



## ***TUTORS FOR KIDS, INC. NEWS***

**January 2015**

**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.*

**A New School** – The December newsletter showed our year end statistics - growth to over 250 tutors. At its January 19 meeting, the Board of Directors approved a motion to expand our tutoring program to another school. We will begin talking with schools in the next few weeks.

**Middle School** – Several tutors who previously taught at middle school asked if we plan to do any tutoring in middle schools. If you are interested, please send us an email with the Subject Line = “Middle School” and let us know which grade/subject you would like.

**Strategic Planning** - With the growth of Tutors for Kids in the past few years, our Board of Directors wants to develop a strategic plan for looking to the future.

If you are have had some experience with this planning process (or know of experts), please email us. This is a top priority in the next months.

**The Book Program** – Well, you did it again. Thanks to the December and January (for those tutors unable to pick up in December) distribution, we have passed the 20,000 mark in giving new books to our children.

Don't forget the other part of our book program - “Books for Your Bag”. These are books given to the students that you tutor as an acknowledgement that they have made some progress. Call us so we will be here.

**January is Volunteer Month** – Volunteers have been mentioned prominently this month on the front pages of the Daily Sun. The fabulous article on Tutors for Kids resulted in a number of phone calls with people asking for information now, and others to start in the fall. Thank you Luther, Maureen, Judy, Linnae, and Loy. As a result we trained 15 new tutors on Friday, January 16. Some have been approved and started.

**Villager Club Meeting** - The club meeting for Village residents on Wednesday, February 4, at 3 p.m. at the Sterling Heights Recreation Center, is a panel discussion featuring the principals of two of our schools - David Bordenkircher, Villages Elementary, and Melissa DeJarlais, Fruitland Park Elementary.

This is HUGELY important. Save the date. We would love to “fill the room” and want a strong attendance of tutors and other interested Villagers. More info will follow. You

will participate in the meeting by to submitting your specific questions.

**Tips for Tutoring** – Here are several tips:

**First tip** - the children are back. You will notice a change. They all seem to know that the fall vacations and holiday distractions have ended, and they are in school until June. So start working intensely on key issues that you have identified during the past few months. For some it will be “focusing”, or reading, or homework, etc.

**Second tip** - it is always good to hear what some of the experts are saying about new and old things in education. Here are three links sent to us by tutors and friends - technology thinking, student curiosity, and one from Scientific America

<http://youtu.be/y3jYVe1RGaU>

A follow-up to the link above – a similar idea.  
<http://youtu.be/quYDkuD4dMU>

The following link is very important when you add the word tutor each time the word teacher is mentioned  
<http://youtu.be/GEmuEWjHr5c>

And finally from “ScientificAmerica”

<http://www.scientificamerican.com/article/the-secret-to-raising-smart-kids1/>

**Donations** – From late December through January 22, we received \$1,885 for our book program from a foundation, Rotary Club of the Villages–Noon, tutors, and friends who cherish excitement of the children receiving books.

**Amazon Smile Foundation** – When you buy products from Amazon, Tutors for Kids can benefit when you purchase certain products. We will receive a small amount if you access Amazon through this link below.

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