



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.

Great News - So far 75 new tutors have signed up to work with our children. Half are former teachers. Almost 90% of last year's tutors are returning. Also, more good news almost 40% of our tutors are men. If these numbers hold we will have 250 tutors volunteering.

Meet and Greet – Many of our new tutors are from the Villages. Therefore, there will be a special Meet and Greet session on Wednesday, August 20th, at the Sterling Heights Rec Center starting at 3 until 5 p.m. Attendees will meet other new volunteers, some school captains, some returning tutors, and the Tutors for Kids Coordinators.

School start dates for tutors - Please read carefully the following summaries to see where you fit:

- Returning tutors** who have already made arrangements with their teachers are free to start **IF** your security forms for Wildwood and Marion County have been approved (note Fruitland Park and Village Elementary are good for 3 years). Email us to check your approval. AND, **let us know by email** your school, grade, day, time, subject, and teacher.
- Returning tutors** – who need to be assigned or want to change teachers, classes, or schools, send us your preference form and security applications asap.
- New tutors** – We will match your preference to teacher requests (expected to be received by the end of August). Please be patient. Be sure we have your security application (Lake County is still not open for volunteers) and your preference sheet. Select your training dates and watch your email.

New Tutor Training Dates – All new tutors are required to attend one of the training dates below. Returning tutors are invited to come – if you need a refresher. Training is not required for tutors who were in the classrooms last year. Here are the dates:

Training for non-Village tutors select one:
Monday, August 25 - 12–5 at our home
Tuesday, August 26 - 12–5 at our home
Thursday, August 28 12 – 5 at our home
Friday, September 12 12 – 5 at our home.

Monday, September 29 12 – 5 at our home.

Training for new-Village tutors select one:

Wed Sept 10 - 2 – 6 at Sea Breeze Rec Center
Wed Sept 24 - 1 – 5 at Sterling Heights Rec Center
Wed Oct 8 - 1 – 5 at Sterling Heights Rec Center

We will send directions and the training manual the week before your training date. If you have yet, please select your training date and RSVP by email.

Speaking engagements – We are available for speaking engagements for the 2014 – 2015 school year. If you have a club, community organization, church, temple, etc. we would be happy to “spread the word” about the impact you have had. Simply contact us by email at tutorsforkids@att.net or phone 352-245-9709.

Workshops! – Many Villagers requested additional workshops to help in tutoring. The club will start the new year on Wednesday, September 3, from 3 to 5 at Sterling Heights Rec Center. Two of our tutors, Loyola Garcia and Maryann Kellogg, will present a workshop called, “So you want me to teach reading?” Information will follow to all Villagers in an email from Dan Miller.

Other Workshops! – If you do not live in the Villages and would like to have a workshop in your community, AND you can arrange a space or form a club to get a community meeting place, contact us and we will tell you how to do it. And can help schedule workshops or discussion groups throughout the year.

Thank you SO much for your dedication to the children in the tri-county area. YOU DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!

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