



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

**You are a vital part of the success of Tutors for Kids and in the lives of children you help.**

**This Is a Long Newsletter with Lots of Important Information**

**Your Fellow Tutors are Recognized** – Tutors for Kids is starting its seventh year. Three tutors have been with us for five or six years. They were honored and recognized by our Board of directors in July with a special thank you and a commemorative plaque.

Sharon Pierce – six years  
 Charley McIntyre – five years  
 Frank Fezza – five years

**Ready, Set, Go!** – The school year has just started at some and about to start at the other schools. If you are planning to tutor this year, here are steps that you should add to your checklist, cross them off, and go to the next.

**Step One:** Your school preference form. Email it back so we will know what school, grade, subject, day, time, etc. you want. If you have completed this step thank you. If you need one, let us know and we can email it to you.

**Step Two:** Your school volunteer application. If you are a new tutor and have not done an application, we will get it to you. Your preference form will tell us your school. All the schools in each of our three counties have now opened the volunteer application process. You must act quickly so you will be ready as soon as teachers are ready. If you are already approved in Lake County, it is valid for three years; Sumter and Marion Counties require a annual application.

**Step Three:** Training. If you are a new tutor, you must attend one training session. If you are a returning tutor and want a refresher to see the revised material reflecting Florida's Standards, you are welcome to attend. Just RSVP. The dates and locations are:

**For non-Village residents** (or Villagers who need earlier dates) – the location is at our home in Stonecrest  
 Thursday, August 20, 12–4:30  
 Friday, August 21, 12–4:30  
 Thursday, September 10, 9-1:30

**For Village residents** (location is at the listed rec centers)

Tuesday, August 25, 9-1:30 Colony  
 Wednesday, August 26, 9-1:30 Colony  
 Wednesday, September 16, 12-4:30 Lake Miona  
 Monday, September 21, 9-1:30 Colony  
 Tuesday, September 29, 12-4:30 Sea Breeze

RSVP in an email. A week before we will email you a training manual.

**Step Four:** Your assignments. If you are a **returning tutor**, have been approved, and have worked out a start date with your previous teacher, you are good to go. Send an email **to your captain** with your assignment information. If you do not want to go back to the same school or teacher, indicate on the preference form the changes you would like to make. **For new tutors**, your preference form tells us your availability for your captains to match them to a teacher. Schools are just starting, so requests are trickling in, and more will come as teachers learn about their children's needs

**News for Kindergarten Tutors** – Just a heads up for you!! We received about 1,200 books in July – whew!! Among those was something for kindergarten tutors – *Language Arts Success (Alphabet Activities, Reading Readiness, and Beginning Word Games from Sylvan Learning Centers.* Although we emphasize to tutors and teachers that we do not bring our own materials, sometimes it is helpful for tutors to have some extra items to help their student(s) grasp a concept. So, when our assignments are complete, we will alert the kindergarten tutors that these books are available for them . . . and, of course, we will mention this during our upcoming training sessions.

**Meet the New Principals** – We have three new schools, and three of our schools have new principals.

**The new schools are:**

Leesburg Elementary	Dr. Patrick Galatowitsch, Ed. D.
Beverly Shores	Ms. Monica M. Gordon,
Wildwood Middle	Dr. Diana Elysee

**The new principals are:**

Fruitland Park	Ms. Tammy Langley
Marion Oaks	Ms. Natalia Robledo
Stanton Weirsdale	Ms. Debra Riedl

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

**Meeting with the Teachers** – We are now meeting with teachers in each school. 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 we will again stress “one-on-one tutoring” - and the need to identify students who had a tutor in 2014 so they receive a tutor again this year.

**Can you Tutor at our New Schools?** – We have two schools in North Leesburg - Beverly Shores and Leesburg Elementary. They both have a Title One population of 90%+, and an average family income at or less than \$19K per year. They have asked tutoring help for 100+ students in Grades K-5. They are committed to one-on-one tutoring. **Fifty tutors are needed for this request.**

**Spread the Word** - We asked you to “**spread the word**” to your neighbors and friends. **You did**, and we have received over 20 new tutors. Thank You! Continue talking to your neighbors and friends. We need to reach 50 new tutors to cover our new schools. We are happy to speak to a group or club.

**Another Thank You** – Last month we asked for captains to help in several schools. Three volunteers stepped forward. We still need one captain at Fruitland Park, one at Wildwood Middle-High, and one at Leesburg Elementary. Captains are crucial for our success. Please email or call us, and we can give more details.

**As you Make your Decision - What to Tutor this Year** – The primary grades (K, 1, 2, 3) are critical in a child’s ability to read. The principals want us to “flood” these grades with tutors to improve reading skills – and we stress this to teachers. As you are decide where you would like to tutor this year, carefully consider helping in grades K – 3 (at any school). These children NEED you.

**Volunteer Applications:** Here is the status:

**Wildwood** – We have forms. **If you have not done one, we can mail one.** If you return later in the fall, do the application now to get a jump start.

**Lake County** - Approvals are valid for three years. If you are new and want to go to Lake, instructions are now available.

**Marion County** – We have the forms and can email them.

**Villages New Tutor and Club Meeting** – We will host a **new tutor** information session for new Village tutors on Wednesday, September 2, at 2:00, at the Sterling Heights Rec Ctr. The regular Village Club meeting starts at 3 p.m. – and you will have an opportunity to meet some of your school captains – as well an announcement about the exciting programs planned for this year. Don’t miss this meeting!

**School Captains:** These are your school captains (and where new captains are needed). Captains are available to help you with assignments and throughout the school year.

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**Fruitland Park Elementary**

**ONE ADDITIONAL CAPTAIN NEEDED**

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**Wildwood Middle School**

**ONE CAPTAIN NEEDED**

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