

# LUSO Federal Credit Union School Banking Newsletter

East Street School, Spring 2024 Edition

PreK-1st grade

## Luso in the Community

As your local community Credit Union, we are committed to making a lasting difference within the communities we serve.

Our employees are actively involved in our in-school banking program and our Junior Achievement program which fosters work readiness, financial literacy and entrepreneurship skills, supporting over 2,000 students each year. We also sponsor and participate in local events.



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LUSO School Banking



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## Junior Achievement is Coming to Your School!



### Looking for Parent Volunteers

We are seeking enthusiastic parent volunteers to lead JA classes in our schools. No prior teaching experience is necessary—all you need is a willingness to share your knowledge and experiences. Whether you're a business professional, entrepreneur, or someone eager to make a positive impact, there's a place for you in our JA volunteer team! All volunteers will receive materials and training from Junior Achievement prior to classes beginning.

**VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED**

Look for the flyer with this newsletter or contact:  
Celia Fernandes at  
589-9966 ext. 105 or [cfernandes@lusofederal.com](mailto:cfernandes@lusofederal.com)



## Fun Way to Learn about Saving

### Money Bunch: Save, Spend, Share



This counting money game for kids teaches the essential skills of money management as they ride bikes around town, earning money that they learn to save, share and spend. Develop financial literacy, critical thinking, cooperative skills, teamwork and collaboration while fostering a sense of responsibility and making a positive impact.



## Spring into School Banking

Watch your savings grow.

### Signing up is easy!

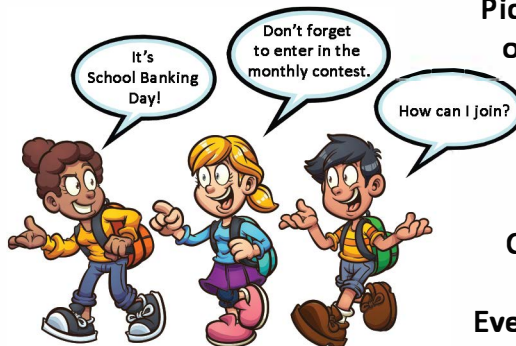
Pick up an application at the school banking table or download it using the QR Code on this page.

Return your completed application to the banking table or a LUSO location.

New accounts will receive a \$5.00 opening deposit, courtesy of LUSO!

Collect a prize, and enter our monthly contest with each deposit you make.

Every 6th deposit will earn you an additional prize.





# Winter Edition Contest



Congratulations to our winners.

## January Winner



**Jax  
Viera**



## February Winner



**Amelia  
Santos**

# Spring Edition Contests



Join in on the fun with LUSO school banking contests and a chance to win some great prizes.

## March

Guess how many

**GREEN**

**Skittles**

are in the jar.



## April

Guess how many

**LemonHead**

are in the jar.



Winner will be randomly chosen from correct entries.



## Bring Happiness with Rock Painting



### Items Needed:

- Smooth rocks or stones
- Acrylic paint
- Sponge brushes
- Acrylic paint pens



### Directions:

- Step 1:** Find or purchase your desired rock (smooth and flat rocks work best). Clean it with soap and water and allow it to dry.
  - Step 2:** Paint the top with a base coat of acrylic paint and let dry.
  - Step 3:** When dry, add designs, or write a positive message. Add small details using a fine or extra-fine tip acrylic paint pen or a small paintbrush.
  - Step 4:** Let it dry completely and then seal the rock to protect the design.
  - Step 5:** Spread happiness by leaving the rock in a place for someone else to find.
- Source: inspirekindness.com

## Tips to teach kids to financial literacy

1. Discuss wants vs. needs to help them distinguish between the two.
2. Let them earn their own money.
3. Set savings goals.
4. Have them track spending.
5. Offer savings incentives.
6. Leave room for mistakes.
7. Act as their creditor.
8. Banzai is a great site for tips & activities



**Banzai!**

Scan the QR Code

or visit: [lusofederal.banzai.org](http://lusofederal.banzai.org)



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EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY

**Junior Achievement is dedicated to inspiring and preparing young people to succeed through programs which focus on financial literacy, work and career readiness, and entrepreneurship.**

Junior Achievement believes in "possible." Each day, they work to help young people discover what's possible in their lives.



They do this by partnering with local organizations like LUSO to help young people connect what they learn in school with life outside the classroom. We let them know it's possible to invest in their future, to gain a better understanding of how the world works, and to pursue their dreams. We show them that it's possible for tomorrow to be a better day.



**LUSO Federal Credit Union volunteers visit local classrooms to teach the Junior Achievement curriculum!**

- No prior teaching experience needed!
- All lesson plans and activities are provided
- Share your real-life work experiences with students
- Classes taught during school hours
- Five 45-minute weekly sessions or "JA in a Day"
- Rewarding experience for everyone!



**Please fill out and return to LUSO Federal Credit Union or e-mail to: [cfernandes@lusofederal.com](mailto:cfernandes@lusofederal.com)**

**Volunteer Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Volunteer Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Volunteer Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**School (if applicable):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Classroom Teacher (if applicable):** \_\_\_\_\_

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