

LAWYERS for literacy

Helping Children Read to Succeed



2017-2018
Newsletter

Mayor Kriseman to Speak at Kickoff Social Nov. 30 at St. Petersburg Yacht Club 6:00-8:00pm

St. Petersburg Mayor Rick Kriseman will visit and speak with tutors, sponsors and school leaders at the upcoming Lawyers for Literacy (LFL) Kickoff social at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club, Thursday evening Nov. 30, 2017.

Mayor Kriseman, an attorney himself, will speak to efforts in improving the well-being and growth of the community by working with the school youth and

literacy.

LFL's volunteer tutors are gathered largely, but not exclusively, from the legal community. Lawyers, judges, office staff as well as professionals from other disciplines, working and retired, make up the tutoring effort in 20



Rick Kriseman

schools in the Tampa Bay Area.

The goal is to help the selected 3rd graders pass the reading portion of the challenging Florida Standards Assessments test (FSA) given in April.

Passing the FSA ensures

failing can cause them to be held back and in doing so greatly increase their chances of not graduating from high school and turning to anti-social or criminal behavior. Research indicates that students who do not read at grade level by the end of 3rd grade are very likely to not read at grade level for the remainder of their school years. **LFL**

students will be promoted;

St. Pete Bar and Lawyers for Literacy Call for Tutors

The St. Petersburg Bar Association in cooperation with Lawyers for Literacy (LFL) has issued a call for bar members to answer the need for reading tutors at three of five St. Petersburg's elementary schools that are tagged in the media as "failure factories".

Tutors at **Campbell Park, Maximo, and Lakewood** elementary schools and 17 other schools that Lawyers for Literacy serves, will go in teams to the school once a week for 12 weeks starting in January.

Tutors meet with their student in the media center or other available space.

LFL materials includes books, reading improvement materials, and a week-by-week workbook which each tutor goes through side-by-side with his or her student.

There is no advanced preparation for each week's lesson which allows tutors to focus on building rapport with their young student and instilling a zest for reading!

If a tutor must be absent, another tutor simply takes his or his student too — it is easy!

Students also read with their tutor from the 10 books that each student receives and are made possible by sponsors and individual donations to Lawyers for Literacy.

New tutors are asked to come forward now before December 7 so as to give time to attend a one-hour orientation over the lunch hour and also be acknowledged by the school system as an approved volunteer before the December holiday break. Tutoring begins the week of January 8, 2018 at most schools. **LFL**

A Snapshot



- May 2017 - 97% of LFL tutored 3rd graders improved and were promoted to 4th grade
- Over 775 students have been tutored since 2003
- Over 11,000 books have been given to students.
- Over 350 volunteers have served as student tutors
- Number of schools served since 2003 — 31
- Over 1/3 of current LFL tutors have tutored 5 or more years. Tutoring is rewarding!

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Sponsorships and Donations Make All Possible

Each year donations allow LFL to continue to assist elementary schools served previously and consider serving additional schools in Tampa Bay.

Thanks to contributions by organizations, businesses and individuals thus far, four new schools have been added for 2018—Lanier Elementary in South Tampa plus Campbell Park, Lakewood, and Maximo—all in St. Petersburg. School principals at Lealman and Sawgrass Lake Elementary have requested LFL tutoring help but that expansion has been put on hold pending finding additional tutors as well as funds for books and tutor-student materials.

Sponsorship for seven of the 20 schools starting in January has been secured including for Macfarlane Park Elementary in Tampa, sponsored by attorney

& LFL tutor, **Ken Scaz** of Golden Scaz Gagain.

Sponsoring schools in St. Petersburg are **Silvia and Dan Leeper** for Sandlerlin K-8 Magnet School where they also tutor; **Peter and Marion Fleming** for New Heights Elementary where Peter tutored and mentored for several years; for Jamerson Elementary **Scott Wagman and Beth Houghton** both of whom have tutored, Scott for many years at Jamerson.

Attorney **Jeanette Secor** is sponsoring for Gulfport Elementary where she will tutor. **Bill McQueen** stepped forward to sponsor at Campbell Park Elementary where his Legacy Protection Lawyers firm will be tutoring. Sponsoring again for North Shore Elementary are Realtor **Liz Heinkel** and her attorney husband **Larry Heinkel**.

