



TUTORS FOR KIDS, INC. NEWS

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Changing our World by Educating Kids

Our hope is to see our Kids Moving Forward

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



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.

Database Management System – Our School Tutor Coordinators - STCs (formerly called school captains) met on March 22 to look at and follow the description chart on the whole database development system for the first time. Some ‘beta’ testing was done and a schedule of April testing will be available shortly. This will simplify the whole assignment process for new and returning tutors.

New Website

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

New Tutors – We still need new tutors. Because the school year is almost over, new applicants will still be accepted and processed **BUT will be assigned for the fall.** Thank you for a great job in “spreading the word.”

Speaking of Next Year – Shortly, your school captains (now called School Tutors Coordinators - STC) will be in touch with you to determine if you are returning next year – and if you want to stay with your same teacher. PLEASE respond to your STC.

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 End of the Year – We will start our year-end book distribution on April 18 and continue on various days and times through May 5. Check our April newsletter for specific details. If you must leave before these dates, call us to make a time for an early “pick up.”

Thank You to all who helped inventory our books. The final count was almost 10,000 books!! Lots of books available for your students!!

VOTE, VOTE, VOTE – early and often. First Book, the donor of the books you give to your students, has 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 has slipped 5th place – help move Florida into FIRST place!!

To access the link below please put your cursor on the link, hold the ‘control key down on your keyboard, and click your mouse.

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

BULLETIN BOARD - Help Wanted

New School Tutor Coordinators (formerly called School Captains) Needed – IF you can give some time to help the fellow tutors and our program at your school, you can be a **School Tutor Coordinator.** If you want to help, just let us know by email. We can talk and give you more details.

REPEAT - 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, tech, training (or the training manual), speaking, communication, publicity, etc., email us. **Please HELP. These positions are not time consuming. Your help will insure that Tutors for Kids will continue to be successful.**

REPEAT - 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

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

Tutors for Kids Clubs Announcements

New Tutors Club - The newest Tutors for Kids Club will have their next monthly meeting at the Belleview Public Library, Tuesday March 29 from 3 – 5:00, 13145 SE County Road Highway 484, Belleview, 352-438-2500.

The speaker is Dr. Floyd Cogley. He will discuss our own learning styles and how these can give an insight into the tutoring process. [\(Note if you live in the Villages and did not hear the January presentation by Floyd, please attend this repeat session – please RSVP to our email address\).](#)

Tutors for Kids Club in the Village - The next meeting of the Tutors for Kids Club in the Villages is Wednesday,

April 6, at 3 p.m. in the Sterling Heights Rec Center. The speaker will be Dr. Loyola Garcia. This will be the sixth in our series, "Creating a Positive Learning Environment".

Donations - From mid-February through March, Tutors for Kids received \$217 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 from Amazon, Tutors for Kids can benefit when you purchase certain products. We are registered as a 501(c)(3) and receive a small amount if you access Amazon through this link below. During 2015 we received about \$100 – Thank you!!

<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/45-4815598>

Good News Section

Reading Success – Do you wonder if encouraging students to read really works? Yes, yes, yes! Here is a success story. There is a Fourth Grade boy at Leesburg Elementary who at the beginning of the year 'hated to read' and according to the teacher would not read. Then something happened – an 'aha' moment. The student started to read, and read, and read. And wrote book reports. His latest read and report was on the life of Hell Keller. We will recognize him with a special reward.

Do you have a story to share? Email us.

What are your Fellow Tutors Doing?

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.

School Captains: Here are your School Tutor Coordinators (formerly called school captains):

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Links to some educational content

Check out this TED Talk: (hold down 'ctrl' and click)
[Do schools kill creativity?](#)

Check out another TED Talk: (hold down 'ctrl' and click)
[10 ways to have a better conversation](#)

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