

Volunteer to Teach in Your Child's Classroom at South Butler Primary School

Your child will be participating in Junior Achievement activities in their classroom in May. This means they will be learning about financial literacy, work readiness skills and entrepreneurship from curriculum which enhances the relevancy of what they are currently learning, as well as reinforcing their daily classroom lessons. Volunteers throughout the community – including parents- teach JA curriculum in their local schools.

JA's curriculum is aligned with PA State Academic Standards and is used in grades K-12 worldwide. The JA Curriculum focuses on entrepreneurship, financial literacy, and work readiness. Every year JA's local office utilizes approximately 4,000 volunteers to facilitate its curriculum and hands-on activities in area classrooms for over 60,000 students in 30 counties across Western Pennsylvania.

This year, South Butler Primary School is looking forward to holding its JA Day on May 29. We can only bring JA Day into South Butler Primary if we have enough parent involvement. It is a one-day commitment and involves teaching one class of students all day from a ready-made volunteer guidebook. All materials – including lessons plans and activities – are given to the volunteer instructor in advance. There is one hour of training for all NEW volunteers at which time they will receive all materials to prepare to teach the 5 or 6 lessons they will lead on JA Day. Training will be scheduled for the beginning of May. There will be a morning and evening session. You only need to attend one training session. You do not need to attend both. A JA representative will be at the meeting to introduce the guidebook to all volunteers and answer questions. This year, South Butler Primary is looking to serve the entire building with JA Curriculum – grades K-3, 29 classrooms. We will need 2 volunteers per classroom – feel free to pair up with another parent in your classroom to prepare and present on JA Day. You can also pair up with your spouse, a college student, a coworker, anyone! You will be following your child's schedule and during their specials, recess and lunch, you will have breaks. During that time you can take a break. Lunch will be provided by the SBPS PTO on the Stage. The Stage area will be open all day for any breaks in your schedule.

Parents and Guardians, this is a fantastic opportunity to participate in your child's education. The students love changes in their everyday schedules. Not only does JA reinforce what the students have been working on all year, it also provides valuable life lessons and opens their eyes to real world experiences.

If you and/or someone you know (aunts, uncles, grandparents, neighbors, college students, coworkers, etc) are interested in hearing more about how to become involved in teaching JA Curriculum at South Butler Primary, please contact Athena Pacek via phone (412) 477-9475 or email at athena.pacek@gmail.com at your earliest convenience. There is also a Sign Up Genius <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0D4AAFAF2AA1FD0-south5> for you to sign up for your child's class.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the children at South Butler Primary School!

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For additional information on Junior Achievement, go to <https://www.juniorachievement.org/web/ja-usa/about>

