



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.

Book, Books, Books - Pick up Yours – The time is now! The last day to pick up is Thursday, May 8, from 3 – 6 p.m. at our home. Directions are on page 2. There is still a good selection, though limited in numbers, so don't hesitate. Your students will love the books. Touch base with your teacher about the numbers of boys and girls as well as reading levels. Discuss with your teacher about when the books should be distributed.

Awards to the Tutors – You, as tutors, have received two outstanding awards for your efforts during the year.

The Sumter County School Board at their meeting on April 15 recognized Tutors for Kids as the outstanding volunteer organization at Wildwood Elementary School.

In Marion County 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 30+ Marion County Schools. It will be presented on Tuesday May 13 at their regular meeting.

FCAT are over! – What should I expect from my students, besides a sense of relief? Getting them re-focused should be a major priority. Also start preparing them for the summer vacation. Plant the seeds for reading during the summer. Encourage them to read the book you gave to them and to read books and articles from newspapers, magazines, etc.

The End of the Year –Talk to your teacher(s) about your last day.

Tutors for Kids Clubs- Two retirement communities have asked about forming their own Tutors for Kids clubs in their communities similar to the one in The Villages.

The purpose of a club is to be able to secure a meeting space at one of the community facilities. Then, you can run tutor meetings and training workshops for members in your community. If interested contact Frank by email: tutorsforkids@att.net

Village Tutors for Kids Club – will hold their last meeting of the school year on Wednesday, May 7, at 3 p.m. in Sterling Heights Rec Center. This session is to get

feedback and prepare our program for next year by suggesting workshops to improve our tutoring skills.

The Summer Newsletter Schedule - We will publish a combined June-July Newsletter. In the August newsletter we will be announcing the schedule for our fall start at the schools. Hopefully it will answer all of your questions.

Next Year – We are repeating this from our April newsletter. “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.”

What is your preference for the Fall? We will send out 'preference sheets' in August. Some tutors want to stay where they are. Others want to change their school/teacher/grade/subject/day/time. Again your captains will do their best to honor your request.

How was your year? – We want your suggestions. Be watching your email for an evaluation sheet.

You can help for next year – Each year brings an increase in requests from teachers and schools. We will need more tutors. “Word of mouth” is the best outreach we can have. “Spread the word”. Have your friends and/or neighbors contact us at our email address. If you want us to speak to a group or club, we are happy to do that also.

Donations - \$150 from a dedicated tutor and \$100 from a Tutors for Kids “friend.”

A Message from Carolyn and Frank – Thank you for your generous support to us and to the children during the past year. Like the children, we are also taking a summer vacation. We will be out of phone contact, but will check email when we have a Wi-Fi connection. We will respond. Please be patient.

Happy summer and many thanks

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