JA BizTown: learn banking, business, and economy basics with a fun hands on simulation community!

JA Biztown is a great learning experience for those in 4th through 8th grade. We spend 8 weeks learning about money, business basics, and how economies work! We have many hands on activities during our class time together and then after our 8 weeks of classroom learning, we head to Fort Wayne for the JA BizTown simulation community. This is such a cool experience where students get to put into practice what they have been learning. Students are assigned a job for the day, where they will open a checking and savings account at the community bank. They work at their jobs, earn a paycheck, pay for their own lunch, and can shop at the different community stores for take home trinkets. The kids absolutely love their time at the JA BizTown simulation community!

For more information: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jfUiSEOV1-M>

Class Starts: ***Friday, January 24 at 1:00pm-2:00pm***

Class Meets: UltraCamp, 123 East Main Street, Niles, MI 49120

Instructor: Jennifer Cook -- I have an MBA from Notre Dame, a background in banking and finance, and currently working as a financial controller.

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Class Schedule

January 24:Financial Literacy

January 31: Financial Institutions

February 7: Circular Flow of an Economy

February 14: Community & Economy

February 21: Public Goods & Services

February 28: Work Readiness/Interests & Skills S

March 6: Applying for a Job

March 13: Simulation Prep

March 20: no class teacher spring break!

Fort Wayne Simulation Day: March 24 \*\* Please note, this is on a Tuesday and is an all day event. \*\*

Please note: ***Simulation Day is required/mandatory attendance***, as this is our final project for the class. Due to smaller class size, students are responsible for their own transportation to the simulation facility. Each registered family will be given a $25 gas card to help with fuel expenses.

\*We need to have a minimum of 3 students registered to have this class.