



TUTORS FOR KIDS, INC.

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A 501(c)(3) nonprofit community-based organization of volunteers who support the local educational process.

Excited Children Eager to Learn

Our Children – Learners Today - Leaders Tomorrow



Tutors for Kids, Inc. is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit community-based organization of volunteers who support the local educational process.
Our Mission Statement: Meeting student educational needs as defined by the teacher through suitable and trained volunteer tutors in the local, tri-county Title I public schools as determined by the Board of Directors.

Thursday, November 9 - 1:00 – 5:00
Thursday, December 14 – 1:00 – 5:00

School Has Started – But it will take a couple of weeks for teachers to evaluate their students and request help. Our target for getting tutors who have been approved by the counties and trained by Tutors for Kids is mid-September. There is one exception. Leesburg Elementary is not allowing tutoring until mid-October, unless you choose to help in Grade K or the after school program. These two programs can start immediately.

Meet and Greet – Our first open tutor meeting is on Tuesday, September 12, 3 – 5 at St. Timothy's Parish Hall on Route 27/441 near the Villages Hospital and next to Comfort Suites. This meeting is open to all tutors. We are thrilled to have everybody in one place for one monthly meeting.

A speaker at this meeting will be a representative of Lake and Sumter United Way. United Way has been our significant partner and has provided grant money for our book and database program in Lake and Sumter Counties.

In addition, some of your School Tutor Coordinators (STCs) and School Book Coordinators (SBCs) will be there to help in answering questions and "bragging" about their schools.

And finally, it will be our regular 'meet and greet' session. This is an opportunity to meet some of the "players" who make this all happen – and experienced tutors and 'pepper' them with questions.

We encourage you to attend. We want a great 'turn-out' to greet United Way - and meet each other on Tuesday September 12 at St. Timothy's at 3PM. AND, we will have a small gift for each attendee (you have to come to receive it)!!

Duke Energy – Tutors for Kids is honored to receive a \$5,000 grant for books for students in our six Marion County schools. We are thankful to Duke Energy and especially to our Board Member, Eileen Honohan, who initiated and followed through on all the steps and paper work required by the grant.

We have a new phone number. – Tutors for Kids has been using Carolyn and Frank's home phone number for the last few years. **We have a new central phone number - 352-568-5843.** Please keep this number. If you know of someone who wants to join our program, direct him/her to use this new number.

Training Dates - Training dates have been announced to ALL the new folks, but if you feel you want a refresher you can make that choice. If you want to attend, just RSVP to: tutorsforkids@att.net. Dates & Times are listed below.

Thursday, September 14 – 1:00 – 5:00 (FULL)
Friday, September 22 – 9:15 – 1:15
Thursday, October 12 - 1:00 – 5:00
Friday, October 20 - 9:15 – 1:15

Training is at the Belvedere Library (a Sumter County Library, right off Rt. 466 in the Villages, near CVS. NOTE: Library opens at 9:00 but it will take us 15 minutes to set up. So we will start at 9:15 on Friday sessions.

School Library Help Needed - Marion County schools have lost their library assistants. Belleview Santos has no assistant to help with the Media Center. As you know Terri Robinson has been a moving force at BSE, taking on extra responsibilities and doing an excellent job. She desperately needs a volunteer library assistant to help her, if she is to continue with the work she has been doing. So, if you know of anyone or might yourself be interested in helping out, please call the school at 352-671-6260 and ask to talk to Terri. The work would involve checking books in and out, re-shelving the books as they come in, repairing books at times, etc. Terri would train the person or people.

Tutors are still needed in Marion County - Principals in Marion County still are requesting tutors especially Belleview Elementary, Belleview Santos, and Marion Oaks Elementary. Note Belleview-Santos Elementary went up one whole grade in the end of the year testing, from a D to a C, but we believe with some additional tutors that can be at least a B.

Schools Needing STCs - And speaking of needs at our schools, several School Tutor Coordinators are needed. Due to "retirement," we have openings for an STC at Stanton Weirsdale and possibly another at one of our other schools. Villages. RESPONSIBILITIES of STCs are linked in the cover letter to this email with this newsletter.

If you are interested, please email Frank or Carolyn, or come see them personally if you would like to see their "Happy Dance" as you tell them. The STCs are definitely our "Angels"

Repeat Returning Tutors - Please make sure that you have contacted your STC with your plans for school, teacher, grade, and subject as well as return the tutoring applications (if you tutor in Marion County or if you are new or returning and have been asked to fill one out). The STCs will turn them into the county to do their background check.

