



# 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.*

**Books, Books, and More Books** – A brief reminder to all tutors – be sure you (or another tutor) is scheduled to pick up books. By now, you could have touched based with other tutors for your teacher – you could have talked with your teacher about the numbers of boys and girls as well as reading levels – you could have talked with your teacher about when the books should be distributed.

Those tutors, who work in classes in which there are three or more tutors, should have received an email with the names and phone numbers of the other tutors – check your email and with each other. Page 3 shows the pick-up day(s) and time(s). Check it out. Tell our gate that you are with Tutors for Kids.

Remember – our goal is for every child in every classroom in which we tutor to have AT LEAST one book. We have over 4,000 books – and we want most of them to be given.

**Schools are Honoring You** – Each of our schools usually holds a volunteer appreciation breakfast. Stanton Weirsdale’s was on April 10, and Belleview Santos was on April 11. Wildwood’s is on May 1. Other schools will notify you when they are holding their appreciation day.

**FCAT Testing** – Testing is starting the week of April 14 and will continue (for some students) into the following week. Before you travel to school, be sure you know IF (and/or when) your school is on “lock down.”

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

**Tutors for Kids of the Villages Club** will hold their next meeting on Wednesday, May 7, at 3 p.m. at Sterling Heights Rec Center. We can use this session to give feedback and evaluate our program.

At April’s meeting, the overwhelming request was for workshops and discussion groups at future meetings. We have already talked with some Villages former teacher about helping to facilitate these session – stay tuned.

You can contact Dan at [danmills4775@aol.com](mailto: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, talk with your teacher. As well, notify your school captains. If your teacher is at the same school, we do our best to honor your request.

**How was your year?** – We want your suggestions and feedback.

Be watching your email for an evaluation sheet – coming soon.

**Have you Enjoyed Your Tutoring Experience?** – The best way for us to have an even greater impact on our local children is to give them more help. “Word of mouth” is the best outreach we can have. “Spread the word” is you have enjoyed your tutoring experience and want to help further. Have your friends and/or neighbors contact us directly. IF you want us to speak to a group or club, we are happy to do that also.

**Tutors for Kids Has Been Awarded** – Thanks to all of you in Marion and Sumter Counties, Tutors for Kids has been chosen for the prestigious Duda Award (Marion County). This award is given annually to the outstanding volunteer group working with the children in the Marion County Schools. Sumter County School Board recognized Tutors for Kids as the outstanding volunteer organization at Wildwood Elementary School. All of you share and contribute in the accolades these awards bring. Many thanks!

**Donations** – Many thanks to the West Hemingway Social Club for their donation of \$157, and a “friend” of Tutors for Kids for a kind donation of \$135.

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