



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.

Book Needs in Marion County – We are thankful for the United Way grant. It helps immensely with the books for Lake and Sumter Counties. However, we will still distribute books in the six Marion County schools. Our goal is to give another 10,000 books in Marion County, which means \$10,000 to fulfill this goal.

Database Management System – We are well along into the design and development of our new database management system. Beta testing is scheduled for late March. In mid-April, school captains will be trained. This will simplify the whole assignment process from being cleared by the schools to being assigned. Thanks to the database developer and the committee, we will say “good bye” to spreadsheets and numerous phone calls

New Website - <https://www.tutors4kids.org/>

Notice some new features. New postings on “what’s happening,” Facebook (please ‘like us’ to your friends), a donation opportunity through “PayPal.”

Some February Numbers – Thank you, Daily Sun. We thought that the stream of new tutors may have peaked in January, but thanks to several articles, interest remains high. Since our January newsletter, we have trained an additional 22 tutors most going to our two Leesburg schools.

Please note new tutors joining after February will be assigned for the 2016 – 2017 school year.

Board of Directors Update – The next meeting will be on Thursday, April 21, 4:30 – in a conference room at the Sumter County Annex Building, 8033 E CR 466, at the corner of Morse Blvd. and 466. In addition to regular business the Board will begin discussing and planning the future of Tutors for Kids.

Attention Tutors - Books for your Bag – We are committed to increasing reading skills in the students you tutor. We want tutors to ensure that each student you tutor “earns” at least one book per month. This means that if you are tutoring four children each week, you need to pick up 12 books to cover your students between now and May. Call us.

VOTE, VOTE, VOTE – early and often. First Book, the donor of the books you give to your students is having a contest to give away 100,000 books from First Book and Disney. Schools and programs in the state that garners

the most votes will win the books. You, your family, your friends can vote as many times as you want – until March 31. It’s quick and easy. As of this writing, Florida is in 4th place – help move Florida into FIRST place!!

<https://www.firstbook.org/vote>

BULLETIN BOARD - Help Wanted

We need your expertise and interest The Board is forming an Advisory Committee and a number of sub-committees. If your expertise is in finance, grant administration, technology, training (and the training manual), speaking, communication, publicity, etc., call or email us. **Please HELP. These positions are not time consuming. Your help will insure that Tutors for Kids will continue to be successful.**

Can You Spare A Couple of Afternoons (or Mornings)? – We need to do an inventory of the books and need your help. IF you (or family or friends) can spare some time to help, let us know. Many thanks!

The Tutors for Kids Club of the Villages meets on the first Wednesday of each month. Loyola Garcia has done a fabulous job of planning this season’s programs. **And, she needs your help in planning future programs. Contact her directly: loyolal@comcast.net**

The New Tutors Club for Non-Villagers has held its first meeting and would like to continue into next year. **We need help in coordinating future programs.**

Tutors for Kids Clubs Announcements **We now have two clubs!**

New Tutors Club - The newest Club is for non-Village tutors. The second meeting is at the Belleview Public Library, Wednesday February 24 from 4 – 5:45, 13145 SE County Road Highway 484, Belleview, 352-438-2500.

The speaker is Loyola Garcia. She is one of our tutor captains and will be doing a hands-on follow-up to the January presentation by Dr. Floyd Cogley. [\(Note if you live in the Villages and did not hear the November presentation by Loyola, you are welcome to attend this repeat session – please RSVP to our email address\).](#)

Tutors for Kids Club in the Village - The next meeting of the Tutors for Kids Club in the Villages is Wednesday, March 2, at 3 p.m. in the Sterling Heights Rec Center. The speaker will again be Dr. Floyd Cogley. This will be the

fifth in our series, "Creating a Positive Learning Environment".

Donations - From mid-January through February, Tutors for Kids received \$410 (in addition to the United Way grant) to support your book program – generous clubs, book clubs, individuals (tutors and friends)!! Thank you VERY much!!

Remember, we are increasing the number of books we want to give to your students to exceed 25,000 book in the three counties where you tutor.

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>

What are your Fellow Tutors Doing?

For a Wonderful Evening Out – Man of La Mancha - Our webmaster, Tim Casey, is appearing as the Padre in KC Productions staging of Man of La Mancha, March 9 - 12 at The Villages Savannah Center. Check out the details on our website postings.

Destination Imagination - Like Kids? Don't forget to contact Erica Bowler at difl.info@yahoo.com for more information about Destination Imagination and how you can help. Check out www.destinationimagination.org.

The Villages Pops Chorus – Leesburg tutor, David O'Dwyer is a member of this chorus. Part of the proceeds from their April 8 and 9 concert will be donated to Tutors for Kids. North Lake Presbyterian Church (7:00) - \$12 – Villages Box Office, online, or at the door.

The Bookworm Book Club – Wildwood Tutor, Mary Anderson is a member of this book club. Members purchased books titled "Critter Capers," the publishing of which was a project spearheaded by the Writers4Kids group in the Villages. The proceeds were donated to Tutors for Kids. The book club members are so appreciative of the program they thought buying books that were locally written would be a good way to show support. Diane Dean is a member of the book club and an author of a couple stories in "Critter Capers." One story was co-authored with her 10-year-old grandson. Thank you so much to the members of this book club!!

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