



TUTORS FOR KIDS, INC

Celebrating 12 years of Tutoring Children

Excited children eager to learn

FEBRUARY 2021 NEWSLETTER

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.

What's Happening

We have a new email for the newsletter. You can send me articles to include in the newsletter, questions, suggestions, and ways to improve the newsletter. The new email is:

news@tutors4kids.org

The Board of Directors for Tutors

for Kids had their annual Strategic Planning meeting by way of Zoom on Monday January 25, 2021 at 3pm.

Each year the board sets aside time to discuss and plan for the future of Tutors for Kids.

This year there were 4 subcommittees and they discussed:

Technology and its importance to the development of our organization.

Starting Up – What we must do now if schools allow volunteers into the schools in August.

Funding and Communication – Grant money for 15,000 books and our needs are getting harder to come by. We need to find other alternatives. We also need to plan for publicity and public speaking events.

Leadership – Our Board is currently at 12 members. It is a working Board of Directors. Each board member has several responsibilities. We need to develop and expand the Board with these responsibilities in mind.

Help Wanted – We have need of three volunteers who can work from home.

TWO of these volunteers are needed to help us track our tutor teacher assignments in the classrooms and our book distribution process at each school. You will be supporting our School Tutor Coordinators (STCs) and School Book Coordinators (SBCs). There is some data entry involved.

ONE of these volunteers will be working on our email system called Mail Chimp. We have about 1,500 recipients of our newsletter each month. Also there are other emails that go out during the month. If you can help please reply to our news email called news@tutors4kids.org

Behind the Scenes...

1. **Head Tutor Coordinator (HTC)** – Initially, this is Frank and Carolyn (or their designee). This is the role that initially oversees the entry of tutors' information into the database and assigns the tutor to an STC.
2. **Phone Interviewer (Phonies)**– These are three or more people who interview and “vet” new tutors as they inquire about the program. If possible, they identify the school and grade preferences for new tutors and pass along information to the appropriate STC(s).
3. **Data Entry Volunteer(s)** – These are people who enter new tutors into the database and may assign the tutor to an STC – as well as other data entry projects.
4. **School Tutor Coordinator (STC)** –These are the “ambassadors” between your school and tutors and Tfk. The role are defined in an STC manual.
5. **School Volunteer Coordinator (SVC)** – Although this is NOT a Tfk person, the SVC is the primary school contact to process volunteer applications, coordinate with teachers, and other school personnel. Depending on the school, this could be a specific volunteer coordinator or an assistant principal or a dean, or a media coordinator. (Of course, the actual activity may vary by school – flexibility is critical!!)
6. **New Tutor Applicant** – These are new volunteers joining the program – who have not yet been approved by the county in which they will volunteer – or have not yet participated in Tfk's orientation. In the database they are “pending” until the county approves their volunteer application.
7. **Returning Tutors** – Obviously, these are tutors who have volunteered in the past. Depending on the county, they may need to do a new volunteer application – and they may (or may not) want to change teachers.
8. **Orienteers** – These are the people who have volunteered to help with initial training of new tutors and monthly ongoing workshops for all tutors.

9. **Schools** – Each school in Lake, Marion, or Sumter County that Tfk works with has an acronym in our lexicon and database.

10. **School Book Coordinators (SBC)** – These are tutors who have offered to help stock, distribute, and track books in some schools. Having books in the schools gives tutors more convenience in distributing books to their students and classrooms.

APPENDIX A - LIST OF SCHOOL ABBREVIATIONS

BEE	Bellevue Elementary
BEV	Beverly Shores Elementary
BSE	Bellevue Santos Elementary
ESE	Emerald Shores Elementary
FPE	Fruitland Park Elementary
HVE	Harbour View Elementary
LEE	Leesburg Elementary
MOE	Marion Oaks Elementary
RES	Rimes Elementary School (Rimes Early Learning Center Grades pre-K through Grade 2)
SWE	Stanton Weirsdale Elementary
VEL	Villages Elementary
WWE	Wildwood Elementary
WWMHS	Wildwood Middle School
OTHER	Other

[Mailing Address for Tutors for Kids](#) - If you need to reach us by mail, our new address is:

**Tutors for Kids Inc.
2518 Burnsed Blvd.
Suite 339
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If you need to call, our central number is 352-568-5843

Did You Know –

Tutors for Kids is a 501 (c) (3) organization. This means that your contributions are tax-deductible. Did you also know that Tutors for Kids has an endowment with the Central Florida Foundation which also accepts tax-deductible contributions? Finally, did you know that Tutors for Kids has an account with Merrill Lynch that can take tax deductible-contributions such as stocks or other securities.

In future newsletters we will give you more detailed information

[Amazon Smile Contributes to Tutors for Kids](#)

Do you find yourself turning to on-line shopping more than ever due to Covid-19 Did you realize that when you shop on-line at Amazon Smile, Amazon gives to Tutors for Kids? This only happens if you and your family sign in using:

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

This names Tutors for Kids as your charity. Shop as you usually do. A portion of your purchase will go to Tutors for Kids. The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 1/2% of the purchase price from your eligible AmazonSmile purchases.

There is NO cost to charitable organizations or to AmazonSmile customers. Customers will have access to the same products, features, services, and great low prices as on Amazon.com, but you must use the Amazon Smile link above.

The amount of money given to Tutor for Kids from Amazon Smile through 2020 was \$288.57 With that money we were able to buy 300 books, AND, we would like to increase that amount for 2021!!



EVERY LITTLE BIT COUNTS.

FEBRUARY GAME Valentine words

Unscramble the words below:

1) ayCdn _____

2) arCd _____

3) hrmCa _____

4) hacoltoCe _____

5) uipCd _____

6) Ferlwos _____

7) veroerF _____

8) inFedr _____

9) tGif _____

10) earth _____

Answers in March newsletter

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2020 Book Grant for Lake and Sumter Counties from:



2019-2020 Book Grants for Tutors for Kids from:

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



Rotary Club of
The Villages-Noon



Answers to January
Trivia questions.

1. How many amendments does the Constitution have? **27**
2. What is the economic system in the U.S.? **Capitalist/ market economy**
3. The *Federalist Papers* supported the passage of the Constitution. Name ONE of the writers. **James Madison, Alexander Hamilton, John Jay**
4. What is ONE thing Benjamin Franklin is famous for? **Helped draft the Declaration of Independence and U.S. Constitution, writer, inventor, scientist, diplomat, printer, politician, and many more accomplishments**
5. Who lived in America before the Europeans arrived? **Native Americans**
6. What did Susan B. Anthony do? **Fought for women's rights**