



# 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.*

**Numbers Count** – 115 new tutors attended training through September 24. Only one more session **Center for Villagers only**.

**Wed, Oct 8 - 1 – 5 at Sterling Heights Rec**

Hold on this is amazing!! We start this year with over 225 tutors in nine schools across three counties.

**Am I Approved?** – We are communicating regularly with the schools to answer this question – and passing the info along to you. Except for some late-comers in Wildwood and other schools, almost everyone is approved at this time.

**What's Happening Now?** Your school captains are working on your assignments. Some of you have been matched, assigned, and started. Our goal is to have everybody started, at the latest, by the first week in October. Watch your email for an “announcement” email with your teacher’s contact information. Marion Oaks, Harbour View, and Stanton-Weirsdale may be second week of October.

**When Can I Start?** – If you are a new tutor, have completed training, been approved, assigned, and announced – go for it!! Try to contact your teacher, but if you do not hear back, go ahead and introduce yourself on the day assigned..

If you are a returning tutor and have arranged with your teacher – and been approved, go for it. Let us know your day and time. For other returning tutors, be watching your email for an announcement of a new assignment.

**School Captains** – Each school has at least one captain with four at Wildwood (there are over 90 tutors assigned there). The full list of captains is an attachment to this newsletter. When everybody is assigned and started, your captain can help you throughout the year.

**Donations for Books** – For the second year, the Dollar General Literacy Foundation granted us \$2,000 for our book program. A Villages doctor (referred by a tutor), a tutor, and a “friend” brought us another \$1,600. Think about the number of books these funds will add.

**Books Received** – Since June, your program has (or will) received over 7,600 books for your students. Details will come later for distribution to your classrooms.

**Villages Meeting** – Wednesday, October 1, at 3 in the Sterling Heights Rec Center is the next regular meeting of the club for tutors who live in the Villages. This session is a panel discussion on working with your students. Five tutors will discuss their experiences and then take your questions. The “price of admission” is at least one question. Please join us for this lively discussion!

**A Workshop for Non-Villages Tutors** – Maryann Kellogg and Loyola Garcia have prepared a workshop for you called “So You Want Me to Teach Reading.” They have agreed to present it to non-Villagers at a workshop in late October – watch your email for details.

**Tips for Tutoring** – One of the tips in training is getting to know your student(s). There are lots of questions you could ask. AND, a new tutor has given us a list of 25 question you could use to get the conversation started during the ‘chit-chat.’ They are fabulous questions – and we can email them to you if you want. Here’s an example:

**“If an alien spaceship came to your class and beamed up someone, which student would you want them to take”.**

**Box tops and labels** – You can help the schools by contributing box tops and labels from several manufacturers. Schools receive cash for each label and most schools have receptacles to leave them.

**Amazon Smile Foundation** – If you buy products from Amazon (and who doesn’t these days), Tutors for Kids can benefit when you purchase certain products. We are registered with Amazon as a 501C(3) and will receive a small amount if you access Amazon through this link below.. Every little bit helps support your book program!!

<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/45-4815598>

**You Are Making a Difference** – Don’t ever doubt yourself. Remember – the greatest gift you can give a child is an education – and your time. And you are making a contribution to that gift each week. Thank you!!

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