



TUTORS FOR KIDS, INC. NEWS

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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.

School Captains Update – Most tutors have been contacted by the school captains. The captains are getting your current schedules and times at the school. See **page two** of this newsletter for a list of your school captains. Contact them if you have not heard.

Please: The following schools have one captain but still need a co-captain: Stanton Weirsdale and Wildwood.

The reason for two captains at a school is to maintain a close contact with the tutors and teachers. With at least two captains, you will not need to spend much time.

The End of the Year – Most schools will end the first of June. If you have plans to depart earlier, just talk with your teacher. Make plans to distribute your 'end of the year' books to all your students and alert about your last day.

Book distribution for end of the year - We have over 4,000 books waiting to be picked up and given to your students. The pickup will begin on April 17. **Page three** gives full details on the days and time and other information. You should let your captains know what day and time you plan to pick up your books.

Tutors for Kids of the Villages Club will hold their next meeting on Wednesday April 2, at 3 p.m. at Sterling Heights Rec Center. The primary purpose of this meeting will be to get some suggestions and feedback from you about the content of future meetings and your tutoring experiences.

Many have asked for more training sessions, workshops, etc. Dan Miller, your community coordinator for Tutors for Kids in the Villages is beginning to put together the program for next year. You can contact Dan at danmills4775@aol.com. It is your meeting. He needs your suggestions.

Next Year – If you are planning to tutor again next year and would like to stay with your teacher then talk to your teacher. Let your captains know your desire. If your teacher is at the same school, we will try to honor your request.

How was your year – If you have a suggestion on how to improve the tutoring program we want to hear from you.

One suggestion received so far is to increase the amount of time a tutor spends with each student, especially the older students.

Another is to try to improve the tutoring area in some of the older schools that do not have space in the classroom.

Another asks to emphasize in the pre-school meeting with teachers that 'tutoring' should be a 'one on one' process and not a group of students.

These are a few suggestions. In mid April we will send out an evaluation sheet. Please give your suggestions.

More Tutor Helpful Hints – In the 'chic chat' at the beginning of you session

- Check to see if your student, especially a younger ones, is going to bed early. Some stay up much of the night watching TV or playing video games. Nobody put them to bed.
- Work with your student(s) on decision making. Even young students can decide to do their homework, read to someone at home, go to bed early, or try really hard to do better in a test. Every week you can help them to 'decide' something.
- Occasionally ask your students if they arrived at school in time for breakfast. Some have missed the bus and arrive late and miss breakfast.

Send us any other hints that you think will be helpful

Donations - During March, Tutors for Kids received \$914.50 for our book program in honor of one of our board members and in memory of Natalie Smith.

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