



TUTORS FOR KIDS, INC. NEWS

October, 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.

Tutoring Has Started: We need tutors in several Marion County schools, as well as Beverly Shores and Leesburg Elementary. We will update you on the numbers at each school in the November and December newsletter. If you have any suggestions or concerns, please talk with your captains.

Training Results: We have completed our nine scheduled training sessions. Attendance was over 100; and 80% were new tutors.

Numbers, numbers, numbers - As you know, we have expanded into Leesburg, with two schools, and also added Wildwood Middle. At the same time, we have increased numbers at most of our other schools. This leads to some surprising initial statics we are tracking. In Lake and Sumter alone, we have 206 tutors in over 310 class time slots. In a typical time slot, tutors average four students. That's a minimum of 1,240 students per week receiving your expertise. And, we know when all tutors are in place, this number will go higher. So, this leads to the next story.

Numbers, numbers, books, books - We have books for the students you tutor and also for your class in two segments of our book program:

Books for the Bag – Remember to carry some books with you each week. We want you **to aim to give one book per month** to each student that you tutor. Of course, the student(s) must “earn” the book. So a student can potentially receive up to seven books per year. We want them to read, read, and read. Call us when you need to refill your bag.

Books for the Break - At the December Holiday break, students could be away from school almost three weeks; during the summer, they are away for over two months. Most students do not have money for books. Without books, during these breaks, reading skills could decline. So, give a book to every student in your class at these two breaks. More on this in the November newsletter.

Here are the number of books needed for this year:

Books for the Bag - 1,240 students, times 7 books each = 8,680 books.

Books for the Break - Using 206 classroom slots, times 20 students, times twice a year = 8,240 books

This totals to 16,920 for Lake and Sumter County students. We expect the shipping costs in January to increase (currently 75 cents to \$1 per book). In six years, through June 2015, you have given out over 33,000 books to children. Also in 2016 when you add in our 6 schools in Marion County, we will come close to this 33k number in just one year. You can see how we have grown!

Grants requests for funding – For the first time, we risk not having funds to sustain the expansion of Tutors for Kids. We will submitted a ‘grant request’ to the United Way of Lake and Sumter Counties for funding starting in January 2016. The proposal has three components: (1) to develop a database system for registering tutors, tracking their availability/preferences, and assigning them to teachers. (2) to support our expanded book program. (3) to support our outreach to families in conjunction with programs at the two schools in Leesburg. We will keep you posted.

Destination Imagination - Like Kids? Want to be amazed by how creative kids can be? Destination Imagination is a creative problem solving competition for children from kindergarten through university. Teams of up to 7 students select one of 6 open ended challenges to work on through the season and represent their solution at a tournament in the spring. DI is just coming to Florida, and is looking for volunteers to help at their tournament, on April 2, 2016, in the Orlando area. For more information about DI in general, check out www.destinationimagination.org. For details about the Florida tournament's needs, contact one of our tutors Erica Bowler at difl.info@yahoo.com . Thanks!

Villages Club Meeting and Workshop – The Tutors for Kids Club in the Villages continues a series of workshops on Wednesday, November 4, at 3 p.m. in the Sterling Heights Rec Center. Loyola Garcia will expand some of the topics presented by our first presenter Dr. Floyd Cogley on the Gordons Skill development ladder. Come prepared to do some activities based on the Gordon's Skill...There will be a series of six workshops during this season.

Non Village Tutors There are almost 100 tutors who do not live in the Villages. The presenters of the workshop

above have offered to hold the same series in a place outside of the Villages. Let us know in Email if you are interested. These are two outstanding presenters who have national credentials and are volunteering their time.

Books for your bag – If you missed the October pick-up dates, don't worry – we still have books. Remember these books reward your students. To get some books for your bag, call us (352-245-9709) to arrange a time.

Donations – From mid-September to mid-October, Tutors for Kids received over \$1265 to support the book program – generous clubs, organization, individuals, and friends!! As you can see here, the expansion in Lake and Sumter has more than doubled the books needed.

Amazon Smile Foundation – If you buy products from Amazon, Tutors for Kids can benefit when you purchase certain products. We are registered with Amazon as a 501(c)(3) and 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>

School Captains: Your school captains can help you with assignments throughout the year.

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Books and Articles:

A brief reflection on how some charter schools could upset the balance within communities

Use 'control left Click' with your mouse on the link below

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/answer-sheet/wp/2015/10/13/how-ridiculous-would-it-be-if-we-did-this-to-our-schools-oh-wait-we-did/>

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Why Kids Still Need "Real Books" to Read

Use 'control left Click' with your mouse on the link below

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/answer-sheet/wp/2015/10/17/why-kids-still-need-real-books-to-read-and-time-in-school-to-enjoy-them/>

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