

# TUTORS FOR KIDS, INC.

May 2019

*Excited Children Eager to Learn  
Celebrating 10 Years of Tutoring Children*



*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.*

**In Memoriam** – At this time of year, we remember members of your family, friends, and others who are no longer with you. We also offer special thanks to the men and women in the armed services who gave their lives to make our freedom possible.

**The End is Here** – Thank you for another successful year of tutoring in our local schools. You have done another amazing job - and we offer our sincere thanks for your dedication to our students. Some of you have had joyful experiences and some "wow" moments. Some wonder whether tutoring does make a difference - and the answer to "YES." Some of you worked with students who struggled the entire year - and yes, you do help!! In total you tutored 2,500+ students each week - think about what an impact that has!!

**The Schools Thank You** - Near the close of school, many of you had the glorious experience of attending a volunteer appreciation breakfast. You may have had some entertainment from students – or numerous “thank you’s” from the administrators and teachers. Think about your impact!!

**The Books You Gave Out** – Thanks to the generous donations and grants to Tutors for Kids, you were able to give your students thousands of books in hundreds of classrooms. We are compiling our June inventory and will have more detailed numbers later.

**School Help in the Fall** – Already we have received requests for help from several schools - Belleview, Belleview Santos, Beverly Shores, and Leesburg. These schools have a high number of Title One students who are struggling in reading, math, science, and creative writing.

**Recruiting neighbors and friends** – You can help us to recruit new tutor applicants. You may have neighbors and friends who do not know about TfK. Talk with them and explain (enthusiastically) what you do and how needy many students are for the valuable help you give them.

If your friends are parents or grandparents, they already know how children learn. The only difference is that many of our students have no one at home to help. There are many more children who could benefit from a tutor's help.

So, if friends or neighbors are interested have them call our central phone number at **352-568-5843** or visit our web site at [www.tutorsforkidsinc.org](http://www.tutorsforkidsinc.org)

**Talking Books Program Update** - The Paw Patrol talking books project was a HUGE success at Rimes Early Learning and Literacy Center in four kindergarten class. Teachers and the literacy coach gave many praises and thank you's to the tutors and the generous donations that made this possible.

Looking forward, we are planning to expand this project to other schools – in their kindergarten classrooms. In the fall, we expect to add additional tutors to kindergartens – SO – spread the word!!



**REPEAT - Looking for Human Interest Stories** – Please give us interesting and rewarding stories about your interaction with students – and their accomplishments. Our funders appreciate knowing about your successes. Perhaps your student(s) regularly do better on their weekly spelling – or they LOVE the book you gave them – they tell you a story about a book they read, etc., etc., etc. Send your stories (and pictures if you can take them) to: [tutors@tutors4kids.org](mailto:tutors@tutors4kids.org)

**Articles for summer reading** If you are interested in what is happening with our public schools we have provided you with some summer reading. If you come across some articles or books that are about public education send their names or links to the articles to [tutors@tutors4kids.org](mailto:tutors@tutors4kids.org)

The first article was published by the Washington Post. It is titled: **Why is it so hard to keep schools staffed with teachers?** There are several graphs that illustrate the problem.

*To read the article hold down the cntl key and click on the link below. (Please note at the end of each story there are links or summaries to other news stories. Please ignore these. Tutors for Kids never recommends other advertised links or stories):*

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/education/2019/05/13/why-is-it-so-hard-keep-schools-staffed-with-teachers-this-graphic-explains-it/>

The next link below describes how students learn by making projects and how do you gauge their progress? This is the digital age and our students love to learn by doing.

<https://wapo.st/2wrvoOp>

If you want a good book on education for summer reading try: **“How Children Succeed: Grit, Curiosity, and the Hidden Power of Character”** by Paul Tough.

**New Tutor Applications are Being Accepted** – We are accepting applications from individuals who want to tutor for the 2019 – 2020 school year. We will keep them on a list for the fall and will contact them in August to arrange their tutor training. So please continue to spread the word. You know that the need in the fall will be greater than it is now. So if you are interested our phone at **352-568-5843** or visit our web site at **www.tutorsforkidsinc.org**

### **Support our Supporters**

**1776, the Musical** - Our webmaster and database guru, Tim Casey, is starring in and directing 1776, the Musical. The story, based on the events surrounding the signing of the Declaration of Independence, dramatizes the efforts of John Adams to persuade his colleagues to vote for American independence and to sign the document.



June 18-19. Tickets are on sale.

**The Villages Pops Chorus** – Upcoming concerts (all at North Lake Presbyterian Church):

July 29 – 3:00 and 6:00 – “Love My Music”

October 22 – 6:00 – “Give a Hoot 6”

December 2 – 3:00 and 6:00 – “That’s What Christmas Means to Me”

**REPEAT - HELP WANTED - Do you have organizational skills but may not want to tutor?** Our organization has over 500 volunteers in 13 schools, and “it takes a village” to keep things running smoothly and efficiently “behind the scenes.” So, each month we show a list of people needed to help Tutors for Kids maintain its strong presence in the schools. We will train and support you.

Think about your skills, dedication, and time – these are critical roles in our organization!! If you can help in one of the following positions, email to: **tutors@tutors4kids.org**

1. **Board of Directors** – We need for four individuals to join our Board. Our Board meets four times per year for a two-hour session. Our organization is all volunteer. Each Board member is responsible for overseeing one of the sub-committees of the Board.
2. **School Tutor Coordinators** (STCs) are needed at: Belleview Santos; Beverly Shores; Wildwood Middle, Wildwood Elementary (grades 4-5). You will work with the tutors at the school.

3. **School Book Coordinator** (SBC) is needed at Belleview Santos. One person will order books and others are needed to help in the book room.
4. **Email Support for our main email address** - We receive about 15 emails a day and need someone who will manage these messages, including: responding to emails, and forwarding emails to the appropriate people.
5. **Write and Send Our Monthly Newsletter** - Two or three volunteers to develop, write, and send our monthly newsletter. Our newsletter is emailed to over 1,200 tutors, friends, and organizations.

**Amazon Smile** – Does Smile help? Yes, yes, yes. When you shop using the link below you will be taken to Amazon by way of Tutors for Kids. You do not pay any more, but we do get a small donation for everything you purchase. Thank you and keep shopping!

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

**Tutors for Kids, Inc.**  
**352-568-5843**

**Web:** **[www.tutorsforkidsinc.org](http://www.tutorsforkidsinc.org)**

**Email:** **[tutors@tutors4kids.org](mailto:tutors@tutors4kids.org)**

**2019 Book Grant for Lake and Sumter Counties from:**



**2018 and 2019 Book Grants for Tutors for Kids from:**



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