



TUTORS FOR KIDS, INC.

October 2019

Excited Children Eager to Learn
Celebrating 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.

In Memoriam – We are sad to learn of the sudden death of Elizabeth Regule, who tutored at Belleview Santos Elementary for more than six years. She worked, not only in the classroom, but also in the Media Center helping the Media Coordinator, Terri Robinson, in a thousand big and little 'have to do things'.

Elizabeth was a model tutor. She was kind, welcoming, and very skilled at working even with the hardest student. Our condolences to her family. We will miss her.

In Memoriam – We are sad to learn of the death of Leesburg tutor, Pat Moore. Pat was a dedicated tutor whose volunteering at Leesburg Elementary started before she joined Tutors for Kids three years ago. She offered to help with the books at Leesburg – and then stepped up to be a School Tutor Coordinator (STC) – and her dedication continued when she joined our phone intake team. Our condolences to go her family and friends. She will be missed.

Tutor Meeting – We start our bi-monthly tutor meetings on **Wednesday, October 23, 3:00 – at Lake Miona Rec Center.** "Effective Ways to Praise." Based on Carol Dweck's groundbreaking work presented in her book, *Mindsets*, we will look at ways to praise children. Whether with students or our own grandchildren, we want our praise to encourage children towards success.

We will explore the difference between encouraging *fixed* and *growth* mindsets. In a *fixed* mindset, we tell children how smart they are; in a *growth* mindset, we praise children for how hard they worked. Research concludes that children who are praised for working hard and persisting are significantly more successful. We will learn ways to praise children that encourage a growth mindset. This is a great opportunity for you to meet other tutors and exchange ideas and techniques. So, mark your calendar: **Wednesday, October 23, 3:00 – at Lake Miona Rec Center**

An Additional Tutor Orientation Date – Good news!! We have 100+ new tutor applicants – and have added an additional orientation date – **Friday, October 18, 9:30 to 12:30** - Belvedere Library off SR 466 (at CVS, turn at the light). New tutors - you selected one of these dates when you talked with our phone team. Our phone number is 352-568-5843.

- Friday, October 18 - 9:30 AM – 12:30 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

Do You Speak a Little Spanish? - If you speak a little or are very proficient in Spanish, Wildwood Middle High School needs your immediate help? Students are from Guatemala who speak only Spanish want to learn English and catch up on their grades. This is a huge task. But the students want to learn both English and their studies. They are willing. If you can help, please email Josie Morello at J.Morello@tutorsforkidsinc.org

Can You Help with Fifth Grade Math? - If you can, Wildwood Elementary needs several Grade 5 math tutors. At a basic level, students need to learn their 'times tables.' You remember how important the 'times table' were to do multiplication or long division. Email Debbie Mailloux debbie.mailloux@tutorsforkidsinc.org.

Hello - Wildwood Tutors – You have a GREAT group of School Tutor Coordinators (STCs) who help the tutors at the school. And, we need your help. There are over 100 tutors at Wildwood, and we need two additional STCs for Grades 4 and 5. We will train and support you at every step. If you can help, please email Debbie Mailloux (address above).

Update on Tutors for This Year – Our phone team has busily talked with over 100 new tutors – WOW!! If you have "spread the word," thank you – and continue to urge neighbors and friends to call us at 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.

In **Lake County** - two schools - **Beverly Shores and Leesburg** – both in Leesburg, a short drive from the southern section of the Villages.

In **Marion County** - three schools - **Belleview, Belleview Santos, and Marion Oaks** - all a short drive from the central and northern sections of the Villages..

Grants and Donations – Generous donors and grantors have brought us funds to support our tutoring and book program (Friends of the Villages Library)- - We send gracious thanks and appreciation!!

Fund Raiser for Tutors for Kids - The Knights of Columbus Council 13300 is sponsoring charity event to support Tutors for Kids. Are you interested in playing night golf?

If so, details: **Thursday, November 7th at 4:45** p.m. at the Saddlebrook Executive Golf Course (near the intersection of CR466 and Buena Vista Blvd).

Open to all Villagers (you must have your Village ID). The cost is \$25 per golfer, and it includes glow balls, four different types of pizza, water, three challenge tickets (Putt, Chip, Drive) and one cash drawing raffle ticket.

They can accommodate up to 72 players. Last year, the player slots filled quickly, and there was a waiting list. If you, and any of your Villager friends and neighbors would like to play, or if you have any questions, please contact either:

Don Schlueter: (352) 391-3551 donandpaddie@gmail.com
Jim LoBue: (410) 271-1939 jjlobue@verizon.net

This Month's Featured School

Fruitland Park Elementary – at 304 W Fountain St, Fruitland Park, FL 34731-3122. The school is located at the south end of SR 466A. If driving south go to the last traffic light and turn right. Take the second right – be careful these are small streets. The school is a quarter mile down on the right. It has 80% of Title One students.

Mrs. Tammy Langley is the principal in her fourth year and is passionate about her students' achievements. The school has 730+ students.

Tutors have made a significant contribution in helping students improve their reading and math skills. The school has consistently scored a "C" rating by the state of Florida. You can help them get to the coveted "B" status. Of the bottom quartile of students, 46 percent achieved learning gains during the last school year!!

SUPPORT OUR SUPPORTERS

Carousel - Our webmaster and database guru, Tim Casey, is directing Carousel. It is the second **musical** written by the team of **Richard Rodgers** (music) and **Oscar Hammerstein II** – **November 14, 15, 16** at the Savannah Center.

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.

Rotary Club of the Villages – Evening – Several members of this Rotary club are tutoring at Harbour View Elementary – and the club has "adopted" Harbour View. Their 5th annual Private Polo BBQ Mercedes Car Show is **November 16**. Interact with horses and players and learn about polo. For tickets contact Mike Roth at 513-646-6523

The Villages Pops Chorus – Upcoming concert: December 2 – 3:00 and 6:00 – "That's What Christmas Means to Me"

Help Wanted Answered – We graciously recognize 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:

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. Three sessions so far!! WOW!! A HUGE thank you to all!!

REPEAT - HELP WANTED - Do you have organizational skills but may not want to tutor? "It takes a village" to keep things going "behind the scenes." If you can help in one of these areas, email to: tutors@tutors4kids.org

1. **School Book Coordinators** (SBC) at Stanton Weirsdale
2. **Write and Send Our Monthly Newsletter** - Two or three volunteers to develop, write, and send our monthly newsletter.

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