Repeat Wildwood Tutors - If you tutor in Wildwood Elementary or Middle school AND did your application online last year, check your email for a message from **Searchsoft**. **Here is a quote from the Email:**

“With the new year fast approaching, there are ways to ensure there are no interruptions in your volunteer time here in the Sumter School District. Please update your application by simply logging onto the district webpage at sumter.k12.fl.us and select Volunteer Opportunities under the QUICK LINKS heading. Once logged in, simply scroll through your application making sure there are no areas that need to be updated. Select SAVE AND NEXT at the bottom. This will refresh your application for the new school year. You will not receive an email to confirm these actions. Please give us time to make the adjustments, if any, as the beginning of the year is extremely busy.

If you cannot remember your login information, please follow the directions on the login page under the having trouble logging in link. You may also call SearchSoft at 800-977-6735 for assistance. Please do not contact the schools or school board. There is no one to assist with this information”

Data Entry Help Needed – We have a new book database to go along with our Tutor Database.. And like all computer programs we have to enter data ongoing. We had two wonderful volunteers Susan Cresto and Pat Moore did a significant amount of data entry for putting book titles into the initial start of the book database. Thank you!!

Now we need ‘ongoing’ help with data entry for both the Tutor and Book database. It is not difficult or time consuming. The data entry can be done at your own day, time, and pace. If you can help for a few hours a month, call us at 352-245-9709 – thanks SO much!!

Board of Directors – We don’t like to be repeating ourselves but in this case we have to. Our Board of Directors is building the structure to insure that Tutors for Kids will be around for a long time. The Board manages seven sub-committees. These committees support and manage our Tutors for Kids program with 425+ tutors in 12 schools serving 2,000 students per week. To run smoothly we need a strong management structure.

You can HELP! Many people you know may have skills that could be used to support our program. We need Board members, trainers for new tutors, and interviewers for new tutor applicants, public speakers, help in grant writing, and technology help.-

Pilot Pen Corp – Last month we told you about the donation of Pilot Pens who gave us over 2,000 pens to use as extra rewards that our tutored students could ‘earn’. Thank you to Jim Matese (VP of Sales) and Amy LaPlante (Sales Coordinator).

We have checked with the principals at most of our schools. These pens will be available where you pick up your books for distribution. They are “ink” pens, and we will not give them to Grade K and Grade 1 (to avoid permanently marking desks). These are reward for Grades 2+ at the request of the principals

Donations – Since the July newsletter, Tutors for Kids received over \$6,130 in donations and memorial gifts, including the Duke Energy grant. Thank you!!!

[Supporting Tutors for Kids](#)

Amazon Smile Foundation – If you buy from Amazon, Tutors for Kids benefits as you purchase. We get a small amount when you access Amazon through this link below.
<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/45-4815598>

[Please support these groups – they help Tutors for Kids!!](#)

Villages Pops Chorus announces upcoming concerts: October 24, Give a Hoot 2 and December 4, We Wish You the Merriest. As always, the chorus promises a fun and delightful evening. The Villages has been one of our most generous supporters.

The Mel Brooks Musical Young Frankenstein: October 15-17 at the Savannah Center – directed by Tim Casey, our webmaster and database developer!!

[Website and Facebook Postings](#)

Website – check the website for new postings: The revised training manual, among others.

Facebook Posting - Check our Tutors for Kids on Facebook and “like” us – spread the word to all your friends and family to “like” us as well!!

[Bulletin Board – School Help Wanted](#)

Belleview Santos - One School Book Coordinator (SBC).
Belleview Elementary - Two School Book Coordinator (SBC)
Beverly Shores - One School Book Coordinator (SBC)
Villages – Two School Book Coordinators. (SBCs)

[Tutors Needed at these Schools](#)

If you can help, contact the STC for the school; see the email intro section for a link to all the STCs with their contact information.

[Belleview Elementary](#)

The Principal Dr. Varner wants to concentrate on reading. She said – “We will take as many as you can send!”

[Articles of Interest](#)

Copy and paste the link below into your browser to get the full story.

Tutors for Kids article in Villages-news.com.
<https://www.villages-news.com/volunteer-driven-tutors-kids- uplifting-children-area-schools/>

Watch "Carol Dweck: The Effect of Praise on Mindsets" This is a link to YouTube https://youtu.be/TTXrV0_3UjY

Watch "The power of yet ..." on YouTube <https://youtu.be/J-swZaKN2lc>

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