



TUTORS FOR KIDS, INC

Celebrating 12 years of Tutoring Children

Excited children eager to learn

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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.

School is Starting – We need your help. There are two volunteer sectors where your help is greatly appreciated. The first is helping behind the scenes. The second is actively tutoring in the schools.

1. **First calling ‘behind the scenes volunteers’**

we need your help. Most of these positions you can do at home on your computer. Each position would average two hours a month. Here are a few of our needs:

- Someone to help us on our **Mail Chimp** program. We will train you! Mail Chimp is an email system which sends out our monthly newsletter and other emails.
- Three people to help on Data Entry, Facebook, and Website. **Data Entry** involves helping our lead data entry person on entering information on new tutors applying to our program. We will train you but you need to feel comfortable on your computer beyond just email. **Facebook and Twitter** involves taking over our Facebook page and bringing it up to date. You must understand Facebook and be somewhat competent and comfortable.
- **Website** you will be maintaining our website and adding new information as submitted by various groups of our volunteers. You need to have some basic knowledge of websites and will work closely with our systems group.
- We need backup help for our Treasurer and Secretary. These positions are busy during the first few months of the school year. We will train you.
- **Board Members** are needed. Tutors for kids is an all-volunteer organization. Prior to the pandemic the organization had over 500 tutors working in twelve schools where they tutor approximately 2,500 students each month. The Board is an active board where member take on various tasks. The Board meets 4 times per year.

2. **How Many Tutors Do We Need?** - As we mentioned above, pre-pandemic, there were over 500 volunteer tutors. For safety reasons the schools cancelled all volunteers for almost two years. As a result, this decision left a large number of students who were not at grade level to begin in danger of falling further behind. After two years they are struggling even more to keep up. (Continue next column)

So how many tutors to we need to begin to made a dent in the actual need that these students have? Well we do not need a dozen or two dozen. **We need many tutor volunteers to answer the call starting in mid-September.** (Remember the teachers need a few weeks to determine which of their students need our help)

Meeting Your Student – What is it like to meet your student(s)? Once you have been approved by the County and assigned to a teacher you are set to go. But before you walk into the classroom you must wonder: “What will he or she be like?” There are hundreds of answers. Everything depends on the students’ brief but prior history and the personality they have developed. So be prepared during your first hours. Your student may be very **EXCITED** to see you and very talkative.

This is a great start. **BUT** another student may be very shy and withdrawn and talking very softly. **WHILE** another student has trouble concentrating and following your directions. None of these situations is unusual. There is a dozen possibilities.

What should I do? The most important behavior on your part is to show that you are interested in them and want to help. Relationship take time. Once that happens you will notice. Be patient even if it takes a few weeks. I once had a fifth grade boy whom I tutored in reading and math. We met each week for 45 minutes. From August to January his conversation with me consisted of two words: YUP and NOPE. Finally, in January he opened up. Be consistent. It will work!



We will continue the spotlight articles next month..

So far, I have only 1 person in the spotlight. Board members have been in the spotlight for about a year now, but I need more people to step up. All I need is a short biography of your past life and how you became involved with Tutors for Kids. Also, include a picture we may use in the newsletter. Send to news@tutors4kids.org

Sorry this newsletter is late, I have been on vacation and did not have time to complete it before I left. We spent 17 days in London, Scotland, and Norway. What a fabulous trip and the weather was so refreshing. Hated to come back to our Florida summer...

School will be starting next month (August) and we will start the new school year. Most tutors will go back in September, after the teacher has a chance to evaluate the class. **Please continue to talk to your friends and neighbors about tutoring this year.** (Judy O'Neill - Editor)

Math Questions: (answers next month)

1. What does Roman numeral C equal?
2. What is the perimeter of a circle called?
3. An improper fraction is always greater than what number?
4. What is the square root of 144?
5. What is 3 squared?

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