

Around Dawson

With Assistant Principal Barbara Diamond

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Volunteers Needed to Present Junior Achievement at Dawson

Dawson is again offering the Junior Achievement program that teaches students about business, economics and entrepreneurship in an engaging manner that appeals to children. Each grade level has its own theme which is linked to the Massachusetts State Frameworks for social studies, math, language arts and geography. Each grade has its own kit with all the materials necessary to present the lessons including a booklet of outlines and scripts designed for volunteers to use. The elementary school topics are:

Kindergarten	Ourselves	Grade 1	Our Families
Grade 2	Our Community	Grade 3	Our City
Grade 4	Our Region	Grade 5	Our Nation

Although the Worcester Office of Junior Achievement closed several years ago, Junior Achievement of Northern New England continues to provide materials free to charge to Dawson. Without a local community presence they are unable to recruit volunteers from community businesses however, so must provide our own. Moms, dads and even a grandmother have all participated as volunteers in recent years and many return to support the program each year. Currently there are still some openings. If you can spare an hour a week for 5 weeks and are interested please contact Barbara Diamond, assistant principal at barbara_diamond@wrsd.net or 508-829-6828 x349. You will be matched with a class and can plan Junior Achievement visits at a mutually convenient time for both yourself and the classroom teacher. Potential volunteers are invited to come to school to preview a kit if they would like.

Until next time, Barbara Diamond