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Dear 6th Grade Parents and Guardians,

Your child will be studying personal financial literacy and career exploration as part of their social studies class. They will use the Junior Achievement BizTown program, which is sponsored by Junior Achievement of New Jersey. More information can be located at www.janj.org.

This year, students embarked on a journey to learn important life lessons about financial literacy, wise consumerism, citizenship, and entrepreneurship. Working through a series of lessons, the students have been learning about check writing, free enterprise, taxes, the difference between checking and savings, and both depositing and withdrawing money from a bank account. They also completed job applications, took part in peer-to-peer interviews, and will each receive a job leading up to their culminating field trip to the volunteer-assisted simulation at the JA BizTown mini-city in Edison, New Jersey.

After the classroom learning, students role play as adults operating a mini economy and take on the challenge of running businesses guided by their community volunteers. Students get hands-on experience as both employees and consumers, paying rent, taxes and utilities, purchasing insurance, depositing paychecks and buying other business' products, and more.

JA BizTown is located at Raritan Center in Edison, NJ. Students will attend on the following dates:

Team 1 - May 21

Team 2 - May 26

Team 3 - June 3

Team 4 - June 4

Team 5 - June 9

Team 6 - June 11

The JA BizTown program is being provided to our school at no cost! We do, however, need to provide volunteers to support our students while they are running JA BizTown. **We are asking for 18 volunteers per day to chaperone the trip and assist the students.** In appreciation, JA will provide training and lunch on the day of the field trip. **Volunteers will need to be in Edison at 9:00am until student departure; volunteers do not travel on District buses.** *Please note, this is different from the medical invitations sent out earlier this year.* Final details will be sent by Biztown closer to the student's field trip date. This program is not possible without volunteers. Let's ensure our students have a meaningful, lasting experience that will empower our future generation of economic and business leaders. If you are interested in serving as a volunteer on the day your child attends BizTown, please complete the following form: [Volunteer Sign-up](#) by April 30.

Students are required to bring a lunch to JA BizTown, so please be sure to send your child with a lunch on their scheduled day. If you are interested in purchasing a lunch from our cafeteria, please complete the following form: [School Lunch Option](#) at least 2 days prior to your child's trip date. Your child's regular lunch charge will be applied to his or her cafeteria account.

Your child's teacher will be sending home the permission form, which requires your signature, as it gets closer to the date of the trip. All students are required to take District busing to attend Biztown.

Thank you for your interest in and support of your child's instructional program.

Sincerely yours,

Julie Szustowicz

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