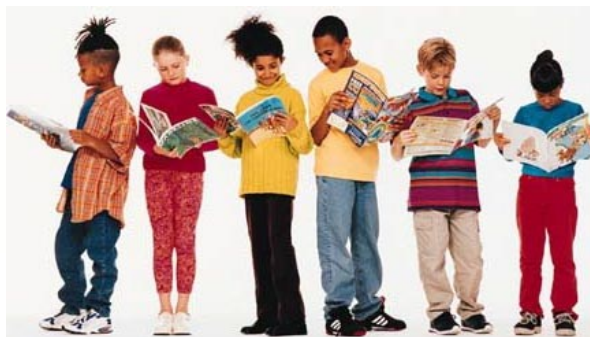


LAWYERS for literacy

Helping Children Read to Succeed



2017
Newsletter

Banner Year Starts with January 26th Social & Awards Event



Dr. Michael A. Grego,
Superintendent
Pinellas County Schools

17 Participating LFL Elementary Schools

- **St Petersburg**
74th St.
Bear Creek
Gulfport
Jamerson
New Heights
North Shore
Northwest
Pasadena
Sanderlin
Sexton
- **Clearwater**
Belleair
- **Tampa**
Channelside
Dunbar
Macfarlane Park
Rampello
Roland Park
Shore

Lawyers for Literacy (LFL) tutors along with donors, sponsors, and elementary school leaders will gather for the group's annual kickoff on the evening of January 26, 2017 at the home of LFL Founder and President

Lucas Fleming and his wife Tara Fleming.

The LFL organization is celebrating having risen from an initial reading event at Perkins Elementary in St. Petersburg in 2003 to providing personal reading tutors to over 110 at-risk students at 17 Hillsborough and Pinellas County schools this year - a record number of schools and tutors!

Dr. Michael A. Grego, Superintendent of Pinellas County Schools, will speak to the group on the importance of Lawyers For Literacy's work with the elementary school third graders in the public schools.

Superintendent Grego's comments will center on the work of LFL's volunteer tutors who are gathered largely but not exclusively from the legal community. Assistance is given to third graders in building their reading skills in order to pass the reading portion of the Florida Standards Assessments (FSA) test given in late March that

determine a student's readiness for promotion to fourth grade.

This year's event gives the opportunity to recognize Mary Jane Dann, former Principal at Jamerson Elementary, for her 10 years of tutoring service. She joins tutors Amy San Marco, Dana Greenbaum, and Scott Wagman who have previously attained the same mark.

Also being recognized are four tutors from Tampa and seventeen from Pinellas County who have met with students each year for five years. Forty-six tutors have been honored for five years of tutoring. ■

LFL Students Advance: Tutoring Made A Difference

94% of Students Tutored Promoted to 4th Grade

Statistics show that students who may not have advanced to 4th grade because of low reading skills benefited from LFL tutor assistance.

Last school year 94% of students tutored improved and were promoted. Tutors and their third grade students focused on preparing for the reading portion of the required Florida Standards Assessments (FSA) exam.

Tutoring takes place once a week over three months in advance of the FSA exam which, for third graders, is the first time they faced a single test that largely determines whether they will be promoted to fourth grade. ■

Donations Make All Possible

Each year donations allow LFL to continue to answer calls for assistance from elementary schools served previously and make it possible to consider serving additional schools.

Three new schools have been added for 2017—North Shore, Sexton, and Pasadena Fundamental which brings the total number of schools tutored to 17 covering both sides of the Bay. “17 in ‘17” !!! More than 110 tutor-student pairs will be in action starting the first week of January.

Books & materials have been sponsored at five elementary schools thus far: Macfarlane Park Elementary in Tampa is sponsored by attorney & tutor there, **Ken Scaz**.

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.

Jeanette Secor - for Pasadena Fundamental where she tutors in her sixth year with LFL.

School sponsors for 2017 and 2018 are being sought for the remaining schools. Can you help?!

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

Key donations have been received from the **St. Petersburg Bar Foundation** and the **H.C. Gemmer Family Christian Foundation**.

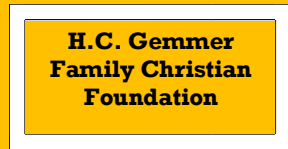
Much appreciated also is support coming from the St. Petersburg chapters of the **Kiwanis** and **Rotary** community service organizations as well as the **West Florida Chapter of the Association of Corporate Counsel** and the **Junior League of St. Petersburg**.

LFL is a federal and state recognized charity. Donations are used to purchase books, materials and supplies used by students and their tutors.

Individual donations of any amount are also greatly appreciated.

