



TUTORS FOR KIDS, INC

Celebrating 12 years of Tutoring Children

Excited children eager to learn JANUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER

Tutors for Kids, Inc. is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit community-based organization of volunteers who support the local educational process. Our Mission: Meeting student educational needs as defined by the teacher through suitable and trained volunteer tutors in the local, Tri-county Title 1 public schools as determined by the Board of Directors.



THANK YOU

So many of our students who love choosing a "BOOK FROM THE BAG" of our tutors are grateful for your generous contributions to TUTOR\$ FOR KID\$ GIVING TUE\$DAY on November 28, 2023. Because of your generosity, doubled by Dr. Thi Tran of Village Dermatology who offered to match the gifts of the Board Members' Family and Friends Campaign, a total of **\$3,580** will be added to our fund to pay for the books that tutors use to reward their students. Thank you so much for your continued support of Tutors for Kids and for all that you do to help students like Luis (above) to choose a book of his very own. Thanks from TUTORS FOR KIDS, INC.

Tutors for Kids is growing at a rapid pace. Every non profit organization needs a number of volunteers working behind the scenes to keep things running smoothly. Tutors for Kids is no exception. In the last year we have doubled our tutor base, added new schools, and increased the number of books that we give out to our students.

Help Wanted

We need help in all areas of technology. These include Facebook, System experience, Spreadsheets and MS Access.. We also need help in Administration, Grant writing, Mailchimp, Training Instructors, Board of Directors, and more.

If you can help send an email to info@tutors4kids.org Put "I can Help in the Subject line". We will contact you.

SAVE THE DATE

General Tutor Meetings for the year

WEDNESDAY February 14, 2024

WEDNESDAY April 10, 2024

All meetings at Colony Recreation Center from 3:00pm to 4:30pm

Topic: "Why Can't They Pay Attention"



OUR APOLOGIES

If you attempted to donate to **Tutor\$ for Kid\$ Giving Tue\$day** in response to our appeal in a separate mailing (not this newsletter) and found that the website listed was not secure and of course, did not donate, we apologize for any confusion. Here is the correct, tested link on which you will find a DONATE button www.tutorsforkidsinc.org

Again, our apologies and thanks for your continued support of the mission of Tutors for Kids.



Tutors for Kids has a new board member. Joanne Cooper, joined the Board of Directors on January 8, 2024. We welcome Joanne to the Board and the February newsletter will have an article about her.



A Word from your Head Tutor Coordinator

By Bob Navarre

Sad to say, I hear back from too many new tutors that they have been frustrated by having too few opportunities to work with students either due to limited time or too few students being sent to them. My encouragement is for the tutors to spend more time in the classroom getting to see the students during instruction time. Then get to know the teachers better by staying during 'specials' or lunch/recess when the students are gone from the classroom. Often, just being more involved in what is going on in the classroom and getting to know the teachers better will yield many more chances to work with the students. My goal in a classroom, whether it was 1st grade or 3rd grade, was always to find some way to work with every student in the class. There are always students who are behind and need help, but there are also always students who are on the other end of the spectrum and are bored with the pace and content of the instruction. These better students can be pushed to both take advantage of the opportunity to increase their knowledge and to make classroom time more satisfying to them. And tutors will feel like they are more an integral part of

Where Do We Tutor?

Bellevue Elementary (Marion Co.) 5556 SE Highway 484, Bellevue, 34420

Bellevue-Santos Elem. (Marion Co.) 9600 South US Highway 441, Bellevue, 34420

Beverly Shores Elementary (Lake Co.) 1108 W. Griffin Rd, Leesburg, 34748

Fruitland Park Elementary (Lake Co) 304 W. Fountain St, Fruitland Pk, 34731

Harbour View Elementary (Marion Co) 8445 SE 145th Place, Summerfield, 34491

Leesburg Elementary (Lake Co.) 2229 South St., Leesburg, 34748

Oak Park Middle School (Lake Co.) 2101 South St, Leesburg, 34748

Rimes Early Learning Ctr (Lake Co.) 3101 School View St, Leesburg, 34748

Stanton Weirsdale Elem. (Marion Co.) 16705 SE 167 Lane, Weirsdale, 32195

Wildwood Elementary (Sumter Co.) 300 Huey St, Wildwood, 34785

Wildwood Intermediate (Sumter Co.) 200 Cleveland Ave., Wildwood, 34785

Wildwood Middle High (Sumter Co.) 700 Huey St. Wildwood, 34785

Villages Elementary (Lake Co.) 695 Rolling Acres Rd, Lady Lake, 32159



The Wildwood Elementary School book room, building 1, room 11, will be open in February for tutors to pick up books for tutored children only (books for the bag) due to reduced inventory, at the following times.

February 5, 6, and 7 8:30 until 11:30

February 8 and 9 8:30 until 11:30 if I can get
volunteers to staff it. if not February 15 and
16 8:30 until 11:30

We need

YOU!



Anyone who would like to volunteer in the book room at those times, please contact Sandy Lynch at

KLynchFORE@aol.com

Books for the break will not be available until April and May.



Tutors—Do you need a review of Elementary Math??

Deb Wile is going to present a class for tutors to review elementary math. If you want to be a part of this class email her at deb@gmail.com if you need more information and the date of the class. She is wanting to start this class soon, so inquire now.

TUTOR MEETING on January 17, 2024

The topic of today's tutor meeting was in response to the last tutor meeting survey. First on the agenda was a panel discussion with Bob Navarre as moderator. The panel, made up of tutors and teachers discussed the relationship between tutor and teacher.



The panel from left to right—Gary Segal, Joanne Cooper (both first grade Beverly Shores Elementary; Christine Stallings, Rhonda Casey (both Kindergarten Wildwood Elementary; Angeles Trevia, Pat Lau (both Belleview—Santos Elementary).

The members of the panel discussed strategies to help strengthen the tutor teacher relationship. Included were:

Communication—two way

Flexibility

Respect

Maintain good relationships

Know expectations of both

If you are frustrated with your teacher, go and discuss the problem openly. As a tutor, be proactive and not reactive.

TUTORS for Kids Polo shirts available

Official Tutors for Kids polo shirts are available at Custom Apparel, the same place that has our name tags, Southern Trace Plaza on the Ace Hardware end. They are \$32.62 for the shirt with embroidered logo. (available in black or white) You may bring your own shirt and they will embroider it for about \$15. You can also have your name embroidered above the logo for a few more dollars. Ask for the Tutors for Kids polo shirts. It may be 2 weeks before it is ready, depending on the popularity.

Also Tutors for Kids has a new logo! You will see it in the newsletters and brochures. The name tags and polo shirts at Custom Apparel, Southern Trace Plaza, were updated as well. The polo shirts are now in white.



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