



Shawnee Mission School District

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Thank you for choosing to learn about Junior Board. By being involved in Junior Board, Indian Hills students will learn about the non-profit world. Junior Board is a student-driven foundation dedicated to providing assistance to local, not for profit organizations while enhancing knowledge about the “business” of successful philanthropy and stewardship. Stewardship is and always has been an important characteristic of the Junior Board.

The Junior Board introduces students to the business of philanthropy through hands on experiences and opportunities to meet the people committing their lives for the betterment of our community. Students learn what it takes to financially and physically feed, clothe, educate, and provide for those in need and learn first-hand from the clients receiving these vital services.

Program goals:

1. Provide hands-on experience in the identification of agencies in need. Students will be required to conduct an in-depth review of multiple organizations to understand the services provided, financial structure, staffing, facility needs, primary sources of funding, uses of funds, etc.
2. Students will learn the proper balance between compassion and business savvy to provide the best possible outcome for the chosen agency.
3. Students will have opportunities to sharpen their research and presentation skills through interactive exercises with their peers and special guests.
4. Students will develop the confidence to take a leadership role in future philanthropic endeavors and challenges.
5. Junior Board members will have the opportunity to meet people in our community who commit themselves to worthy causes on a regular basis.

Schedule:

Junior Board will meet on Thursday mornings at 7:45 – 8:35 we will begin on 9/5. Making each meeting date is a responsibility that must be taken seriously and met, as students work together in groups and are relying upon each other. **We will be meeting on some no school days!**

September – Sign-up due date – 8/30, learning new vocabulary, getting to know group, parent meeting

October – Program structure, overview of non profit, guest lecturers, field trip

November – Guest lecturers, attend weekend/after school site visits

December – Research agencies

January – Agency selection progress begins, small group presentations

February – Site visits, individual group research, preparing final presentation, field trip

March – Site visits, individual group research, preparing final presentation

April – Refine research data and presentations, peer review of agencies – plan to work on April 13th

May – Final Presentation 4/23 at 8:00 AM - peers and guest panel to award funds

If you have more questions about Junior Board, please feel free to contact Tiffany Lynch at: GTLynch@aol.com