



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.

New Principals – Four of our schools have new principals.

Bellevue Santos	Ms. Fredna Wilkerson
Harbour View	Ms. Heather Guest
Marion Oaks	Mr. Gary Smallridge
Wildwood	Mr. John Temple

We have met with the new principals and they are enthusiastic about working with Tutors for Kids.

Meeting with the Teachers – We will meet with teachers in each school at the beginning of the year. The school captains at each school along with the Tutors for Kids coordinators will explain our program (and all the wonderful tutors) to the teachers. This year the emphasis will be “one-on-one tutoring” of the same students each week; and the need to identify students who had a tutor in 2013 so they receive a tutor this year in their new grade.

Thus far, the teacher meetings scheduled are:

Wildwood	Wednesday, August 13, 3:30.
Bellevue Santos	Wednesday, Aug 27, 2:15
Villages at Lake	Wednesday, Sept. 3, 2:30
Bellevue	Monday, Sept 8, 2:25

Are you Returning as a Tutor? If you are planning to tutor again in the coming year and want to stay with your teacher, IF your teacher is returning, we do our best to honor your request. Volunteer application forms are available as follows:

Wildwood – We have the forms. Please let us know **as soon as possible** and we will mail you an application. Even if you return later in the fall, do the application now. The approval process takes 6 – 8 weeks

Marion County – Forms are now available. We will email them shortly.

Lake County - Approvals are good for three years. If you are new and want to go to Lake, let us know now.

Training Manual Update – If you are a returning tutor and have attended a training session last year, you are all set. We will send some updated pages to insert in your training manual. Of course, you are welcome to attend if you want a refresher.

Orientation and Training Sessions Start – New tutors will have a number of training sessions to choose from. We'll send all the dates in email – and put them in the August newsletter. Save the early dates which are 2 morning on August 25 and 26 OR August 27 and 28.

There will be a **new tutor** information session for Villagers on Wednesday, August 20, at the Sterling Heights Rec Center from 3:00 to 4:50. Again details and other dates still to be determined will be in the August newsletter.

More Tutors Needed – In our meetings with the principals, we learned what an impact you have all had on their schools. They all requested more tutors for the fall. They know the need and they know your reputation. We can definitely make a difference. We need your help. We estimate that we could use an additional 50 tutors just to keep pace with the needs in the schools.

We ask you to “spread the word” to your neighbors and friends. They will be “giving back” in a big way. And enjoy doing it. The children need them! Have your friends and/or neighbors contact us at our email address. If you want us to, we are happy to speak to a group or club.

Check out this article in Villages-news.com on 7/17/14 http://www.villages-news.com/volunteers-needed-help-children-tutors-kids/?utm_source=071714&utm_campaign=071714&utm_medium=email

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 secure a meeting space at the community facilities. Then, you can run tutor meetings and training workshops for members in your community. If interested contact Frank by email .

The August Newsletter will announce the fall training schedule and estimated starting dates at the schools - hopefully answering your questions.

What Are your Preferences for the Fall? - “Preference sheets” will be sent 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.

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