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Tutor Communication

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Tutor/Learner Recognition and Annual Meeting

Thursday, June 9, 2016

Morning: 9:30-11:30 a.m.

or

Evening: 6:30- 8:30 p.m.

More information coming soon!

Tutor Tip



There are many benefits for reading out loud...especially for our Basic Readers and our English Language Learners. As a tutor, you can use these oral reading opportunities to determine whether or not your learner is reading correctly which would affect their comprehension. Additionally, it gives learners an opportunity to self-correct while reading. While learners might be embarrassed by reading aloud, remind them that Abraham Lincoln was among the many famous people who read aloud.

Lincoln's longtime law partner, William Herndon, described Lincoln's study habits this way:

Mr. Lincoln's habits . . . of reading law, politics, poetry, etc. . . . were to come into the office, . . .sprawl himself out on the sofa, chairs, etc., and read aloud, much to my annoyance. I have asked him often why he did so and his invariable reply was: "I catch the idea by two senses, for when I read aloud I hear what is read and I see it; and hence two senses get it and I remember it better"

Here are some recommendations for reading out loud:

1. Hand out copies of the reading passage.
2. Model the reading.
3. Check for comprehension.
4. Read the text out loud in unison.
5. Have the student read out loud.
6. Have the student practice at home.

7. At the next tutoring session have the student read out loud again - at this point you could record the student and let them hear their progress!

Reading aloud increases engagement with the text and promotes understanding. It also helps develop speaking skills and fluency.

NEW CITIZEN RECOGNITION

The City of Elgin will be honoring new citizens at the city council meeting on June 22, 2016 at 7 p.m. at the Centre of Elgin. If your learner, or anyone you know, has become a naturalized citizen since June of last year, please let us know so he/she can be invited to the ceremony.

BUNCO ORGANIZERS NEEDED

We are planning to host a Bunco fundraiser again this fall. Volunteers are needed to help organize this event, which will raise much-needed funding for the adult literacy program. If you can help, please [email](#) us with Bunco in the subject line.

Misc.

It's 311 Tip!

It's solicitor season. Look out for yourself and your neighbors. Here's what you need to know:

1. If you don't know who is at your door, don't feel compelled to answer.
2. If you do answer to unknown persons, never release your personal information OR let them into your home
3. All solicitors must have solicitor permits on file with the city. If you've answered and don't see the city-issued solicitor's identification tag, call Elgin Police at 847-289-2700.
4. If someone represents themselves as a City of Elgin employee and asks to see your bills, this should be a red flag. City of Elgin employees do not come to your house asking to see your bills.
5. It is wise to review the City of Elgin's Solicitor Permit Rules and Regulations: <http://bit.ly/1pD8Kgb>. If your experience violates these rules, contact Elgin Police Department's non-emergency line at 847-289-2700.
6. If you would like to receive scam notifications pertaining to Elgin, please contact Cherie Aschenbrenner at aschenbrenner_c@cityofelgin.org or 847-289-2626.

The spring **Elgin Pet Expo** will be held THIS SATURDAY, April 30, from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. and is open to all Elgin residents. Additionally, the Pet Health and Safety event, with low-cost vaccinations and micro-chipping for Elgin residents only (residency proof required), will be held during the expo, from 1-4 p.m. These events take place at the lower level of the Hemmens Cultural Center. Find more information at cityofelgin.org/petexpo.

Tutor Training

Share Your Love for Tutoring

Tell a friend, family member, neighbor or work colleague about becoming a tutor. We need more good volunteers like you!

Upcoming training dates are;

May 24th, 26th, 31st and
June 2nd (Tuesdays and Thursdays)

Time: 6 - 9 p.m.

Location: Congregational Church of Algonquin
109 Washington St., Algonquin, IL

Please share our training schedule [flyer](#).

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Adults Remain On Our Wait List

There are 133 potential learners currently on our waiting list. These learners need to be tested before they can enter the program, and are not ready to be matched. We have a different group of learners who are tested and ready to be matched.

Matching these learners is our priority as they have been waiting the longest for a tutor. We do everything we can to match our tutors and learners as fast as possible. We must find a pair that has the same availability, and this often slows down the process.

If you are currently waiting for a learner we are working on setting up a match meeting as soon as possible. Thank you for your patience.

If you have specific questions please feel free to email [Jody](#) or [Yadira](#).

Helpful Websites & Links

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