



# 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.*

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

**Holidays and Holydays** – Most people are using the adjectives “merry” and “happy” at this time of year. We do wish you a “merry” and a “happy” but for us the most important words are “**thank you.**” You are doing a tremendous job. The numbers below tell your story.

**Some Numbers** - As of November 30, we numbered 310 tutors in 12 schools across three counties. You worked in more than 450 class timeslots. Some teachers had a tutor each day of the week. A tutor works with an average of four students per timeslot. This means more than 1,800 students receive your tutoring each school week.

**You are amazing volunteers!!**

**New Tutors** - Since Thanksgiving, we have signed up 14 new tutors who will be trained in January. Teachers and students need tutors. The demand is ongoing. Thankfully, so is the generosity of many people. Thanks for spreading the word!!

### **What Should I Do?**

I am a tutor. If I have questions, suggestions, or problems what should I do? Do I email or call Carolyn or Frank? Or do I email or call my School Grade Captain?

**Answer** - Always contact your School Grade Captain! This is the only way to resolve your situation. Your School Grade Captain is always your first contact. Your captains' names, phones, and emails are on page 2.

**Final Book Pick Up** – Book pick up for the holidays is complete. Remember, tutors have picked up books for their entire class. If there were two or more tutors in a class, only one tutor was designated to pick up the books.

The **good news** is that many tutors did, in fact, pick up books. We have totaled the number of books given to classrooms and special events. **7,248 books** – That is amazing!!

There is some **bad news**. A few classrooms where there was just one tutor failed to have books picked up. But each year that number is getting smaller.

Thank you to all who worked so hard to get (and give) books to your students.

**Destination Imagination** - Like Kids? Don't forget to contact Erica Bowler at [difl.info@yahoo.com](mailto:difl.info@yahoo.com) for more information about Destination Imagination and how you can help. Check out [www.destinationimagination.org](http://www.destinationimagination.org).

### **Bulletin Board - Help Wanted**

**The Village Tutors for Kids Club** meets on the first Wednesday of the month. Loyola Garcia has done a fabulous job of planning this season's programs. And, she needs your help in presenting future programs. Contact her directly: [loyolal@comcast.net](mailto:loyolal@comcast.net)

**Tutors needed** – Can you or someone you know help?

- Beverly Shores – reading and math
- Leesburg - the principal has asked for 40 tutors for kindergarten and Grade One!!
- Belleview Santos – five teachers need tutors
- Fruitland Park – 5<sup>th</sup> grade math
- Wildwood – 4<sup>th</sup> grade, 4<sup>th</sup> grade AR, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade + kindergarten, Media Center AR

### **Tutors for Kids Club Announcements**

**We now have two clubs!**

**New Tutors Club** - The newest Club is for non-Village tutors. The first meeting will be held at the Bellevue Public Library on Thursday, January 28, at 3 p.m. The address of the library is 13145 SE County Road Highway 484, Bellevue, 352-438-2500.

The speaker will be Dr. Floyd Cogley. He is an outstanding presenter who has national credentials and volunteers his time. You should not miss this presentation! ([Note if you live in the Villages and did not hear the October presentation by Dr Cogley you are welcome to attend this repeat session – please RSVP to our email address.](#))

**Tutors for Kids Club in the Village** - The next meeting of the Tutors for Kids Club in the Villages will be on Wednesday, January 6, at 3 p.m. in the Sterling Heights Rec Center. The speaker will again be Dr. Floyd Cogley who will present the second in our series. He will discuss our own learning styles and how these can give an insight into the tutoring process. Those who attended the October workshop will attest to the quality and importance of these sessions

**Donations** – From mid-November through December, Tutors for Kids received over \$3,100 to support your book program – generous clubs (Rotary, Veterans, Photography, Dragon Sisters, book clubs), organizations (church), individuals (tutors and friends)!! Thank you VERY much!!

**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:**

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**We wish you a happy holiday and hollyday season and merry New Year**

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