



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: Meeting student educational needs as defined by the teacher through suitable and trained volunteer tutors in the local, Tri-county Title 1 public schools as determined by the Board of Directors.

Villages Pop Chorus Hoot 3 - On February 20, The Villages Pop Chorus' Folksingers gave a concert, "Give a Hoot 3" at the North Lake Presbyterian Church. The concert was to benefit local charities. Two local non-profits were designated to receive benefits from this concert. Tutors for Kids was one of the beneficiaries - for \$3,500. We are so thankful to the Folksingers. This is the fourth time we have been so honored by the Pops Chorus, and they have helped us immensely continue our tutoring work in the school with the distribution of books. Last year, we gave out over 17,000 new books to our student in 12 different schools.

Showcase – The Village's Rotary Club at noon has again invited Tutors for Kids to join their Contractor's Showcase on Saturday, February 24, at the Wildwood Community Center. Doors open at 9 a.m. to the public and close at noon. It is a chance to meet contractors in the area as well as several non-profit groups.

Survey from Tutors Monthly Meeting – The Tutors for Kids monthly meeting was held at St. Timothy's on February 13. The meeting started with a "We Need your Help Survey". We are beginning to plan for our next year's club meetings.

Lynn Leavitt, one of our Board members, composed the survey and compiled the results. There were 5 questions.

1. I would like information on:
2. I think it is important to get to know tutors from other schools. Yes___ No___
3. I think that the meetings are: Too long___ Too short___ Just right___.
4. I would be happy to share information on my past experiences with the group. Yes___ No___ My area of expertise_____.
5. I would like to have time to communicate with other tutors during each month. Yes___; No___, If yes how often?_____

Name_____ School_____ Phone _____

If you couldn't attend the meeting but still would like to add some comments to the survey, please send them to our new email address: tutors@tutors@tutors4kids.org. Results in next month's newsletter.

New Tutor Applicants – There has been an increase in volunteers applying to be tutors. This is great! If you are talking to your friends and neighbors please continue to encourage them to sign up now and to get approved so they will be ready

to start in the fall. BUT tell them that they will not be able to attend training until the start of school. Our last training class was in February. Unfortunately, we cannot get tutors' background checks and approved by the county in time to place them in a class before the end of the school year.

Statistics for Tutors for Kids – A few of you have asked that we have a box in each newsletter updating statistics for each month. We will make a point to do that in the months that we publish when the schools are in session. Look below for the statistic box.

March 13 Monthly Meeting – Unless you are an STC (existing, new, or retiring), you can erase this date from your calendar. This meeting will focus on strengthening the role of the STC with TfK. Board of Directors members are also encouraged to attend this important discussion.

Still NEEDED Stories about your Students – We need some human interest stories about your students. Pictures would be great also. They could be about tutoring and seeing progress in your students. Even better if you have pictures that you took during book distribution (even if they are not this year) PLEASE send them to us in Email: tutors@tutors@tutors4kids.org. Just ensure that your students are not facing the camera.

Facebook and Tutors for Kids – Jessie Jean-Baptiste, our intern from Public Allies, has enhanced our Tutor for Kids' page on Facebook. Jessie writes:

The Tutors for Kids Facebook Page is live and in action! We're expanding our horizons and taking on Social Media. With the way times are changing, it's become more and more important for organizations like ours to be on Social Media. So we need your help! Simply log into Facebook, search for Tutors for Kids in the search bar and you'll be redirected to our page. Once you click like, you will be able to stay up to date on the news and information surrounding tutors for kids.

For tutors: This is a great way to stay connected with your fellow tutors! Between the application process, county approval, and getting books for the kids, you may have a lot of questions. This is normal! This is even expected.. So we want to offer an easily accessible place for tutors to get the information they need. We are also asking that you share success stories about your work with the kids. United Way, our biggest supporter, wants to hear about your tutoring experiences!
 General Guidelines When Posting:

All posts should exclude any identifying features such as: the student's name, teacher's name, and school's name. If you'd really like to praise a teacher or school, contact Jessie Jean-Baptiste at:

jessie.jean-baptiste@tutorsforkidsinc.org

The motto is positive insight. Heartwarming stories and hilarious tidbits are more than welcome.

Setting up a Facebook Account - NOTE: To access the Tutors for Kids Facebook page, you have to log in to your personal Facebook account, and then search for the Tutors for Kids page in the search bar at the top of the screen.

If you do not have a Facebook account, the link below is a YouTube video that describes the steps necessary to make a Facebook account. For those of you with privacy concerns, worry not! The only details necessary for the account are: first and last name, email, and password. If they ask for your date of birth, all you need to prove is that you are an adult.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wkVf8BIE8rI>

Facebook for STCs and SBCs – Your Facebook STC and SBC Group: Your role in the Tutors for Kids organization is absolutely crucial to our success. We currently have a Facebook Group for each team STCs and SBCs. The Group can offer support with the duties and tasks assigned to you. The groups are private so only members will be able to see and post within them.

By now every STC and SBC should have received an invitation from Facebook to join the new STC Group in their email. If you are unsure on whether or not you received this email, contact Jessie Jean-Baptiste at:

jessie.jean-baptiste@tutorsforkidsinc.org

Once you click on the link in your email, you will be redirected to the Facebook website. If you have a Facebook account already, you will be taken to the STC group's main page. (If you do not have a Facebook account see the link above on how to set up your account)

- ❖ If you are not logged in, you will be prompted to do so before you can proceed.
- ❖ If you do not have a Facebook account you will not be able to access this group. Again we strongly recommend making a Facebook account and participating in this group. See link above.

There will be a blue button below the picture strip at the top that says "+ Join Group". After you click that blue button, you will now be a part of the STC or SBC Group.

This is a direct link to the STC Group page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/TFKSTCGroup/>

This is a direct link to the SBC Group page

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/TFKSBCGroup/>

Donations – Since our last newsletter, we have received \$3,500 from the Pops Chorus Folksingers.

Statistics Tutors for Kids

Number of new tutors trained through February 8, 2018 = 114

Number of tutors working in the classrooms = 500.

Number of students being tutored weekly = 2,500.

Number of books given out in 2017 = 17,000+

For your Calendar

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March 20 - 22 - 2 and 7p.m. – Savannah Center – **Evita** – Featuring our Tutors for Kids, database developer and webmaster, Tim Casey - KC Productions presents EVITA, starring Broadway's Alex Santoriello as Che and Dawn DiNome & Mary Jo Vitale, as Evita at different performances. Evita is the dramatic achievement of Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice. Evita is among the most passionate and memorable productions in musical theater history. The show also stars Tim Casey as Peron, and Kathleen Kane as the Mistress.

April 9, 3 and 6 p.m. – **The Villages Pop Chorus Presents "You Can't Stop the Beat"** at North Lake Presbyterian Church, featuring a variety of great popular songs including Broadway, the movies, rock, and standards. Tickets are on sale at Villages Entertainment starting February 22. These concerts sell out FAST!

Articles on Facebook – To encourage you to go to our Facebook page each month, we feature an article that should be interesting to your tutoring. This month the article deals with what to focus on during our tutoring session. **GO TO FACEBOOK!!**

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