



## What is JA in a Day?

**Purpose:** To provide elementary and/or middle school students with community volunteers from a local business partner who combine their real-life experiences with JA's economic-based curriculum showing students the relevance between what they are learning in school and the "real world."

**Why Volunteer:** This offers volunteers a great opportunity to get involved with Junior Achievement without juggling schedule conflicts or long-term commitments. When companies involve groups of volunteers all going to the same school, they can bring their experience to hundreds of students in one location. This event provides a great team-building experience and a chance for volunteers to give back to their community. It's also a great opportunity for publicity, and a chance to work on office team-building skills.

**Procedure:** By recruiting and training volunteers for this specific program, JA in a Day can reach every child of every grade level over the course of four to five hours. JA in a Day places volunteers in the classroom to teach the entire JA curriculum in an exciting **one-day** event. Volunteers travel to their assigned elementary or middle school on the selected date, and arrive with all materials needed for the class (provided by JACI). During the volunteer's visit all teachers remain in the classrooms to assist with the lessons.

### **Elementary School Programs (Grades K-6)**

**JA Ourselves® (Kindergarten)** uses compelling stories read aloud by the volunteer, along with hands-on activities to demonstrate helping, working, earning, and saving.

**JA Our Families® (1<sup>st</sup> Grade)** emphasizes the roles people play in the local economy and engages students with activities about needs, wants, jobs, tools and skills, and interdependence.

**JA Our Community® (2<sup>nd</sup> Grade)** explores the interdependent roles of workers in a community, the work they perform, and how communities work.

**JA Our City® (3<sup>rd</sup> Grade)** studies careers, the skills people need to work in specific careers, and how businesses contribute to a city.

**JA Our Region® (4<sup>th</sup> Grade)** introduces the students to entrepreneurship and how entrepreneurs use resources to produce goods and services in a community. Students solve problems by weighing risks and rewards.

**JA Our Nation® (5<sup>th</sup> Grade)** provides practical information about businesses' needs for individuals who can meet the demands of the job market, including high-growth, high-demand jobs. It introduces the concept of globalization of business and the need for students to be entrepreneurial in their thinking.

**JA It's My Future® (6-8 Grades)** provides practical information about preparing for the working world while still in middle school.