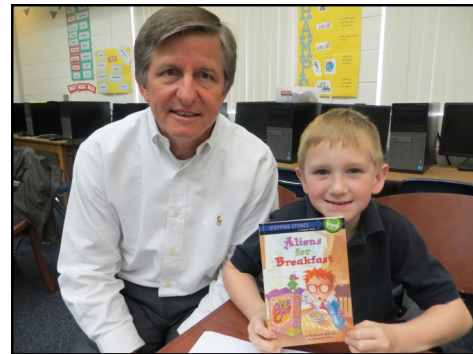
Additional school spon-

sors of \$1000 donation are being sought for the remaining schools in Tampa, Clearwater and St. Petersburg. Please contact the LFL office if you can help!

Support has come again from the **Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office Charities** in the form of a Community Enrichment Grant for 2018.

Key donations have been received from the **St. Petersburg Bar Foundation**, the **H.C. Gemmer Family Christian Foundation**, **Junior League of St. Petersburg**, and **Clearwater Bar Foundation**.

Individual donations toward 2018 tutoring have already been received from: **Linda Suzanne Griffin**, **Lucas and Tara Fleming**, **Barbara Marshall**, **Carla Hahn**, **Lisa and Scott Johni**, **Mary Evertz**, and **Beth and Michael Casey**. **LFL**



Attorney Tim Miller and elementary student Kody Casper

"You are a Blessing" says Parent to Tutor

Mr. Miller,
I wanted to send you a special thank-you for helping my son Kody Casper over the school year with the Lawyers for Literacy program.

You helped Kody achieve passing his big test and building him into a better reader. I know you must have a busy schedule, but the time you gave my son—we appreciated very much.

Thanks so much from our hearts. You are a blessing.

Barbara Casper



Large portions of the LFL Read-to-Succeed Program are made possible by contributions from these organizations:

**H.C. Gemmer
Family Christian
Foundation**



Law Offices Lead Tutoring on Each Side of the Bay

An office community service project with



Harris & Hunt, P.A.

Lawyers for Literacy is what firms are doing on each side of the Bay for 2018.

The **Harris & Hunt, P.A.** office displays their wall of student thank you awards received the past 10 years. Lead by

Nancy Harris and Joseph Hunt, they will be providing tutors at the Rampello Magnet School in Downtown Tampa.

In St. Petersburg, the **Legacy Protection Lawyers** office headed by Bill McQueen, President of the St. Petersburg Bar

Association, is setting the example for office participation with LFL by tutoring 3rd grade students at St. Petersburg's Campbell Park Elementary.

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Legacy Protection Lawyers

What Educators Say About the LFL Read-to-Succeed Program

My Lawyers for Literacy student just LOVES it! - *Jennifer Cocio—74th St. Elementary*

On tutoring day a LFL student told his classmate he

could not have lunch with saying "I have to meet with my Lawyer!" *Michele McMoneagle—Rampello*

Our LFL students ALWAYS

remind me when it is their tutoring day. *Rebecca Carroll — 74th St. Elementary.*

The students arrive in the media center so excited to

read with their tutors. I have nothing but good things to say about the LFL program!

Stephanie Kurleman—Belleair Elementary LFL

Become a LFL Tutor and Have an Impact on a Young Student's Life !

Do you have time over your lunch hour once a week for twelve weeks to help a young student who needs to read better?

Step forward NOW, so as to be in place in January and Tell a Friend!

- Orientation to our easy to follow step-by-step tutoring program takes just an hour.
- We place you with a team of tutors going to

the same school on the same day and time. Each tutor has his or her own student throughout.

- There is no in-advance preparation to each tutoring session. You'll go through the provide workbook together side-by-side.
- You will be increasing the student's self-esteem as well as reading skill. You will be a positive role model.

- You will be giving needed encouragement and support to a child that often gets too little.
- If you have to miss a session, other tutors cover by taking your student along with theirs.
- Choose from 20 schools in Pinellas and Hillsborough counties.
- In short, you will make a large lifelong impact on a child's life! LFL



Kristen Taylor, a Glenn Gomer Law Office attorney, with her student in Tampa.



