



TUTORS FOR KIDS, INC.
July, 2018
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.*

Summertime Update – In the June newsletter we told you about all the 'behind-the-scenes' planning that takes place. This summer, some 70 volunteers are preparing for the new school year.

- All 12 of the school principals and their administrative staff have met with our Board of Directors, STCs, or SBCs.
- There are workshops planned for our new STCs and a refresher for our current STCs - scheduled for August 9 and 10. See story below.
- Our training manuals are being revised - including the new tutor training manual, the STC and SBC manuals, the Mail Chimp manual, and the Head Tutor Coordinator(HTC) Manual.
- The Board of Directors will meet on Tuesday, August 21.
- Returning tutors for the 2018–2019 school years have been entered into our database. New tutors (over 30 so far) are entered.
- New tutor training is scheduled. (See story below)
- Books are being ordered for distribution to your students.

Here are our School Needs for the 2018–2019 year – We have evaluated how many tutors we need to start the new school year. The results of the principals' and teachers' requests.

These schools are requesting the greatest number of tutors: Beverly Shores Elementary, Fruitland Park Elementary, Harbour View Elementary, Stanton Weirsdale Elementary.

Other schools have needs at different grades. We will keep you posted in the August newsletter about additional needs.

Tutors, you are the best source of new folks – so continue to "spread the word".

Several of you have referred your neighbors and friends. THANK YOU!!!. Our screening team has been talking with new folks – so keep spreading the word!!!

Workshops and refreshers for STCs –

August 9 – 1:00 – 5:00 or
 August 10 – 9:15 – 1:15
 Belvedere Library (off Route 466 in The Villages)

New tutor training schedule – All new tutor applicants will begin their preparation for the classroom in two ways:

- (1) Working with your School Tutor Coordinator (STC), apply to your school's county to submit a volunteer application form.

- (2) Attend a training session to start your final preparation for classroom tutoring. In early August, all new tutor applicants will receive an email asking them to RSVP to a training date. You can mark your calendar now from the dates below. You only need to select one date. When you receive the email, just reply with your choice.

At Belvedere Library (off Route 466 in The Villages)

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Thursday	September 13	1:00 – 5:00
Tuesday	September 25	9:15 – 1:15
Thursday	October 4	9:15 – 1:15
Tuesday	October 23	1:00 – 5:00
Thursday	November 8	1:00 – 5:00
Tuesday	November 13	9:15 – 1:15
Thursday	December 13	1:00 – 5:00

(NOTE: Ft McCoy tutors already have their September 18 date and do not need to respond).

Are you a RETURNING tutor? – First you need to check your status as a county volunteer. The process is:

In Marion County - you will receive an email from your STC with your yearly volunteer application renewal form (in pdf). Please fill out both sides and include a copy of your license and mail back the application with license to the person and address in the email.

In Lake and Sumter Counties – check your email to see if you have received an email from the county regarding your status as a volunteer. There are two possible notifications from the county.

- (1) If you are still approved under your three-year enrollment period, you will receive a notice to update your information.
- (2) Second if your three-year enrollment has expired, you need to re-apply.

For Sumter County – This is a sample of the email you may have received. Follow the instructions in the email which we have included below in case you deleted yours.

*Greetings,
 You are receiving this email from the Sumter County School Board as your annual reminder to update any changed information on your volunteer application for the new school year.*

You may review and update your application by visiting our webpage: www.sumter.k12.fl.us Click on Volunteer Opportunities under the Quick Links header, and make any changes necessary. Click SAVE AND NEXT. This will complete the process and your application will be applied to the new school year.

If you have forgotten your username and password, please click on the "having trouble logging in" link. Enter this same email address to request an account recovery email. (Please note: Even if you have no changes, please log in and click SAVE AND NEXT. This will update your account status.)

Contact your school volunteer coordinator with any questions. Thank you. Sumter District Schools.

United Way of Lake and Sumter – On July 18, UW presented Tutors or Kids with another generous check \$7,500 as a quarterly distribution in support of our tutor and book program. The Chair of our Board, Eileen Honohan, was on hand to pick up the check. We are thankful for their unwavering support over the last three years. We have received over \$80,000 for our program which gave us over 40,000 books, support for our database, and partnership with Public Allies.

Update on the School Tutor Coordinators – As we reported last month we have seven new STCs in our schools.

But there are additional needs –

- Beverly Shores (1 STC),
- Belleview (1 STC), and
- Villages (1 STC).

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

Phone Help – Thank you! Last month we asked for two people to help us do phone interviews for new tutor applicants. We now have two new volunteers for the phone. Again thank you.

Computer Help – We have a database tracking system for enrolling our tutors and assigning them to schools and teachers. Also, we have book distribution tracking system that helps us order and distribute about 17,000 new books each year to students in twelve different schools.

AND, we have a great data entry volunteer who helps to do input.

AND we still need people with good computer skills to help those volunteers (STCs and SBCs). If you have good computer skills (or know of someone who does) and would like to help, please call Frank Russo at 352-245-9709.

Some Tutoring Tips to think about during the Summer - One of our tutors and board members, Lynn Leavitt, found an article from Chandler-Gilbert Community College in Arizona. Here are some more tips from the article.

- **Be positive.** Your tutees may have had little success in school and need a rewarding experience. Focus on what the tutee is doing right. Help them recognize their strong points and work with them to strengthen their areas of challenge.
- **Encourage independence.** Do not become a crutch. Your tutees must be aware at all times that **you** are not going to do their work. Let them know that they must put forth an effort in order to benefit from tutoring. Insist that they do their assignments, study on their own, and do their own thinking. In general, the less work you do for your tutee, the better.

Shopping at Amazon? – IF you log in using the TtK link, we receive a small portion of your purchase. Use this link to access Amazon:

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

Summer articles to Read – Jessie found these articles that may be helpful. The first is on math, the second is teaching children how to express themselves, and the third is "Students' summer learning loss". (Put your cursor on each article link and press the 'control' button and click the mouse)

http://mathandreadinghelp.org/how_do_you_tutor_a_child_struggling_in_math.html

<https://www.koobits.com/2013/04/11/ways-to-encouraging-children-to-express-themselves>

<http://ideas.time.com/2013/07/01/do-kids-really-have-summer-learning-loss/>

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