

TUTORS FOR KIDS, INC

Celebrating 15 years of Tutoring Children

Excited children eager to learn

Tutors for Kids, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit community-based organization of volunteers who support the local educational process through direct classroom tutoring and other activities that enhance the educational environment leading to scholastic advancement. 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.



JANUARY 2025 NEWSLETTER



HAPPY NEW YEAR 2025

Can you believe we are halfway through January 2025? We should all be tutoring by now. How is everything going? Hopefully, everyone is benefiting from their tutoring experience. Remember if you have any concerns, contact your school tutor coordinator (STC).

Reserve the date for our next Tutors for Kids quarterly meeting on Wednesday, February 5, 2025 at 3:00pm at Mulberry Recreation Center.

Our next Tutors for Kids Meeting will be **Wednesday, February 5 at Mulberry Recreation Center, 8445 SE 165 Mulberry Lane, The Villages**. The program is a continuation of the last tutor meeting. Growth Mindset Part 1 explained Carol Dweck's program on how to develop the right mindset for improving your intelligence. Growth Mindset Part 2 will focus on how tutors can praise and talk to kids in a way that encourages the right growth mindset. Please try to attend.



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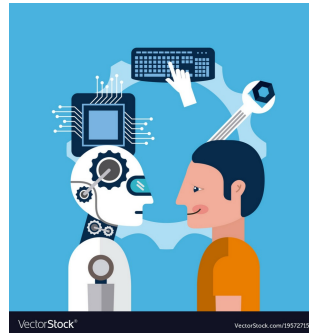
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THANK YOU EILEEN HONOHAN

Due to a severe fall, Eileen had to resign as a Tutors for Kids board



member and give up all her tutoring duties. On January 13, 2025 the board of directors, on behalf of tutors, students and educators of the schools, gratefully acknowledged the leadership and dedication that Eileen Honohan has demonstrated. We commend and thank her for her outstanding service that has so positively impacted Tutors for Kids now and in the future.



AI and THE CLASSROOM

by Judy ONeill

Artificial Intelligence (AI) has been in the headlines recently. What is artificial intelligence and is AI beneficial in the classroom? Artificial intelligence enables computers to perform advanced functions such as seeing, understanding, and translating spoken and written words, and analyzing data.

The benefits of AI in the classroom include the ability to customize instructional methods to fit the students' abilities. It allows students to progress at their own pace along with personalized feedback. It is also beneficial to the teachers in lesson planning and other time consuming duties.

A charter school in Arizona, Unbound Academy, received official approval to offer next year a fully online experience from fourth to eighth grades, giving students two hours of academic instruction taught entirely by AI. Guides, rather than traditional teachers, will provide “targeted interventions and coaching” for each student. The school promised a learning experience without frustration or boredom, ensuring optimal engagement and progress.

Teachers fear that their jobs might be replaced with robots. In July 2024, the National Teachers Association emphasized that AI should never replace human interaction. Will AI succeed in the classroom? Time will tell. What do you think?

For more information on this subject go to <https://www.edweek.org/technology/what-every-educator-needs-to-know-about-artificial-intelligence/2019/07> and <https://iblnews.org/a-charter-school-in-arizona-will-teach-its-academic-curriculum-entirely-by-ai/>

Click here AI a TRY

I am not endorsing any specific artificial intelligence software, but it is fun to try it. [Click here](#) and arrow down 6 topics to ChatGPT. Type in a question. The program

will answer that question with the answer. For instance, solve math problem $60/2(7+3)$ = Answer is not 3. Answer is 300 with details as how to solve. Amazing! You try it. Chatgpt can solve math problems, define words, answer all types of question, and even write stories and poems, etc.



DO YOU HAVE TIME TO VOLUNTEER? WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Tutors for Kids does more than tutor and give out books. There are many tutors who work behind the scene in order to keep T4K running. We could use your knowledge and skills in other ways to support our all-volunteer non-profit organization. Please contact us if you enjoy doing any of the following: Treasurer@tutorsforkidsinc.org

- *Creating and maintaining spreadsheets
- *Interviewing potential volunteers
- *Recruiting volunteers to tutor
- *Promoting T4K at local events
- *Fundraising and Grant writing
- *Behind the scenes set-up for events
- *All sorts of tech support

DID YOU KNOW? WE HAVE A WEBSITE

Our website has some valuable information for you. The new tutor orientation manual has been updated. There is useful information to refresh your memory or answer questions about tutoring. All three counties' school calendars are online under the tutor information tab. Also, under the heading news, you can view past newsletters. Stay tuned, as the website continues to be updated.

[Click to go to the website](#)

TUTORS FOR KIDS NAME TAGS

Official T4K's name tags for \$7. Contact

Custom Apparel 3451 Wedgerwood Ln,
Southern Trace Plaza, 352-750-1600 or
email to order.



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A SCHOOL TUTOR COORDINATOR (STC) is Your "Main Source" of INFORMATION

We would like to reiterate the vital role your School Tutor Coordinator (STC) plays in your educational journey. It is essential to familiarize yourself with your STC, as they are your primary resource for any tutoring-related inquiries or challenges you may encounter. Your STC should reach out to you via email to introduce themselves, and we encourage you to save that email address for future reference, as it may prove invaluable. Additionally, your STC is responsible for keeping tutors updated on the latest developments within the Tutors for Kids program. Therefore, please pay close attention to emails from your tutors and respond to them promptly. Effective communication is key to ensuring that everyone remains informed and supported throughout the tutoring process.



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