LFL Tutors . Spring . 2017



School Tutoring Schedules—2018

Adam Brouillet
Alexis Campisi
Alicia Conroyd
Amanda Bettker
Amber Hill
Amy Reagan
Amy San Marco
Angelica DiMarco
Antoine Daniels
Ashley Valenzuela
Barbara Marshall
Beatriz Schneikart
Belinda Green
Beth Jenkins Casey
Bill Schneikart
Brittney Bacon
Bryon Kennedy
Caitlin Costa
Cammi Marcheterre
Carol Hardie
Carol Smith
Carol Treichel
Carrie Pilon
CeCe Ingle
Christine Derr
Cinzia Duncan
Dan Leeper
Dana Greenbaum
Danielle Martin
David Greenless
Diana Libby
Diana Myers
Donna Look
Dr. L. J. Rose
Eric Brooks
Eric Ochoterena
Erin King
George Dauler

Glenn Gomer
Gloria Reyes
Jackie Shannon
Jacqueline Glade
Jeanette Secor
Jeannine Williams
Jennifer Kennedy
Jere Anderson
Jerry Blevins
Jode Eye
Joe Hunt
Joe Murphy
John Castro
Jordan Isringhaus
Joseph Registrato
Judy Howland
Judy Storey
Julie Cline
Julie Nichols
Karen Brammer
Katherine Scott
Kathryn Hynes
Kathy Panter
Kathy Stover
Kelly Thompson
Ken Scaz
Kevin Temaul
Kim Hamill
Kimberly Nunez
Kit Crouner
Kristen Taylor
Laura Ankenbruck
Laura Holler
Lee Casteris
Leslie Schillig
Linda Winton
Lisa Johni
Liz Stiles

Lucas Fleming
Maria Rawls
Marisa Johns
Mark Schillig
Marsha Savage
Marty Deptula
Mary Haberland
Mary Jane Dann
Mary Smith
Megan Jarrett
Melisa Bodnar
Nancy Biesinger
Nancy Harris
Nathan Bruemmer
Nathaniel Jones
Nichole Blaquiére
Nick Griffin
Nick Rinaldo
Pam Cichon
Pam Morefield
Penny Weston
Phillip Drake
Ross Felsher
Sarah Gottlieb
Sharon Vollrath
Silvia Leeper
Steve Galvin
Steve Graves
Sugar-pi Wiedeburg
Susan Clark
Susan Delemeester
Susanne Dauler
Tammy O'Brien
Theresa Richardson
Trumon Phillips
Tyler Niermann
Valery Hendry

CLEARWATER

Belleair Elementary
Tuesdays 11:25-12:10pm

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North Shore Elementary
Tuesdays 10:15-11:00am

Northwest Elementary
Tuesdays 11:00-11:45am

New Heights Elementary
Tuesdays 11:50-12:35pm

Gulfport Elementary
Tuesdays 12:50-1:35pm

Bear Creek Elementary
Wednesdays 11:15-12:00pm

☀ **Lakewood Elementary**
Wednesdays 11:35-12:20pm

Jamerson Elementary
Wednesdays 12-1pm

74th St. Elementary
Wednesdays 12:15-1:00pm

☀ **Maximo Elementary**
Wednesdays 11:55-12:40pm

Sanderlin Elementary
Thursdays 11:45-12:30pm

Sexton Elementary
Thursdays 12:15-1:00pm

☀ **Campbell Park Elementary**
Thursdays 12:25-1:10pm

TAMPA

Dunbar Elementary
Mondays 11:00-11:45am

Shore Elementary
Mondays 11:00-11:45

☀ **Lanier Elementary**
Mondays 12:00-12:45

Roland Park K-8 Magnet
Thursdays 11:15-12:00pm

Macfarlane Park
Thursdays 12:00-12:45pm

Rampello K-8 Magnet
Fridays 11:15-12:00 & 12:15-1:00

Channelside Academy
Fridays 11:40-12:25pm

☀ - New school for 2018

2017-2018 Calendar

- **November 30, 2017**
Kick-off Social @ St. Petersburg Yacht Club 6:00-8:00pm
- **December 7, 2017 noon-1pm**
Pinellas New Tutor Orientation
- **December 12, 2017 noon-1pm**
Hillsborough New Tutor Orientation
- **January 9-12, 2018**
Tutoring begins
- **April 2-6, 2018**
Tutoring concludes



Hillsborough County Sheriff Chad Chronister presents LFL President & Founder Lucas Fleming with a donation as part of HCSO Charities' Community Enrichment Program.

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