Hello Jacob Wismer Families!  Happy New Year! Hope you all had a wonderful winter break! This is the PTO newsletter, which is generally sent two times per month.  This issue includes:

* Art Literacy
* Passport Club
* Junior Achievement
* Background Checks

**Art Literacy:**

Hello Volunteers! Hopefully you made it to our last art literacy training on January 8th! If you missed it and want to lead a lesson for your class, please contact us to let us know how we can help you get caught up. We are learning about Romare Bearden and are putting together a fun collage from construction paper and wallpaper. We would also like to request the volunteers to restock the cart after their presentation is complete, and arrive a little early to make sure they have all the needed supplies. There's a very full box of wallpaper samples on the counter in the volunteer work room. These sheets can be cut into any needed shapes to restock the cart. Don't forget to mark your calendars now for the last two training sessions coming up on February 26th and April 23rd. Thank you again for all you do! Please contact melody\_stringer@yahoo.com or jefnatcall@gmail.com with any questions!

**Passport Club:**

This month’s passport club checkout is ongoing. Please see the schedule below. Contact Noopur (noopursaxena76@gmail.com) or Lakshmi (h\_bhupalam@yahoo.com) with any questions.

01/22: Sundahl, Little, Silver, Scoggins

01/23: Amato, Blechman, Guevara, Bossert

01/24: Toevs, Dargen, Leveridge, Elms (Different times than usual due to early release)

01/25: England, Kerrigan, Getty, Brundidge

01/26: Eggers, Yarnell, Johnston

**Junior Achievement:**

We are looking for a Junior Achievement (JA) volunteer. Here are some details about this position. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Nicole at namiwilli@gmail.com. Thank you!

What is JA about?

* The Mission of Junior Achievement is to inspire and prepare young people to succeed in a global economy.
* Junior Achievement is offered at no cost to the schools.  This is possible because of volunteers like you.  Junior Achievement receives funding from corporate and private contributions.
* It is the goal of Junior Achievement to develop:
	+ The desire in young people to stay in school and appreciate life-long learning
	+ Create positive attitudes toward work and contributing to a diverse society
	+ Develop a business and education partnership that creates a bridge between the classroom and the workplace
* As a JA volunteer, we are hoping you will share your business and life experiences, be a role model, facilitate hands-on learning and complete all classroom visits.

What is expected of a JA Volunteer?

* Volunteers will facilitate 5 sessions (approx. 45 min) with the kids to discuss concepts around commerce, community, etc.
* They will be provided with a JA kit that supplies all the material needed to facilitate these sessions.
* They will need to coordinate with their assigned teacher to schedule out when these sessions take place
* For new volunteers, we ask they come to a 30-45 min training session

**Background Checks:**

A reminder that ALL volunteers must first complete the required [District Volunteer Application and Background Check](https://app.betterimpact.com/Application/?OrganizationGuid=c7a5ffe3-c03d-4d0b-9f26-d51863f60edb&ApplicationFormNumber=2)to be eligible to volunteer at Jacob Wismer.

Thank you so much for your support!

- The Jacob Wismer PTO