES



THE LATEST EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS  
FOR JORDAN VALLEY SCHOOL.



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## Calendar Events

- 1 Chameleon of the Week Recognitions, 1:45
  - 4 - 8 Spring Break
  - 12 PTA Board Meeting, 3:30
  - 15 School Community Council, 3:30 in person
  - 18-22 Volunteer Appreciation Week
  - 20 Canyons School District Transition Fair, Jordan HS
  - 22 Remote Learning Day
  - 29 Chameleon of the Week Recognitions, 1:45
- May 2-6 Teacher Appreciation Week

## 2022 Teacher of the Year Recipient William Jackson

Mr. Will, as he is known around school, is reliable and dedicated to education. He has a growth mindset and seeks out new and innovative ways to teach his high school & post high students. He creates fantastic in-person and virtual learning lessons. Some may not know that he creates funny and engaging video lessons to supplement the curriculum he has in his classroom. He also advocates for his students in many ways! One way he does this is by custom ordering each student a stamp of their own name. This allows them to put their own name on their documents and items made. He uses Nearpod lessons to engage his students and while learning about photosynthesis, helped his students grow plants in the greenhouse!

## Classroom Spotlight

Ms. Kelsie's class is comprised of both high school and post high students. All of these students are considered Transition Age. They focus on a variety of skills including independent living, job related skills and employment. Our Teacher/Student Success Plan funds for this year prepared transition rooms with activities for students to practice. Kelsie's class has been working hard in each of the spaces; Cafe JarViS, Vocational Ed Lab, and the Studio Apartment. Each student receives their own picture chore chart identifying tasks like washing dishes, laundry, mopping, vacuuming, sweeping, dusting, and spraying down surfaces. Students have become well-versed in how to complete these tasks in the classroom as well as the transition rooms. Students are being so successful with these charts that they have started cleaning up after themselves throughout the building! Way to go, students!



## PTA Corner

*So many updates!*

*We are so thankful to have Representative Steve Eliason in our community! Thanks to his efforts, the legislature passed the Medically Complex Children Waiver which will provide an estimated 150 children with medically complex needs added financial support. They approved \$1,000,000. You can apply for this waiver starting in May 2022. Our school website has more information and the link to apply.*

*Also, thank you for joining our PTA Board in the faculty lounge at Parent Teacher Conferences last month. "Parents Night Out" is a fun way to socialize with other parents in our community while enjoying a quick snack.*

*Thank you for nominating our community members for PTA Awards this year! We submitted them to the Regional PTA Board. During a staff meeting last month, we recognized them with certificates and donated gifts from the community! Congratulations to Gerri Marino, an Occupational Therapist; Curtis Sanderson, our Music Therapist, Melissa Higginson & Janell Juett, Classroom Support Staff, Rachel Murphy, the Chameleon Award, Kelsie Wilson & Jenny Christensen, both for their outstanding teaching efforts in the classroom.*

*Remember, if you haven't joined our PTA yet, it's just \$5. Go to the school website to join!*

## School Community Council

### *Next Year's Plans*

*The council met last month and approved the "Movement" plans using Land Trust and Teacher/Student Success Plan funds. We plan to purchase items that will improve developmental and transition movements, sensory integration, vestibular stimulation, balance and coordination maturity and increased strength. We're also planning to purchase an adult trike for our upper grade and post high students, as we received new trikes for our younger students from the Innovation Grant in the fall. We are also excited to add an adapted traverse rock wall to the gym area which will help students practice crossing their midline, motor planning, coordination, flexibility, increased grip strength and increasing upper and lower body strength. Adding these items are sure to help our staff educate the whole student which in turn will help prepare them for learning in the classroom.*



## Chameleon of the Week Recap

### **"I can Discover"**

*Students were recognized last month for discovering new things. Congrats again to the following students!*

*Nolan, Jade, Marley, Angel, Ashley, Connor, Jesus, Sawyer, Davis, Sana, Bear, Luke, and Talon*

