



TUTORS FOR KIDS, INC.
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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.

The Year in Review

Where were our tutors during the 2017–2018 school year?

To appreciate how to answer, it is important to look back at our history. Remember - nine years ago we started Tutors for Kids with six tutors assigned to one school (Bellevue Santos Elementary). Each tutor did only one class timeslot and tutored an average of 4 students giving a total of 24 students tutored per week.

We estimate that this year over half of our tutors did more than one class timeslot. We started the year with 501 tutors assigned** to 12 different schools. Again we averaged four students per timeslot. The result is that over 2,500 students receiving tutoring each week. (Amazing!!)

Here's where you were**

<u>School</u>	<u>Tutors Assigned **</u>
Bellevue Elementary	20
Bellevue Santos	40
Beverly Shores	46
Fruitland Park	46
Harbour View	55
Leesburg Elementary	54
Legacy Elementary	0
Marian Oaks	14
Stanton Weirsdale	55
Villages Elementary	46
Wildwood Elementary	96
Wildwood Middle	29

**NOTE: These numbers reflect tutors assigned to schools. It is possible that a few of the assigned tutors could not participate and withdrew from the program for the school year - for various reasons from sickness to being overwhelmed.

Books to your students – Our goal was to distribute more than 15,000 books to students during the school year 2017 - 2018. Our summer inventory of books will tell if we reached our goal.

School is finished for the 2017–2018 School Year – A HUGE “Thank You” to all Tutors, STCs, SBCs, Teachers, Principals, School Staff, our Board of Directors, and our Donors. You have made this year so rewarding. The biggest thank you, however, comes from the students being tutored and receiving books. We have many testimonials and notes from our tutors, teachers, and students with “thank you”.

Tutors for Kids’ Board and the Schools – The school year has ended, and we are looking forward to the fall. Each member of our Board of Directors has offered to be serve as a liaison to a school. The Board member liaison, the STCs, and SBCs will meet with the principals and other significant staff to review the year and look forward to the new school year.

These meetings will focus on a smooth start to the volunteer application and the tutor/teacher assignment processes at each school. The school volunteer coordinators, grade/department chairs, and literacy/math coaches will work with the TfK representatives to ensure that all tutors who want to tutor are placed with a teacher in the most efficient way.

Principals and Staff Love their Tutors – These are some comments from Board members after their initial meeting with the schools:

- “be patient at the beginning of the year, especially with new teachers.”
- “my school wants tutors in ALL classrooms.”
- “I want tutors in the classrooms within 6-8 weeks of school starting.”
- “we love our tutors.”
- “I believe more than just in scores but the investment and example they are showing our students is so very special.”
- “it is so key that TfK tutors are trained!”

Third graders love their books:



Tutors’ Rewarding Experience - “In a 6th grade class, I had been working with a boy on multiplication and division of decimals. He was doing pretty well, but has a speech defect. So I occasionally didn’t understand him, but he read me a word

problem and gleefully announced, "I know EXACTLY what to do!" - and he did.

In fact, the teacher decided he no longer needed to come to me and switched me to a different student for the next session."

Duke Energy asked TfK to again submit for grant funds – Duke Energy was a primary donor for funds for Marion County schools to have books from tutors. In addition, tutors will recall that Duke donated string bags for "star readers" to carry their books. Duke has invited TfK to submit a request again for Marion County books!! Thank you, Duke!



Friends of Sumter Library Donates Again – For the second year, Friends of Sumter Library has donated funds for books for Wildwood – this year \$2,500. Thank you!!

Knights of Columbus and Jonnie Rockets – Several Knights of Columbus councils have donated funds for books, including a special donation for Dr. Seuss books for kindergarteners at Stanton Weirsdale!! A council has also given funds donated by the owner of Jonnie Rockets and Amerikanos – thank you!!

Amazon Smile – Thank you to everyone who shopped at Amazon through Smile for Tutors for Kids. All this shopping generated TfK over \$135 (that's a lot of shopping)!! Thanks!!

Speaking of Amazon Smile – **ALERT!!** Remember, when you shop at Amazon – and log in using the TfK link, we receive a small portion of your purchase. Use this link to access Amazon:

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

Other Donations – Other people, organizations, and businesses help sustain Tutors for Kids. During this school year, "friends" donated over \$2,500. In addition, Villages Pops Chorus's and Rotary's combined donations were: \$8,000; and United Way of Lake and Sumter Counties were very generous again!

Update on School Tutor Coordinators – Our previous appeals for School Tutor Coordinator (STCs) have yielded seven new volunteers offering their help: Stanton Weirsdale (2), Leesburg (2), Belleview Santos (2), and Beverly Shores (1).

Where is the additional need? Beverly Shores (1) and Villages (1). Again, we ask you to think about your skills, dedication, and time – this is a critical role in our organization!! Without STCs, it doesn't happen!!

If you would be interested please send an email to: tutors@tutors4kids.org

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.

If you haven't already done so, please read the following about next year – Some of your STCs and Jessie are gathering info about your plans for next year. This is critical data so that we know how many new tutors to bring into the fold. Be sure they know your plans for September!!

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