



# TUTORS FOR KIDS, INC.

September 2019

*Excited Children Eager to Learn  
Starting the 11th year 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.*

## TUTORS FOR KIDS KICKS OFF THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Mark your calendar for Wednesday, September 18, for our Tutors for Kids “kickoff” meeting – 3:00 p.m. -Lake Miona Recreation Center. This is an open event to everyone. You will hear:

- “What we do” and “How we do it”
- Returning tutors and their experiences/
- The next steps are for new tutors and returning tutors.
- Talk to our volunteers about questions you may have.
- Our grants donor United Way of Lake and Sumter will speak for a few moments on “How you can help”.

Do we have enough tutors for this year? – We have received 52 emails from tutor applicants who would like to join Tutors for Kids. We still need 48 more to sign up soon. So please continue to urge neighbors and friends who show an interest to call us at 352-568-5843. School has started, and students need tutors.

Tutor Orientation Dates - New tutor orientation is starting in September at the Belvedere Library off SR 466 (at CVS, turn at the light). If you are a new tutor, you selected one of these dates when you talk with our phone team.

They are from three to four hours on these dates:

- Thursday, September 12 - 1 – 4 PM
- Tuesday, September 24 - 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM
- Thursday, October 3 - 1 – 4 PM
- Tuesday, October 22 - 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM
- Thursday, November 7 - 1 – 4 PM
- Tuesday, November 19 - 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM
- Thursday, December 5 - 1 – 4 PM
- January – TBD

Our phone number is 352-568-5843.

Repeat Where are Our Greatest Needs? – The Daily Sun ran several news stories and reported several schools that have an urgent need for more help - meaning tutors. Here are the ones who need you.

In **Lake County** - three schools requesting help - **Beverly Shores, Leesburg, and Rimes Early Learning Center** - all Leesburg, a short drive from the southern section of the Villages. In each school we want to double the number of tutors.

In **Marion County** - three schools - **Belleview, Belleview Santos, and Marion Oaks** - all a short drive from the central and northern sections of the Villages. To make an impact we want to double our tutors in these schools.

Grants and Donations – Generous donors and grantors have brought us funds to support our tutoring and book program (K of C Council 142200 - - - We send gracious thanks and appreciation to all!!

Fund raiser for Tutors for Kids - Knights of Columbus, Council 13300, has a fund raiser at the Lopez Legacy Restaurant in the Villages on Wednesday, September 11 from 11 AM to 9 PM. Suleiman Restaurants will graciously donate a percentage of your food and drink bill to our selected charity. This fund raiser will benefit the Tutors for Kids organization.

For us to receive the restaurant’s donation, you must provide your server with this coupon. In addition, please write “K of C” at the top of the bill you receive from your server, and then leave it in the credit card folder.

The coupon you need is in the link in the email accompanying this newsletter.

Give a Hoot 6 – the Folk Singers of the Villages Pop Chorus will again sponsor a ‘folk music concert’ for the benefit of Tutors for Kids and another local charity.

**October 22 – at 6:00 PM** at North Lake Presbyterian Church. Tickets go on sale September 12<sup>th</sup>.

## This Month’s Featured School

Belleview Santos Elementary –.located past Belleview Center on SR 27/441. When you travel north and pass Pasta Faire restaurant on your right and past the now closed K-Mart, on the right, within a mile, after a little hill on your left. Is the school. Turn left at the traffic light (Papa John’s pizza restaurant) and drive into the school again on your left.

We are in our eleventh year here. It is the school where Tutors for Kids was “born” with six tutors. It is still one our

neediest schools. It has almost 100% of Title One students.

Kimberly White is the new principal this year – and she has a few new teachers. We met with her just before school opened. She has asked us to double the number of tutors at the school.

Why? Tutors have made a significant contribution in helping students improve their reading and math skills. The school has come a long way in the ratings from the State. At one time, it was a “D” school and last year was just one point shy of a “B” ranking. You can help them get to the coveted “B” status and then onward to an “A”.

An “A” ranking for a school that is labelled as a “Title One” school is a huge accomplishment.

### **SUPPORT OUR SUPPORTERS**

**Carousel** - Our webmaster and database guru, Tim Casey, is directing Carousel. It is the second **musical** written in 1945 by the team of **Richard Rodgers** (music) and **Oscar Hammerstein II** – November 14 and 15 at the Savannah Center.

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

- October 22 – 6:00 – “Give a Hoot 6” (to support local charities – including Tutors for Kids)
- December 2 – 3:00 and 6:00 – “That’s What Christmas Means to Me”

**Help Wanted Answered** – Each month we include our Help Wanted section. This month we are recognizing some of the generous people who have recently answered our ‘call.’ We are so thankful. It helps to keep our volunteer program running smoothly. Thank you to:

**Georgia Iliff** and **Pat Lau**, Belleview Santos, are the new STC (Georgia) and SBC (Pat) for the entire school

**Suzan Cresto**, Belleview Elementary, is doing both responsibilities as the School Book Coordinator (SBC) and the School Tutor Coordinator (STC).

**Debbie Mailloux**, Wildwood Elementary, has offered to help Grade 4 and 5 as the STC in addition to Grade 3.

**Josephine Morello**, Wildwood Middle High School, has stepped up to assume the role of School Tutor Coordinator (STC) for the 24+ tutors at the school.

**Karen Vitro, Chuck Ramberg, Mary Jane Moeller, Jeanne Petullo, Lisa George, Chris Meinholz, Mary Jane Gordon, Barbara McCloskey** are our new presenters and substitutes for new tutor orientation – starting in September.

**Stephanie Cronin** and **Gerri LaMura** both stepped up to help on the phone intake team.

**Sandy Behenna** and **Martha Friedman** both joined our Board of Directors.

WOW!! A HUGE thank you to all!!

**REPEAT - HELP WANTED - Do you have organizational skills but may not want to tutor?** Our organization has over 500 volunteers in 12 schools, and “it takes a village” to keep things going “behind the scenes.” If you can help in one of the following positions, email to: [tutors@tutors4kids.org](mailto:tutors@tutors4kids.org)

1. **School Tutor Coordinators** (STCs) are needed at: Leesburg Elementary, Rimes Early Learning Center
2. **School Book Coordinators** (SBCs) at Stanton Weirsdale
3. **Write and Send Our Monthly Newsletter** - Two or three volunteers to develop, write, and send our monthly newsletter.

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