Donations of \$150 enable LFL to bring the program to a child providing a personal tutor, reading improvement materials, and a starter library of high interest books which each student keeps. They are thrilled to get the books! ■

Significant portions of the LFL program are made possible by contributions from the following organizations:



“You are a Blessing” says Parent



Attorney Tim Miller and Woodlawn Elementary student Kody Casper

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 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

Hillsborough Co. Public Defenders Aid LFL Students



Joseph Registrato



Ashley Roura



Hillsborough County
13th Judicial District



Sharon Vollrath



Kevin Temaul

For the past five years tutors have come forward from the Hillsborough County Public Defender's Office, under Public Defender Julianne M. Holt, to help young students in LFL Read-to-Succeed Program at Tampa schools.

The PD13 office response at times has been the largest from any one firm or organization.

Ashley Roura who led the initial recruitment effort in 2013 said "We had an immediate and wonderful response in our office to LFL's call for volunteer tutors in 2013 and have provided tutors ever since."

"We always look for opportunities to give back to our community and LFL tutoring is very rewarding. We

were honored to be involved in the program" Roura said.

Roura and Kevin Temaul have each tutored three years. Joseph Registrato and Sharon Vollrath are in their second year working with students at Channelside Academy which is located across from the train station in downtown and a short walk from the PD's office.

LFL President Lucas Fleming said the assistance from the Hillsborough Public Defender's office was very much appreciated.

When by chance attorney-tutors leave the Public Defender's office, the draw in additional tutors. Antoine Daniels was with the Hillsborough Co. PD's group tutoring at Channelside Academy in 2015 and 2016. Not long thereafter he joined the Glenn Gomer Law Office and recruited five attorneys as new tutors helping students at Rowland Park K-8 Magnet school which is around the corner from the Gomer office in the Westshore District. ■

Offices and Groups Help LFL Meet the Call

There is no shortage of students needing one-on-one help the schools advise. And in meeting that call Lawyers for Literacy and

schools particularly benefit when groups volunteer from a single office or group. Leading in that for 2017 are is Harris & Hunt, P.A. with 12

tutors and seven from the Law Office of Glenn Gomer —both in Tampa. Two churches in St. Petersburg are providing tutors for

Sexton and North Shore Elementary — eight from St. Thomas and seven from Faith Covenant. Your office or group is welcome and needed! ■

Become Involved as a LFL Tutor in the Read-to-Succeed Program

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

If so, become a LFL reading tutor in January!

- 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 has their own / same student throughout.

- There is no in-advance preparation to each tutoring session. You work through the materials 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, fellow tutors cover by taking your student along with theirs.
- Choose from 17 schools in Pinellas and Hillsborough counties.
- In short, you will be making a large lifelong impact on a child's life! ■



Attorney Antoine Daniels with his student, Gary, at Channelside Academy which is one of six Hillsborough Co. elementary schools served by LFL in 2017.



LFL Tutors—Spring 2017



Adam Brouillet
Alexis Campisi
Alicia Conroyd
Amber Hill
Amy Reagan
Amanda Bettker
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
Christine Derr
Christine Hennes
CeCe Ingle
Cinzia Duncan
Dan Leeper
Dana Greenbaum
Danielle Martin
David Greenless
Diana Libby
Diana Myers
Donna Look
Dr. L. J. Rose
Ellen Cheek
Eric Ochoterena

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

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

School Tutoring Schedules

CLEARWATER

Belleair Elementary
Tuesdays 11:45-12:30pm

ST. PETERSBURG

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

Bear Creek Elementary
Wednesdays 12:05-12:50pm

Gulfport Elementary
Tuesdays 12:15-1:00pm

Jamerson Elementary
Wednesdays 12-1pm

New Heights Elementary
Tuesdays 10:30-11:15am

North Shore Elementary
Wednesdays 12:35-1:20pm

Northwest Elementary
Thursdays 11:00-11:45am

Pasadena Fundamental
Mondays 11:55-12:40pm

Sanderlin Elementary
Mondays 11:45-12:30pm

Sexton Elementary
Wednesdays 12:10-12:55pm

TAMPA

Channelside Academy
Fridays 11:40-12:25pm

Dunbar Elementary
Tuesdays 11:00-11:45am

MacFarlane Park
Thursdays 12:00-12:45pm

Rampello K-8 Magnet
Fridays 11:15-1:00pm; 2 shifts

Roland Park K-8 Magnet
Thursdays 11:45-12:30pm

Shore Elementary
Mondays 11:30-12:15pm

2017 Calendar

- **January 3-6**
Tutoring begins
- **January 26**
LFL Social Gathering at the home of Lucas & Tara Fleming
- **March 20-24**
Tutoring concludes
FSA testing begins March 27



Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office Chief Deputy Jose Docobo (L) presents LFL President & Founder Lucas Fleming with a donation as part of HCSO Charities' Community Enrichment Program.

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