



# TUTORS FOR KIDS, INC. NEWS

## January 2014

Changing our World by Educating Kids  
Our hope is to see our Kids Moving Forward



*Tutors for Kids, Inc. is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit community-based organization of volunteers who support the local educational process by responding to school requests for direct classroom tutoring in reading, math, writing, and science as well as family support and activities that enhance the educational environment leading to scholastic achievement.*

**Fruitland Park Update** – We have 14 new tutors trained and approved, with 12 assigned thus far; two tutors are awaiting requests from math teachers. The 12 assigned are planning to start within the next ten days.

**Village Tutors** - Dan Miller, one the coordinators for Tutors for Kids at the Villages has informed us that with the training of the new tutors the number of Village residents participating has reached 153.

The next meeting of Tutors for Kids in the Villages is scheduled for Wednesday, February 5, at the Sterling Heights Rec Center from 3 – 4:50 PM. Guest speaker for this meeting is Ash Ugur, the Reading Coach/Title I Coordinator at Wildwood Elementary School. After the talk there will be ample time for questions and discussion.

**Harbour View Elementary** – Each year the school holds a celebration for its kindergarten students who are completing their 100 days in school. The date is January Thursday January 30. This year's format has changed with no reading of 100 books as in past years. But, Tutors for Kids has given new activity packages for each child, published by Disney and Pixar and containing a story book, coloring book, stickers, paint, and crayons.

**Book Program** – Over 2,500 books were distributed in December to our students – thank you, tutors. Remember each tutor can bring a few books to class as little rewards for those students who are making progress. We call this “books for your bag.” Email us and come by if you need some books for your bag.

**School Calendar and Tests**- Don't forget to check you school calendar and ask your teacher each week if there are any test days or special work days coming up. You do not want to make an unnecessary trip if the school is on “lockdown.”

**School Captains** – We are ready to implement captains for each of our schools. Our tutor numbers now exceed 175, and our participating schools have increased to none. No longer can just two Coordinators stay on top of everything and be in contact with all the tutors and teachers at each school. We recommend that each school have two captains. The captains will have a list of tutors and teachers at each school, check to see how things are going, and recommend any changes that may need to be made, help in the assignment of tutors and teachers,

assist in the book distribution program twice a year, and help with other things that need attention.

One tutor has definitely volunteered, Marilyn Burak for Harbour View, and several others have expressed interest. So with nine schools and two captains per school we need many volunteers. We thank you in advance.

**Mentoring Wildwood** – **New** mentoring requests for two 4th grade boys and one 3rd grade boy. These assignments could be for any of the following times:

Monday - 9:30 am to 10:00 am  
Wednesday - 11:00 am to 11:30 am  
Thursday - 9:30 am to 10:00 am  
Friday - 1:15 pm to 1:45 pm

Also a new mentoring request for a 3rd grade boy at one of these two times:

Thursday - 12:30 pm to 1:00 pm  
Friday - 12:30 pm to 1:00 pm

**Still open** are mentor requests for the two 2nd grade boys. This teacher is quite flexible. You may pick any day for one of the following time slots:

8:00 am to 8:30 am  
11:15 am to 11:45 am  
12:20 pm to 12:50 pm  
2:00 pm to 2:30 pm

Please let Char Griffin know if you would be interested. If you have been approved by the Sumter County Board of Education, you could start as early as next week. If you need help with this process let Char know:

**EMAIL:** [char\\_griffin@sbcglobal.net](mailto:char_griffin@sbcglobal.net)  
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**Donations** – Since our December newsletter, we have received \$100 from the New Jewish Congregation Sisterhood of the Temple Shalom to support our book program.

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